



2018 BC Winter Games Program Package

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Kamloops, BC

The BC Winter Games bring the best young athletes together, before they move on to higher levels of competition. It is the hope that all BC athletes who progress to national and international competitions, do so with a BC Games experience in their past. The aim of the BC Winter Games is to provide developing athletes, coaches, and officials with a competitive multi-sport Games experience.

2018 BC Winter Games prepares Ringette athletes for 2023 Canada Winter Games. As outlined in the BC Games Ringette Technical Package, BC Ringette sends athletes Under 15 (13, or 14 Years of Age as of December 31, 2017) to attend the 2018 BC Winter Games in Kamloops, BC.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE (“zone rep”)

British Columbia has been divided into sport zones by the BC Games Society. These zones are common for every sport that participates in the BC Winter and Summer Games. For more information about BC Games Society and the Sport Zone, please go to www.bcgames.org.

Each zone is required to supply BCRA with a zone rep by April 2017. Please get together with the other associations in your zone and decide on who your rep will be. A Zone Rep does not have to be a parent of a player eligible for BC Winter Games. The role of the Zone rep is to act as the contact person in their Zone for Ringette.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ⦿ Organizing and publicizing the selection or tryout camp for your zone. This includes ensuring that all individuals eligible to compete are made aware of the tryout dates and locations.
- ⦿ Promoting the zone tryouts for Ringette for the games to those around all the associations and media.
- ⦿ Consulting and communicating with the Provincial advisor on any questions concerning eligibility of athletes and other aspects of the tryout camps.
- ⦿ Registering all qualified athletes and coaches for your zone via the Online Registration process no later than **January 22, 2018**
- ⦿ Complying with the deadline dates outlined in the sport Critical time chart mailed to you by BC Games.
- ⦿ The zone rep will not travel with the teams to the games and is not accredited for the Games.

REPLACEMENT TEAM

BC will not have teams representing the Kootaneys Zone (Zone 1). BC will send replacement teams for this zone. Your zone rep will need to apply in writing to the Provincial Advisor (manager@bcRingette.org) once your zone has established, through try-outs, that it has sufficient players to form a second team. The Replacement team athletes are required to be the second-string team from the zone. The initial zone team would be an all-star team made up of the best athletes in the zone and the replacement team would be a second all-star team from the zone made up of the next best athletes that did not make the initial team. The purpose of the replacement team policy is to help sports round out competition, not to exclude a zone that may not be as competitive as other zones.

TEAM SELECTION AND MAKE UP

Try out process will take place in October. Try outs must be completed by October 31st. Team selection must be completed by November 15th. Rosters are submitted to Ringette BC. There will only be 1 team per Zone consisting of a maximum of 17 competitors per zone. A minimum of 80% of the team MUST be female.

SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

Teams are allowed to designate substitute players to their Zone team. Substitute players are activated ONLY in the event that an athlete is unable to attend the games due to season ending injury. Doctor's notes are required. In order to have substitute players attend the games teams must register all substitute players when the team rosters are submitted. Each team can register a maximum of three (3) substitute players

ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY

- ⦿ Athletes need to be 13 or 14 years of age as of December 31, 2017.
- ⦿ A total of 136 athletes are permitted for our sport at the games.
- ⦿ Athletes in any other year will not be permitted to tryout.
- ⦿ Athletes can only try out in the zone where they live. This may not be the zone where the athlete plays on an Association team. Proof of residents will be required at tryouts.
- ⦿ **Athletes cannot be released to a different zone.**
- ⦿ Athletes must be registered with Ringette BC through their home association and actively playing on a Ringette team.

