



2020 Provincial Championship
Team Information Package
A/AA

Attention: Team Personnel

Ringette Saskatchewan would like to thank you for entering our 2020 Provincial Championship.

The following information is intended to provide additional support and guidance to our teams.

All information needed for the weekend is enclosed including:

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A. Provincial Rules and Regulations

1. The Ringette Canada Official Rules will be enforced.
2. All rules and regulations contained in the RAS Policy and Procedures Manual will apply in their entirety to this competition.
3. All teams were required to submit rosters to the RAS office by January 31 for verification. Any changes to these rosters must be reported and approved by the RAS prior to the championship. Therefore, only persons on the approved rosters will be listed on the game sheets and allowed to participate.
4. ALL team staff listed on the game sheet must sign in for each game at the RAS control desk at the rink prior to the start of each game.
5. Home and visiting teams will be designated on all game sheets. If uniform colors conflict, the visiting team will be required to change. As noted on the team roster forms, teams will be required to wear their home jerseys unless otherwise determined by RAS.
6. No jewelry (with the exception of medical alert items) will be permitted for any on-ice participant. Any player found to be wearing jewelry on the ice during the game will be assessed a Delay of Game penalty. This rule will be strictly enforced throughout the championship.
7. Teams must be ready to play at the scheduled game time.
8. Teams are not allowed on the ice before the officials. Any team going on the ice before the officials may be assessed an Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty.
9. There will be a 3-minute warm up before the game and a 2-minute break between periods. Teams must be ready to immediately start play when the 3-minute warm up and 2-minute break between periods are complete. There will be no additional time allowed. Any team not ready to immediately start play at the end of the 3-minute warm up or 2-minute break between periods will be assessed a Delay of Game penalty.
10. All games will consist of two 20-minute stop time periods. All games will be played until a winner is declared. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, consecutive 20-minute sudden victory periods will be played until a winner is declared. Possession of the ring to start the overtime period will be determined by a coin toss, with the home team calling. The team winning the coin toss will get free pass and the other team will get choice of ends. If additional overtime periods are required, possession of the ring for the opening free pass will alternate between teams. Teams will also exchange ends for each overtime period.
11. Regulation game winners will be awarded 3 points, while the losing teams will receive 0 points. In the event of overtime, game winners will be awarded 2 points and losing teams will receive 1 point.

12. All rules are at the sole discretion of the on-ice officials and officers/designates of the RAS. Officials' judgement calls are not subject to protest.

B. Tournament Structure

In all divisions at all ages, the following series will be played to determine the two teams to **participate** in the Championship game.

- a. Two (2) teams, there shall be a best of three game playoff. If a third game is not needed the ice will be given to the home team as a team practice ice.
- b. Three (3) teams, a double round robin series will be played. The top two (2) teams advance to the Championship game; no bronze medals will be awarded.
- c. Four (4) or Five (5) teams, a single round robin series will be played. Semi Finals will be 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. Winners of semifinals advance to Gold medal game and defeated teams to the Bronze medal game.
- d. Six (6) or Eight (8) teams, the division will be divided into two (2) pools for round robin play. The winner of each pool will receive a bye to the semifinals. 2nd in Pool A will play 3rd in Pool B, and 2nd in Pool B will play 3rd in Pool A. Winners of these games will move on to semifinals (winner of 2nd Pool A vs 3rd Pool B to play 1st Pool B and winner of 2nd Pool B vs 3rd Pool A to play 1st Pool A). Winners of semifinals advance to Gold medal game and defeated teams to the Bronze medal game.
- e. Seven (7) teams, all teams will be put in a random draw to determine a team number of 1-7. Each team will play in four (4) round robin games; Team 1 vs. 4, 5, 6 & 7, Team 2 vs. 3, 5, 6 & 7, Team 3 vs. 2, 5, 6 & 7, Team 4 vs. 1, 5, 6 & 7, Team 5 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Team 6 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Team 7 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4. Following round robin play teams will be ranked 1-7 based on points and tie breaker procedure. Semifinals will be 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3. Winners of semifinals advance to Gold medal game and defeated teams to the Bronze medal game.

