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**I am a coach and a player do I need to pick one of those roles?**

*We have received special permission as of today (August 11<sup>th</sup>) that players can coach in another mini league that is separate from the one they play in as long as they're adhering to appropriate PPE and physical distancing rules while coaching.*

**I am a coach and an official can I do both?**

*The only way you can do both is if you are officiating in the same mini league that you coach.*

**We potentially will not have enough officials in our province for every mini league to have an official if they need to pick roles, how do we see this working?**

*RAS is working with our Official leads to register our officials in our province to see how many are choosing to officiate next season. Once we have an accurate number we will be working with our Official leads and our Associations to determine which mini leagues get officials.*

*RAS is going to recommend one official per mini league, U12 below no officials, and mini leagues without officials will need coaches to step into that role.*

**Will there be training for coaches to officiate if we do not have enough officials for every mini league?**

*Yes, Melody Harder from Ringette BC is putting together a webinar for coaches to assist them*

**When is RAS' registration cut-off, or will there be no cut-off given the recommendation to allow open registration throughout the season?**

*It is recommended from Ringette Canada that we do not have a registration cut-off. The RAS Board will be approving this at our next board meeting. This way we will be able to register athletes throughout the season and furthermore if restrictions lift individuals can register for another role.*

**Who signs the Waiver and the Declaration of Compliance?**

*They need to be signed by someone the age of majority, so in Saskatchewan that is 18 years of age. Athletes who are not 18 need to have their parents sign for them. Additionally, these forms need to be signed before participation. Your Association will be contacting you regarding this matter.*

**What needs to be sanctioned this year?**

*Anything that is not one of these will need sanctioning from Ringette Saskatchewan*

- a) Practices and training sessions*
- b) Regular season games*
- c) Playoff games*

d) Exhibition games

e) Meetings; particularly meetings of the Board of Directors, general meetings, committee meetings, and parent orientations.

**How will coach and official clinics be running this year and when will they held?**

*Coaching and Officiating Clinics will be scheduled to take place virtually after October 1st, 2020.*

**Are provincials still a possibility or has a decision been made to not proceed with that competition this season?**

*That still is up in the air, according to these guidelines' provincials cannot run the usual way as we have mini leagues. We would have to look at other ideas if mini leagues are still in affect.*

**How does the mini league affect Children's Ringette? Are there any other changes to the CR program that we need to plan for?**

*Children's Ringette still plans to happen, and no changes are being made currently. You can still teach fundamentals and have them on the ice in a mini league. For example, 12 on one half and 12 on the other half.*

*RAS met with all our Association's Children Ringette leads last week on program structure/guidelines, assessments, and resources.*

**Do you know when we will be able to host tournaments and attend tournaments?**

*At this time RAS has not information on when restrictions will change. Currently, no interprovincial play is allowed, and RAS will not be sanctioning any tournaments until the restrictions change.*

**What if my Association or team is not following the guidelines by Sask Heath Authority and Ringette Saskatchewan, what will happen?**

*Each Association has appointed an individual as their COVID Safety Officer. One of their main roles is to make sure coaches, players, officials, and teams are being compliant. Participants that do not abide by the guidelines could be subject to a suspension by their Association or RAS*

*Furthermore, the COVID Safety Officer will also be reporting to RAS if their Association is not compliant in following the guidelines. Associations will be disciplined by Ringette Saskatchewan if they are not following guidelines, with repeated offences affecting their good standing.*