COACHING TEAM (Bench Staff)

- ⦿ Each zone team is allowed to accredit up to three (3) bench staff.
 - This will include: one (1) Head Coach and 2 Assistant Coaches, OR
 - Two (2) coaches and one (1) chaperone who does not enter the field of play / bench area.
 - One coach must be female.
 - The bench staff must reflect the gender balance of the team.
- ⦿ Certification Levels

- Head Coaches MUST be Competition Introduction (CI) certified by November 15, 2017
- Assistant Coaches MUST be CI Trained by November 15, 2017
- All Bench Staff must have:
 - Making Ethical Decisions module and MED Evaluation in the CI course.
 - Prevention in Motion, Respect in Sport, or equivalent
 - Concussion Training such as: Making Headway OR Concussion Awareness Training
 - Criminal Record Check
- ◎ **Coach Selection Process:**
 - Each Zone will be responsible for selecting their Zone's bench staff
 - Each Zone Representative will appoint a Zone Coach Selection panel that the Zone Representative will chair.
 - Selection process:
 - Applications received by the stated deadline. In the event that a Zone has no applications from qualified coaches, the Zone Representative will notify the Sport Chair and Provincial Advisor.
 - Reviewed, then short listed, by the Zone Rep and Coach Selection panel
 - Coach Selection Panel will consist of the Coach Coordinators from each club-Association within the Zone. (For example, if your Zone has 4 club-Associations then the Zone Coach Selection Panel will consist of the Zone Rep and 4 Coach Coordinators).
 - Head Coach is chosen by democratic process. The Zone Representative has one vote.
 - The Zone Representative and the Head Coach will review the applicants for Assistant Coach and make the selections.
- ◎ For BC Winter Games the Zone Rep takes on the financial accountability and communications responsibility of the team prior to the event. At the Games, the Bench Staff / Chaperone take responsibility for the management of the team.
- ◎ Each Zone team may apply to BC Ringette (manager@bcringette.org) for one coach-in-training. The coach-in-training must CSI trained, must be listed on the official 2017-2018 BCRA Roster of an Association team, and must have declared to their League Director of Coaching their intent to pursue coaching Ringette at the A and/or AA level up to and including 2019. The Coach in training must be 18 years of age by the date of the Games. Ringette BC expects that persons interested in being a BC Games Coach-in-Training will have applied to ViaSport to be an Apprentice Coach. The ViaSport selection process is **separate and not affiliated with** the Ringette BC Coach-in-Training process.

BENCH STAFF REQUIREMENTS

All bench staff will be required to travel and supervise their team throughout the whole BC Winter Games. Bench Staff and Chaperones will overnight in the BC Winter Games, in accordance to BC Winter Games rules and policies.

During the BC Winter Games, the bench staff is required to follow the BC Games schedule for all

meals, games and bus transport to and from the arena.

ACCOMMODATION

All athletes and bench staff are required to stay in BC Games accommodation, even athletes who live close to host city. The usual arrangement is that Ringette teams will be staying together, usually in a local school. Each team will have their own classroom to use as their living space (sleeping). The games will provide sleeping mats but athletes will need to bring their own sleeping bag and pillow. The school entrance has 24-hour security and athletes will be required to check in and out of the accommodation. Curfew in BC Games accommodation is 11:00 pm. Parents are not allowed at the accommodations; breaking this rules results in player disqualification.

ATHLETES' REGISTRATION, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

A registration fee of \$175.00 (inclusive of taxes) for each athlete will be assessed for participation in the BC Games. There is no fee for bench staff. Participants are provided with transport to and from Kamloops, transport to games and events, all meals, evening snacks, accommodation and an opportunity to compete in their sport transportation. The games will arrange special meals if needed for medical reasons. Information these requests will be in the game packet sent to the athlete.

Athletes in the HOME ZONE (Zone 2) will be permitted to arrive at the Games Check in via parental vehicle. After check in, Athletes will be permitted only in BC Games transportation. The team staff must send one cheque to Ringette BC for the team payment by **December 1, 2017.**

The zone reps will register their zone players online by the registration deadline of **January 20, 2018.**

TEAM COST LEADING UP TO GAMES

Zones teams are required to pay for their own ice, ref costs and expenses leading up to the games.