Point Structure

All games will be played until a winner is declared. Teams receive three (3) points for a win and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation play. If a game requires overtime (OT), teams receive two (2) points for an OT win, one (1) point for an OT loss. The team with the most points in each division will be declared the top team in that division. The second-place team is the team having the second highest number of points, etc.

Breaking of Ties in Standings

When two or more teams have an equal number of points after the completion of round robin play, the highest of the tied teams will be determined in the following order using the "Official Score" of the games. In order to apply tie breaking rules a thru c, all teams must have played each other in round robin play.

- a) the winner of more game(s) between each other during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
- b) if still tied, the team having the greatest positive difference between goals for and against in games between the tied teams in the round robin will be declared the highest position.

- c) if still tied, the team having the least total goals against in games between the tied teams during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
- d) if still tied, the team having the greatest positive difference between goals for and against in all games during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
- e) if still tied, the tied team with the least total goals against in all games during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
- f) if still tied, the team having the lowest number of penalty minutes in games between the tied teams will be declared the highest position.
- g) if still tied, the team having the least amount of penalty minutes in all round robin games will be declared the highest position.
- h) if still tied, a coin toss will be used to break the tie.

Important Notes:

1. This procedure shall be followed in sequence until the tie is broken (i.e. one team is eliminated from the tie). Once one team is eliminated from the tie, the procedure reverts back to (a) in breaking of ties in standings.
2. This procedure, in most cases, will declare the team in the HIGHEST position. However, in some cases, the procedure will declare the LOWEST position between tied teams, and that team shall be dropped from the tie breaking procedure (i.e. the top two teams remain tied). In these cases, the procedure shall also revert back to (a) in breaking of ties in standings in order to break the tie between those teams that remain tied.
3. In all cases, the maximum difference (spread) between goals for and against in each game is seven (7) goals. This is the "Official Score".
4. In the event that after round robin play teams are tied for a position which entitles a team to participate in any of the championship games (gold, bronze or semifinal games), the following rules will apply:
 - a) Once tied teams have been ranked, from highest to lowest, then ten (10) minute mini game(s), starting with the two (2) lowest ranked teams, will be played to determine the team(s) who advance(s) to either the semifinals or medal games.
 - b) if three (3) or more teams are tied for one position, then the two lowest ranked teams will play in a mini game, the winner of this mini game will move on to play the next highest ranked team directly following the previous mini game. This process repeats with each winner successively playing the higher ranked team until there is one winner from the mini games.
 - c) if three (3) or more teams are tied for two (2) positions, then the team ranked first (1st) thru normal tie breaker procedure, shall automatically advance and the mini game procedure would be applied to determine the second position between the two lower ranked teams.
 - d) For more than two (2) positions teams will be ranked by using tie breaker procedure and mini games will be used to determine the last available spot between the lowest ranked teams.

Mini Games

Each mini game will consist of one (1) ten (10) minute, fully played, stop time period. If the score of a mini game is tied at the end of the regulation time, successive sudden victory overtime periods of the same duration will be played until a winner is declared.

Playing rules for the mini game will be applied as though the game was tied at 0-0 with the ten (10) minutes remaining in regulation time. The higher seeded team, following application of the normal tie breaking procedure, will be designated as the HOME team and will be awarded the free pass to start the mini game and the choice of ends. Additional period(s) shall be considered OT and a coin toss will determine ring possession and choice of ends as per regular OT rules found in Point Structure.

Each team is entitled to one (1) thirty (30) second timeout per mini game and one (1) additional time out per overtime period.

C. Opening Ceremonies

Every year we have received feedback that Opening Ceremonies and Skills does not add to the experience for our A/AA athletes as they're here to focus and compete. So, in January we conducted an environmental scan amongst our Head Coaches to gain some feedback. The feedback we received determined that we will **not** continue with Opening Ceremonies and Skills for 2020. Every response we received, but one, stated it did not add to their Provincial Championship experience.

