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

ONLY under the following circumstances may a coach or volunteer participate in more than one mini league:

- The coach always maintains 2 metres social distancing and wears a non-medical mask
- Or If the coach cannot always maintain social distancing, they must wear medical (surgical or procedural) mask.

Coaches that cannot follow either of the above requirements, must remain in one mini league.

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

ONLY under the following circumstances, may an official participate in more than one mini league:

- The official always maintains 2 metres social distancing and wears a non-medical mask
- Or If the official cannot maintain social distancing at all time, they must wear medical (surgical or procedural mask).
- Member Associations will also need to determine an alternative to an official blowing the whistle (i.e. electronic whistles).
- All officials need to continue best practices of not touching equipment with hands, maintain social distancing during ID checks, pre-game routines and post-game routines (no handshakes), etc.

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. RAS Board will be meeting the end of September to discuss some drop dead deadlines.

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 Health 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.