

Western Canadian Ringette Championships

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WESTERN CANADIAN RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. 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 players 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 Champions, which is presently accomplished through round robin play, semi-finals, championship games and awarding of trophies in each division. This Authority have provided Hosting Guidelines and an event website to assist with the provision of a structured, uniform event year to year. A Technical Package has also been provided outlining eligibility of participants, team staff qualifications and championship rules.

Currently, competition at this event is provided for the U14AA, U16 A and U19 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 is more than one additional team in a particular division, these teams must compete at the Provincial Championship for the right to attend the WCRCs as the Saskatchewan representative. When there is only one other registered team in a particular division, that team will automatically be declared the provincial representative at the WCRCs.

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

II. PLAYER PICK-UP PROCEDURE

Teams earning the right to participate in the WCRCs are eligible to secure additional players to their roster to a maximum of 18. Players that appear on a Provincial roster, including affiliate players, may not be deleted to make allowance for further additions. The procedure for adding players to a roster will be as follows;

a) When WCRCs are being held outside of Saskatchewan:

U14 “AA” Division

- U14AA teams may only pick up an additional goaltender

U16 “A” Division

- The U16 “A” representative must declare their roster additions for the WCRCs to the RAS office by 12:00pm on the first working day following the Provincial “A” Championships. A list of individuals that were approached to participate with this team and declined the opportunity must accompany the roster.
- Eligible player pick-ups for the U16 “A” representative include all players that are registered at the U16 “A” level or below. Players registered at the “AA” level are ineligible to participate in this division. Also, all registered “A” players who are officially affiliated to a “AA” roster are ineligible to participate in the WCRCs (temporary participation to a maximum of 10 league or tournament games will be allowed).

U19 “A” Division

- The U19 “A” representative must declare their roster additions for the WCRCs to the RAS office by 12:00pm on the second working day following the Provincial “A” Championships. A list of individuals that were approached to participate with this team and declined the opportunity must accompany the roster.
- Eligible player pick-ups for the U19 “A” representative include all players that are registered at the U19 “A” level or below. Players competing at the “AA” level or higher are ineligible to participate in this event. Also, all registered “A” players who are officially affiliated to a “AA” or “AAA” roster are ineligible to participate in the WCRCs (temporary participation to a maximum of 10 league or tournament games will be allowed).

b) When the WCRC is hosted in Saskatchewan, the provincial representatives have first option on adding players to their roster, followed by the host teams (unless a host team has participated in and won the Provincial Championships). Players 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:

U16 “A” Rep – final roster must be declared to RAS by 12:00pm on the first working day following the conclusion of the “A” Provincial Championship

U16 “A” Host – final roster must be declared to RAS by 12:00pm on the second working day following the conclusion of the “A” Provincial Championship

U19 “A” Rep – final roster must be declared to RAS by 12:00pm on the third working day following the conclusion of the “A” Provincial Championship

U19 “A” Host – final roster must be declared to RAS by 12:00pm on the fourth working day following the conclusion of the “A” Provincial Championship

III. ENTRY FEES & TEAM ROSTERS

Entry fees for all teams participating in the WCRCs must be paid to the hosting center by January 31 each playing season. The RAS will pay these fees on behalf of their Saskatchewan champions when the WCRCs are hosted out-of-province. When the WCRCs are being hosted in Saskatchewan, RAS will proportionally split the monies made available between all Saskatchewan rep and host teams. In

the U14AA division, when more than one team is entered, only the Provincial Champion will have their entry fee paid by RAS.

Once the Saskatchewan representatives are determined, RAS will forward the team rosters to the hosting center within seven days upon completion of the respective Provincial Championships. All teams participating in the WCRCs shall have a maximum roster of 18 players and a minimum roster of 7 players.

IV. TRANSPORTATION

The RAS will reserve 25 airline tickets for each team when the event is held in British Columbia. Once the representatives are determined each team will be responsible for full payment to RAS for all airline tickets reserved on their behalf. When the event is hosted in Saskatchewan, Manitoba or Alberta, each team will be responsible for making their own ground transportation arrangements.

Ground transportation arrangements for teams flying to the WCRCs will be made through the RAS office in conjunction with the WCRC transportation committee. Each team will be consulted on their requirements. Payment for all rental vehicles is the responsibility of each team.

V. ACCOMMODATION

The RAS, in cooperation with the WCRC accommodation committee, will pre-book hotel rooms for the Saskatchewan teams. Once the representatives are known, they shall confirm the exact number of rooms required. The payment for these rooms will be the responsibility of each team.

VI. UNIFORMS

Provincial champions will be required to purchase Team Sask jerseys and walkout uniforms. Team pants will be available on a loan basis. Teams will be required to pay a deposit for the use of the team pants.