

8.4 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED

a) “AA” Championships

- This Championship may be held for females in the U14, U16, U19 and 18+ age divisions.
- A maximum of one AA team from each sport zone may compete in this Championship for the right to represent Saskatchewan at the Western Canadian Ringette Championships (U14) and the Canadian Ringette Championships (U16, U19, 18+).
- These championships are open to teams who are registered as AA by the registration date of Nov. 15 of the current season.
- The Provincial “AA” Championships will be concluded by the first weekend in March each playing season. All participants competing in this Championship must meet the participation requirements for the regional or national event for which they attempting to qualify for.

b) “A” Championships

- This championship is for registered “A” level teams or all-star teams comprised of registered “A” and/or “B” athletes if a registered “A” team does not exist in the zone. These Championships may be held annually for the U14, U16, U19 and 18+ age divisions.
- The winners of the U16A, U19A and 18+A divisions will represent Saskatchewan at the Western Canadian Ringette Championships

c) “B” Championships

- This Championship may be held for the U14, U16, U19 and 18+ age divisions. All teams registered in an age division are eligible for Provincial Championships in that division. More than 2 teams must enter to hold a championship in these divisions. U16 teams may enter U19 if there are not enough teams to make a U16 championship.

d) “C” Championships

This Championship may be held for the 18+ age division. Teams must be registered as C at the RAS registration deadline to be eligible for this championship. All teams registered as C may enter this championship.

II. SELECTION OF HOST COMMUNITY

Any full member community in good standing with the RAS may bid to host a Provincial Championship in the category or categories of their choice. A Provincial Championship Hosting Application Form must be completed and submitted to the RAS office by August 1st.

The RAS staff, with input from the Competitions Committee and/or the Board, shall select the host communities based on the availability of facilities, accommodations, volunteers and organizational strengths. The host communities will be selected by October 15 of each playing season.

The success of the Provincial Championships is dependent on a co-operative and respectful relationship between the local host community and the RAS.

AA Provincial Championships will rotate annually between Regina and Saskatoon as long as the local associations support this venture. Local support should include volunteers for minor officiating,

registration and fund raising.

In the absence of applications to host the A and B championships, RAS will locate those events at a site chosen by them that is geographically and financially acceptable.

III. ENTRY PROCEDURE

a) “AA” and “A” Championships

- Entry deadline – Nov. 15th
- Entry Fee - \$850 when there are 2 teams entered in a division. An additional \$100 will be collected should 3 or more teams enter a division. If only one team enters in a division their entry fee will be fully refunded.

b) “B” Championships

- The Community Association must complete a Provincial Championship Community Entry Form and submit the appropriate entry fees to the RAS office by November 15th of the current playing season.
- Communities Associations must note on their application the exact number of teams, per division and category that are interested in participating in a championship

IV. WITHDRAWING FROM A CHAMPIONSHIP

Any teams withdrawing from a championship will forfeit their entire entry fee unless a written explanation of the extenuating circumstances is received by the RAS at least 60 days in advance of the championship and is deemed appropriate and worthy by the Board of Directors. The forfeiting team will then receive a refund on their entry fee less a \$50 administrative charge. The RAS will entertain and consider letters of withdrawal within the 60 days before the championship.

V. ZONE REPRESENTATION

All teams registered with Ringette Saskatchewan in any age division are eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships for that division. U16 teams are eligible to enter U19 provincial championships if there are not enough teams to have a separate U16 championship.

VI. TEAM ROSTERS & BENCH STAFF REQUIREMENTS

a) “AA” Championships

- There will be a maximum of five bench staff, consistent with the requirements for the Western Canadian or Canadian Ringette Championships. All coaches must have attained their complete certification as per the Ringette Canada Coaching Certification Chart. All divisions, except 18+, require a minimum of one certified female coach of 18 years or over. There is a maximum of one certified manager and one certified trainer. The certification deadline for all bench personnel is January 31 of the current playing season.
- A Provincial Championship Roster Form must be completed and submitted to the RAS office by January 31 of the current playing season. The roster shall include a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 22 athletes for CRC and 18 for WCRC. An athlete may only appear on one “AA” roster each season.
- Individuals who were released to participate on an “A” or “B” team in another zone may only

appear on a “AA” roster for the zone in which they have been released to if their zone of residence does not have a “AA” team to accommodate them or if they are not chosen to compete on that team.

- Affiliate athletes who are affiliated a “AA” team, will only be allowed to participate as a player in one additional Provincial “A” Championship. Registered “AA” athletes are only allowed to compete in the Provincial “AA” Championship in the division in which they are registered.
- An injured participant may be replaced on the roster after January 31, and up to the start of the competition, by producing a Doctor’s memorandum indicating their inability to play.

b) “A” Championships

- There will be a maximum of five bench staff per team, with a maximum of one certified manager and one certified trainer. A minimum of one of the certified coach must be a female, 18 years of age or older in the U14, U16, and U19 divisions.. This individual may not appear on the same roster as a player. The certification deadline for all bench personnel is January 31 of the current playing season.
- A Provincial Championship Roster Form must be completed and submitted to the RAS office by January 31 of the current playing season. The roster shall include a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 18 athletes.
- Athletes may only participate on one team/weekend
- Individuals, who were released to participate on a “B” team in another zone, may only appear on an “A” roster for the zone in which they have been released to if their zone of residence does not have an “A” team to accommodate them, or if they are not chosen to compete on that team.
- Player pick-ups must be of eligible age and of the same or lower skill level and may only appear on one “A” roster
- Eligible player pick-ups include any registered player as of December 31 who resides within the boundaries of their zone and is of the appropriate age.
- An injured participant may be replaced on the roster after January 31, up to the start of the competition, upon producing a Doctor’s memorandum indicating their inability to play.