D. Skill Competition

Cancelled for 2020 season.

E. Officials

Officials for the weekend were chosen based on officiating level, rank, and the success they have had over the season. Please respect our officials this weekend as they are more than qualified to be making the right calls on the ice. RAS has **ZERO** tolerance for official abuse from coaches, athletes and spectators.

Also, at each one of our Provincial Championship weekends we have an Official Supervisor on hand to watch and evaluate each official throughout the weekend. This Official Supervisor provides each official with feedback throughout the weekend. So, with this information please understand each official is being evaluated on their performance after each of their games so they equally want to perform well this weekend as much as our teams do.

F. Team Requirements: Minor Official Roles

Home team provides scorekeeper and shot clock operator and the away team provides the timekeeper. Please make sure you arrange this with parents and volunteers prior to your game so everyone is prepared, and the game can start on time. Visit our News Feed page for the sign-up link at www.ringettesask.com. If there is a name in the slot you were trying to fill for that game someone is volunteering their time and you do not need to fill that spot.

G. Volunteers

RAS is looking for volunteers over the weekend to fill numerous spots in addition to minor officials. If you can help out, please visit our News Feed page for the sign-up link at www.ringettesaskatchewan.com.

H. Awards

Most Sportsmanlike Team: The definition of a sportsmanlike individual/team is someone that exhibits qualities that are fair, in good temper, and have courtesy in all situations on and off the ice.

Ringette Saskatchewan will be awarding a team that exhibits these qualities during the weekend on and off the ice.

Volunteer Award: The team that gets the most individuals to sign up throughout the weekend will get a team award. You can get parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. to work a minor official job or any job on our volunteer schedule. All they need to do is sign their name and the team name they represent on the Google Doc found on our website www.ringettesask.com

I. Accommodations

It is not a requirement that you use this hotel, but we do recommend it.

Regina – Delta Hotels – 1919 Saskatchewan Drive

For more information visit <http://www.ringettesask.com/competitions/provincials/>

J. Policy Reminder

Individuals and participants are expected to fulfill certain responsibilities and obligations including, but not limited to, complying with the Ringette Saskatchewan (RAS) policies, bylaws, rules and regulations. Irresponsible behavior by Individuals can result in severe damage to the integrity of the RAS. Conduct that violates these values may be subject to sanctions pursuant to RAS Discipline and Complaints Policy.

“Individuals” – All categories of membership defined in the RAS’s Bylaws, as well as all individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, the RAS including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, convenors, referees, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, directors and officers of the RAS

K. Additional Information

Please remember any person that is not a member of RAS is **not allowed** on the ice surface at any time during the weekend. This includes parents on ice for pictures after finals. Please share this with your parents prior to attending the event.

L. Clothing – Ringette Sask is now part of the 22Fresh SQUAD

This year there will be no Ringette Saskatchewan clothing on site to purchase as we have partnered with 22Fresh and designed a t-shirt for purchase. Each team will receive an order form which will be due February 7th to executivedirector@ringettesask.com. T-shirts will be handed out at Provincials based on your team’s order form. Payment must be made prior to Provincials or at Provincials for shirts to be released.

Attached to the email is the order form with sizing details and the design of the t-shirt.

M. Schedule

Games this year will start Friday. The last two years we have only had Open on Friday, but that schedule wasn't allocating our resources appropriately. The days throughout the weekend were longer for officials, teams, and staff. Furthermore, our officials were taking a full day off work to officiate a couple games, which in turn was a struggle for them to commit. In the end if we don't have officials, we don't have games, so we needed to make some adjustments to make it fair for as many individuals as we could.

Please see the attached PDF of the schedule for the weekend.

Ringette Saskatchewan wishes your team the best of luck at this years Championship.