PARENTS

Parents are encouraged to come and support their athletes at BC Winter Games but will not be able to see their child in the games accommodation, take them out to meals or transport them to and from the games. Parents are to arrange their own transport and accommodation.

TEAM TRANSPORT

Team travel is required for all zones and all sports. The location for team travel will be established for each team compliments of BC Games based on the location that the majority of the team comes from.

Charter buses or flights will be arranged for Game participants from the predetermined Zone pick up points for arrival in Kamloops either late Wednesday, February 21 or the morning of Thursday, February 22. Participants may be required to leave either late at night or very early

morning. Most zones will bus to Kamloops. The BC Games Society will determine if any zones fly. There will not be any changing of the games services.

- ⦿ Teams will travel to the Games using BC Games travel arrangements.
- ⦿ Teams will be required to travel to all meals arranged by the Games, regardless of the distance or time.
- ⦿ Teams will NOT change their bus schedule at any time during the games.
- ⦿ Parents are not permitted to transport athletes during the games.
- ⦿ Bench staff can take the option to transport players to the evening social events. Due to game and/or meal schedules there may be social events that your team cannot attend. Please make sure your athletes understand this before they tryout.

Note: We travel with other sports and cannot arrange seating or buses just for our teams.

UNIFORMS

Teams are required to order their Team on ice jersey, on ice pants and walk out tracksuit with sweatshirt through the Ringette BC Office by November 15th, 2017. Payment for the uniform will be required immediately with the order to Ringette BC.

Teams will be able to order any additional items for their zone team if they would like but they must use their zone colour and adhere to the game logo requirements.

LOGOS/NAMES

Teams will NOT be allowed to add their own team logos or names to ANY piece of uniform, including tee shirts or hoodies. The only logos to be used must be the BC Games logo or Ringette BC logo and the exact logo colours must be used.

Team names are the BC Winter Games zone names e.g.: Thompson-Okanagan or Cariboo-North East, not the zone numbers.

GAMES/MEDICAL INFORMATION

The games will send out a package in February 2018 with BC Winter Games information, transport times, baggage tickets and medical forms which will need to be filled out and faxed to the games.

ACCREDITATION

On arrival to the games, athletes will be taken to accreditation where they will sign in and receive their schedule and passes. After accreditation they will be taken to their accommodation for the duration of the Games.

Accreditation – Thursday between 1:00 and 3:00 PM

SCHEDULE FOR THE GAMES

Thursday, Feb 22nd

Arrive in Kamloops, accreditation, set-up at accommodation, practice ice, dinner and then opening ceremonies.

Friday, Feb 23rd – Competition Day 1

Saturday, Feb 24th - Competition Day 2

Sunday, Feb 25th: Medal Games

Early start, pack up bedding/clothes and put onto bus. All athletes must attend breakfast and the medal games.

Closing ceremonies will be early afternoon followed by transport home.

Please note: Athletes will be up early and back late to and from meals and games.

SOCIAL

The teams will have options of attending social events as a team. Coaching staff will be supervising the athletes during these socials and only game participants will be able to attend any of these functions. Due to the scheduled game times not all teams will be able to attend all social events.

TIMELINE FOR 2017-2018 BC GAMES SEASON

- ⦿ May 15th, 2017 – Coaching credentials for 2017 released
- ⦿ July 1st, 2017 – Coach Applications open for each Zone
- ⦿ August 15th, 2017 – Zone Head Coaches Announced
- ⦿ October 2017 – BCWG tryout process can begin
- ⦿ November 1, 2017 – Final bench staff announced
- ⦿ November 15, 2017 – Team walkout wear and game uniforms ordered
- ⦿ November 30, 2017 – Roster released for each Zone with Alternate players named
- ⦿ December 1st, 2017 – All payments received for registration for each Zone
- ⦿ January 20, 2018 – Registration confirmed for all BC Winter Games teams