c) “B”/ “C” Championships

- There will be a maximum of five bench staff per team, with a maximum of one certified manager and one certified trainer. All other coaches must have attained their complete certification as per the Ringette Canada Coaching Certification Chart. A minimum of one of the certified bench staff must be a female, 18 years of age or older, with the exception of 18+ teams. This individual may not appear on the same roster as a player. The certification deadline for all bench personnel is January 31 of the current playing season.
- A Provincial Championship Roster Form must be completed and submitted to the RAS office by January 31 of the current playing season. The roster shall include a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 18 athletes.
- Athletes may only participate on one team/weekend
- Teams participating in these Championships that have a registered roster of less than 10 will be eligible to secure additional athletes to bring their roster to a total to 10 skaters plus a goaltender.
- Player pick-ups must be a registered member of the RAS by December 31, must be of eligible age, of the same or lower skill level and must reside within the boundaries of the same sport

zone.

- All teams have the ability to add one goaltender to their roster, regardless of the team's roster size and whether or not that team already has a goaltender(s). (This is in addition to securing a roster of 10). These pick-up goaltenders must meet the player pick-up criteria mentioned above and will only be allowed to participate as a goaltender and not a skater. Teams must apply to the RAS to secure a goaltender from outside of their zone.
- An injured participant may be replaced on the roster after January 31 upon producing a Doctor's memorandum indicating her/his inability to play. The replacement must be as outlined in player pick-ups above.

VII. MANAGER AND TRAINER CERTIFICATION

a) Manager Certification Program

All persons designated as managers must be certified under the Ringette Canada Managers Certification Program. There are no re-certification requirements once certification has been obtained.

b) Criteria for Participating as a Trainer

The minimum criteria to participate as a Trainer at the Provincial Ringette Championships shall be the completion of any certified First Aid course, 7 hours or more in duration, which includes the following content: Principles of First Aid and Safety, Artificial Respiration, Wounds and Bleeding, Shock, Unconsciousness and Fainting, Fractures, Head and Spinal injuries, Joint injuries and Medical conditions (i.e. Diabetes, Asthma, etc.). Certification must be valid (i.e. cannot have expired) during the Championship(s) in which the individual is participating as a Trainer. Proof of certification must be submitted with the Provincial Championship Roster Form.

For RAS purposes, the expiry deadline of trainer's certification for individuals in a medical profession (i.e. doctors, nurses, paramedics, etc.) will be set for five years after they have originally submitted proof of certification. After which time, they must resubmit a new copy of their certification.

Any individual attending the Canadian Ringette Championships or the Western Canadian Ringette Championships will be required to submit a copy of their trainer's certification every year.

VIII. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMATS AND ICE REQUIREMENTS

The format for the Provincial Championships will be as determined by RAS and will be based on availability of ice and number of teams entered in each division.

IX. PARTICIPANT VERIFICATION

All bench personnel from each team participating in a Provincial Championship must sign their game sheet before each of their games. These signatures will verify that all individuals appearing on the bench as team staff correspond with those listed on the game sheet and that the identity of all athletes correspond with the game sheet. All bench personnel falsifying information or identities will be immediately dismissed from the competition and may face suspension by the RAS Board of Directors.

X. BREAKING TIES IN STANDINGS

All games will be played until a winner is declared. Teams will receive two (2) points for a win and zero (0) points for a loss. When two or more teams have an equal number of points in the standings,

the tie breaking procedure, as outlined in the Official Rules of Ringette, will apply. Mini games will be used if the normal tie-breaking procedure will eliminate a team from the medal round. Mini games will be administered as per the Official Ringette Canada Rules guidelines.

XII. PROTESTS

a) Protest and Grievance Committee

The RAS Vice President of Competitions, or designate, will chair each Provincial Championship Protest and Disciplinary Committee. The Chair will appoint a minimum of three additional people to serve on each of these committees. These committees will include, but are not limited to, representation from the host committee, an RAS Board member and the RAS Officiating Supervisor, or designate. The RAS Executive Director or Technical Director may serve on this committee as a non-voting advisor.

b) Circumstances for a Protest

No protests shall be entertained against an officials' judgment. Protests may be based on the belief that an infringement or misrepresentation of the rules was applied.

c) Protest Procedures

A Protest must be submitted in writing along with a \$100 deposit (cash, money order or certified cheque) to an RAS representative within 30 minutes upon completion of the game they are protesting. The Protest and Grievance Committee will immediately notify the coach of the non-filing team of receipt of the same. The Committee will meet within two hours of notification of the protest. Should an unforeseen circumstance not allow the committee to meet before the next game of the suspended individual, that individual will remain suspended until the committee may meet. The Committee may address on-ice officials, minor officials and one representative from each team.

The decision of the Protest and Grievance Committee will be communicated to both teams within one hour of the committee's meeting. The decision is final and non-appealable. If the protest is upheld a refund of the \$100 bond will be granted.