



Section 2. Ringette Rink Markings (from Ringette Canada Policy Manual)

2.1 Goal Lines. Red lines 5.08cm (2 in.) wide shall be marked on the ice parallel to the end boards, 3.20m (10 ft. 6 in.) from each end of the rink. Each line, known as the "goal line", shall extend across the ice surface and continue vertically on the boards. On rinks over 60.96m (200 ft.) in length, the goal lines may be up to 4.57m (15 ft.) from the end boards.

2.2 Blue Lines. Blue lines 30.48cm (12 in.) wide shall be marked on the ice parallel to the goal lines, positioned such that they divide the area between the goal lines into three equal parts. Each line, known as the "blue line", shall extend across the ice surface and continue vertically on the boards. On rinks over 60.96m (200 ft.) in length, the blue lines may be 18.29m (60 ft.) from the goal lines.

2.3 Free Pass Circles

2.3.a A circular red line 5.08cm (2 in.) wide, with a radius of 4.57m (15 ft.), shall be marked on the ice around the exact centre of the ice surface. This circle shall be known as the "centre zone free pass circle".

2.3.b In each end zone, two circular red lines 5.08cm (2 in.) wide, with a radius of 4.57m (15 ft.), shall be marked on the ice. The centres of the circles shall be located 6.09m (20 ft.) from the goal line, 6.71m (22 ft.) on each side of the straight line bisecting the rink from end boards to end boards. These circles shall be known as the "end zone free pass circles".

2.3.c On rinks under 22.90m (75 ft.) in width, the end zone free pass circles shall be reduced in diameter so that they do not overlap. A minimum distance of 60.96cm (2 ft.) from the adjacent side boards shall be maintained.

2.3.d Each free pass circle shall be bisected by a blue line 5.08cm (2 in.) wide, parallel to the goal lines. A blue dot with a diameter of 30.48cm (12 in.) shall be marked at the centre of each half circle.

2.4 **Free Play Lines.** Red lines 5.08cm (2 in.) wide shall be marked on the ice parallel to the blue lines, completely overlapping the end zone free pass circles at the point on each circle closest to the blue line. Each line, known as the "free play line", shall extend across the ice surface and continue vertically on the boards.

2.5 Goal Net

2.5.a On the centre of the goal line, midway between the side boards, goal posts and nets shall be placed with the posts resting on the goal line.

2.5.a (1) For the U14 and younger age divisions, the goal nets must be completely free moving.

2.5.a (2) For the U16 and older age divisions, the goal nets may be either free moving or stabilized by the use of magnetic anchors or a similar system. Should the nets be stabilized, they must remain easily moveable from their regular position when minimal force is applied.

2.5.b The goal posts shall be 5.08cm (2 in.) in diameter and 1.83m (6 ft.) apart, measured from the inside of the posts. They shall extend 1.21m (4 ft.) vertically from the ice surface and a cross bar of the same material shall be securely fastened horizontally from the top of one post to the top of the other post.

2.5.c A net shall be attached to the back of the goal posts and cross bar.

2.5.d The goal posts, cross bar, and the exterior surface of other supporting framework shall be painted red. The surface of the base plate and supports inside the goal net shall be painted a light colour.

2.6 Goal Crease

2.6.a A semi-circular blue line 5.08cm (2 in.) wide, with a radius of 2.43m (8 ft.), shall be marked on the ice in front of each goal net. The semi-circle shall be drawn from a spot located on the centre of the goal line, midway between the side boards.

2.6.b The area enclosed by the semi-circle, including the semi-circular line and the portion of the goal line connecting the ends of that line, shall be known as the "goal crease".

2.7 **On-Ice Officials' Crease.** A semi-circular red line 5.08cm (2 in.) wide, with a radius of 3.05m (10 ft.), shall be marked on the ice immediately in front of the timekeeper's seat. The enclosed area, including the line, shall be known as the "on-ice officials' crease".