



High Performance Officials Assistance Program

As part of the High Performance Funding Ringette Saskatchewan receives, a portion is being set aside to develop officials who are officiating at the A, AA level.

This funding must be used to develop high performance athletes, coaches and officials.

This funding is being distributed to officials with these three key goals:

1. More representation of Saskatchewan officials at A, AA tournaments (with emphasis on out of province AA tournaments)
2. More Saskatchewan officials seen by evaluators and other Provincial Officiating heads outside of Saskatchewan
3. More Saskatchewan officials selected to officiate at the Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRCs) and the Canadian Ringette Championships (CRCs)

With these three key goals in mind, this program is being offered to select officials who have the ability and the desire to officiate at A, AA tournaments in Saskatchewan and AA tournaments out of province. These officials have shown the determination required to be selected to officiate at the WCRCs and the CRCs.

There will be a set amount of funding available at the beginning of each season to assist with travel expenses and accommodation expenses (only if the Tournament Host Committee does not supply accommodations for officials) for Saskatchewan officials to attend A, AA tournaments in Saskatchewan and AA tournaments out of province. The amount reimbursed by Ringette Saskatchewan will be based on these expenses paid by the official minus all of the following reimbursements the official receives from:

- Tournament Host Committee
- Local Officiating Association
- Local Ringette Association
- Ringette Team (if official plays or coaches Ringette and they travel with their team and travel and/or accommodations are paid by their team)

If the approved expenses for Saskatchewan officials exceed the budgeted amount, each official will receive a percentage of the budgeted amount, based on their percentage of the entire approved expenses submitted by Saskatchewan officials.

There is \$2800 available for the High Performance Official Assistance Program.

This funding is being split between select officials, and once the money is gone, there will not be full reimbursements. For your benefit, and the benefit of other officials in Saskatchewan who may also be applying and eligible for this funding, please keep your travel costs as low as possible.

This program is being offered to many officials, and it is expected that travel costs be kept to a minimum, as they are now.

The following will be required in order to be considered to receive this funding:

- ☑ If multiple officials are traveling to the same tournament by car (Regina to Saskatoon or Saskatoon to Regina), they must car pool, we will not reimburse all officials individually if there was an opportunity for carpooling.
- ☑ If officials are flying out of province, they must attempt to get the cheapest possible fare, do not just simply book your flight if it's possible to get a cheaper fare at a later time (or earlier time).
- ☑ Minimum participation is required – for each tournament an official applies for funding they must have officiated at least 2 of the 3 days and officiated a minimum of 6 games.

Your expense form and receipt(s) or credit card statement(s) for airfare must be submitted to the Ringette Saskatchewan office by Monday, April 1, 2019 for the 2018-2019 Ringette season.

If there are any questions on this program, do not hesitate to contact me directly by email technicaldirector@ringettesask.com or by phone 306-780-9432.