



Western Canadian Ringette Championships Policy

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EVENT SUMMARY

The Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRCs) are held annually in one of the four western provinces, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba. This event provides a showcase for teams and athletes to demonstrate athletic achievement and the value of competitive sport.

The WCRC Governing Authority, made up of the current President (or designate) or each participating province, has the sole mandate to declare Western Canadian Ringette Champions, which is presently accomplished through round robin play, semi-finals, championship games and awarding of trophies in each division. The Governing Authority will provide Hosting Guidelines and an event website to assist with the provision of a structured, uniform event year to year. A Technical Package will be provided outlining the eligibility of participants, team staff qualifications, and championship rules.

Currently, competition at this event is provided for the U14AA, U16A, U19A, and 18+A divisions. Each provincial Champion in these respective divisions, along with a host team in each division, will vie for the coveted title of Western Canadian Champion.

When Saskatchewan is hosting the WCRCs, the hosting center will automatically receive host teams in each division of the event. When there are two (2) or more teams registered in a division, these teams must compete at the Provincial Championships for the right to attend the WCRCs as the Saskatchewan representative. When there is only one (1) registered team in a division, that team will automatically be declared the Saskatchewan representative at the WCRCs.

NOTE: The Provincial Champion will receive their entry fee paid to WCRCs and the first right to choose in the pick-up procedure if this is allowed in their division.

ELIGIBILITY & PLAYER PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Teams earning the right to participate in the WCRCs are eligible to secure additional players to bring their roster to a maximum of 18 athletes. Athletes that appear on a Provincial roster, including Affiliate Players (APs), may not be removed from the roster to make allowance for further additions. The procedure for adding athletes to a roster will be as follows:

When WCRCs are hosted outside of Saskatchewan:

U14AA Division

- U14AA teams may only pick up an additional goaltender.

U16A Division

- The U16A representative(s) must declare their roster additions for the WCRCs to the Ringette Saskatchewan office by 12:00pm on the first working day following the Provincial U16A Championships. A list of athletes that were approached to participate with this team and declined the opportunity must accompany this roster.
- Eligible player pick-ups for the U16A representative(s) include all players that are registered at the U16A level or below. Players registered at the AA level are ineligible to participate in this event. Any registered A athletes who are affiliated to a AA roster are ineligible to participate in the WCRCs if they exceed 10 games played (league or tournament) in the current season.

U19A Division

- The U19A representative(s) must declare their roster additions for the WCRCs to the Ringette Saskatchewan office by 12:00pm on the first working day following the Provincial U19A Championships. A list of athletes that were approached to participate with this team and declined the opportunity must accompany the roster.
- Eligible player pick-ups for the U19A representative(s) include all players that are registered at the U19A level or below. Players registered at the AA level are ineligible to participate in this event. Any registered A athletes who are affiliated to a AA or NRL roster are ineligible to participate in the WCRCs if they exceed 10 games played (league or tournament) in the current season.
- Canada Winter Games athletes are eligible to attend WCRCs, if they are playing full time on a U19A team in the current playing season.
- Canadian National Team athletes (Junior or Senior) cannot participate in the World Ringette Championships and the WCRCs in the same playing season.

18+A Division

- The 18+A representative(s) must declare their roster additions for the WCRCs to the Ringette Saskatchewan office by 12:00pm on the first working day following the Provincial 18+A Championships. A list of athletes that were approached to participate with this team and declined the opportunity must accompany the roster.

- Eligible player pick-ups for the 18+A representative(s) include all players that are registered at the 18+A level or below. Players registered at the AA level are ineligible to participate in this event. Any registered A athletes who are affiliated to a AA or NRL roster are ineligible to participate in the WCRCs if they exceed 10 games played (league or tournament) in the current season.
- Canada Winter Games athletes are eligible to attend WCRCs, if they are playing full time on a U19A or 18+A team in the current playing season.
- Canadian National Team athletes (Junior or Senior) cannot participate in the World Ringette Championships and the WCRCs in the same playing season.

When the WCRCs are hosted in Saskatchewan:

The provincial representative teams have the first option when adding athletes to their roster, followed by the host team(s). Athletes must commit to the first approaching team, following the succession as identified below or forfeit their right to be added to any other team roster. The above pick-up procedure will be followed with the following modifications:

U16A Team Saskatchewan

- Final roster must be declared to Ringette Saskatchewan by 12:00pm on the first working day following the Provincial U16A Championship

U16A Team Host

- Final roster must be declared to Ringette Saskatchewan by 12:00pm on the second working day following the Provincial U16A Championship

U19A Team Saskatchewan

- Final roster must be declared to Ringette Saskatchewan by 12:00pm on the first working day following the Provincial U19A Championship

U19A Team Host

- Final roster must be declared to Ringette Saskatchewan by 12:00pm on the second working day following the Provincial U19A Championship

18+A Team Saskatchewan

- Final roster must be declared to Ringette Saskatchewan by 12:00pm on the first working day following the Provincial 18+A Championship

18+A Team Host

- Final roster must be declared to Ringette Saskatchewan by 12:00pm on the second working day following the Provincial 18+A Championship

ENTRY FEES & TEAM ROSTERS

Ringette Saskatchewan will pay the entry fees on behalf of the Provincial Champion representatives.

In all divisions, if more than one (1) team from Saskatchewan has entered, only the Provincial Champion will have their entry fees paid by Ringette Saskatchewan, the additional team(s) will be invoiced the \$1000 entry fee after Provincial Championships.

Once the Saskatchewan representatives are determined, Ringette Saskatchewan will forward the team rosters to the hosting center within seven (7) days upon completion of the respective Provincial Championships. In accordance with Ringette Canada rules, all teams participating in the WCRCs can have no less than 7 and no more than 18 athletes on the bench at any time. Maximum roster size is 22 athletes.

TRANSPORTATION

All transportation will be the team's responsibility. Ringette Saskatchewan does not handle transportation bookings.

Teams must ensure travel arrangements are made to allow the teams to arrive in time for the Coaches to attend the Coaches Meeting on the Wednesday of the tournament. Departure for teams must take place after the final games on Saturday.

ACCOMMODATION

Teams will be required to stay in the hotels that the WCRC Host has reserved as a means of supporting businesses that are supporting ringette.

The WCRC Hosting Committee will pre-book hotel rooms for the Saskatchewan teams. Once the representatives are known, the Committee will confirm the exact number of rooms required. The payment for these rooms will be the responsibility of each team.

18+A teams are not required to stay in hotels, however, if they do choose to use a hotel, it must be one of the Host hotels.

UNIFORMS

Provincial Champion representative teams will be required to purchase Team Saskatchewan jerseys and jackets.