



Policies

Ringette BC Provincial Championships AA, A, B/C Divisions



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This Policy and the Technical Package, all approved on September 21, 2017, supersedes all other versions of RINGETTE BC Policies, Guidelines and Manuals for Provincial Championships.

The purpose of these policies is to govern the Ringette BC Provincial Championships and to provide guidance to help ensure Provincial Championships provide development opportunity to all participants and athletes in BC. These policies only apply at BC Provincial Ringette Championships.

1. Purpose of the Ringette BC Provincial Championships

Provincial Championships are a culmination of a team's hard work throughout the year. The Provincial Champions at the U14AA, U16 A, U19 A, and 18+ A levels are expected to attend the Western Canadian Championships as TEAM BC. ¹

2. Critical Dates

- a) Identification for the next host: **Ringette BC Annual General Meeting**
- b) Application process will open 18 months prior to event date
- c) Tournament entry fee released: **November 15**
- d) Commitment to Attend deadline for Ringette BC Provincial Championships is **December 15**
 - Commitment to Attend includes the C2A entry fee, team application form and roster.
- e) Ringette BC to inform Leagues on number of teams eligible for Provincials: **January 15**
- f) Conclusion of required wildcard draw: **January 31**
- g) Deadline of entry fees transfer to Host committee: **February 15**
- h) Deadline for Leagues to confirm their representative: **Two weeks prior to the start of the event**
- i) Registration deadline (date by which team rosters must be submitted to the Host): **Two weeks before the start of the event**
- j) Coach and referees meeting: **Thursday night prior to the start of the games.**
- k) Event/Games: **Friday to Sunday**
- l) Refunds for teams that do not qualify for the event: **Two weeks following the conclusion of the Provincial Championships.**

3. Provincial Championships Governing Authority

- 3.1 The Ringette BC Provincial Championships are governed by the most recent rules of Ringette Canada and policies of Ringette BC.
- 3.2 All persons participating in the Ringette BC Provincial Championships must be a persons of Good Standing with their Association, League and Ringette BC.

4. Commit to Attend

- 4.1 Each League within BC is eligible to send one League Champion per division in U14, U16, U19 and 18+ A & B. The Host Association or League will be allocated the fifth seat in each division.

¹ Please see "Western Canadian Ringette Championships Technical Package" for more information.

- 4.2 The team must submit their Commit to Attend form and registration cheque by December 15 of the playing season.

5. Technical Staff

- 5.1 Host Chair. - the Host of the Provincial Championships will have a person who is the Chair of the Host organizing committee and the Chair will report to Ringette BC.
- 5.2 Director of Officials - the Ringette BC Provincial Referee-In-Chief or their designate will be responsible for scheduling officials and will coordinate with the Host committee. \
- 5.3 Ringette BC Representative - Ringette BC will have a minimum of one designated member at each Provincial Championships event to work with the Host Committee members and address any concerns or grievances that arise. Ringette BC Representatives are authorized by Ringette BC to make decisions pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Ringette BC Policy, Host Guidelines and Technical Package, including all matters of discipline. The Ringette BC Representative shall be immediately available by phone to the Tournament Director of Officials and to the Tournament Chair Host.
- 5.4 Medical Personnel - the Host Committee will be responsible for ensuring that dedicated medical personnel are onsite for the duration of the event.

6. Code of Conduct

The overall experience for athletes participating in the Ringette BC Provincial Championships should promote the development of healthy and positive values towards fellow athletes, officials and coaches. To this end, Codes of Conduct are to be endorsed by all organizers, volunteers, coaches, officials and players. Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may be cause for disciplinary action by Ringette BC against individual players, volunteers, coaches and organizers.

6.1 General Conduct

It is considered unethical for players, coaches, team managers and Provincial Ringette Championship organizers to speak disparagingly about others involved in the Provincial Championships' or activities associated with the event.

6.2 Game Conduct

All coaches, managers, and players are expected to show respect for their opposing teams, officials, and colleagues, and shall avoid blatant humiliation of an opponent.

6.3 Relationships to Officials

Team Staff, coaches, managers, trainers, and players are expected to aid in the orderly conduct of the Provincial Ringette Championships by respecting the authority of the officials on the ice and relating to them in a positive and respectful manner both on and off the ice.

6.4 Vandalism and Personal Misconduct

- a) The use of and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and non-prescriptions drugs while in attendance at competition or ceremonial functions are prohibited. Non-prescription and illegal drug use shall be dealt with in a strict and severe manner.
- b) Any malicious damage to accommodation sites, competition sites, transportation vehicles, etc., or personal misconduct that violates the Ringette BC Codes of Conduct during games or any and all tournament events will not be tolerated.
- c) In all cases, damage to property will be the responsibility of the individual(s) at fault.

6.5 Consequences

Misconducts of the nature mentioned above will be dealt with by the Home Club Association.

7. Provincial Championship Entry Fees

- 7.1 The entry fee for Provincial Championships in all divisions is \$900.
- 7.2 The entry fee will be the amount of the Commitment to Attend fee.
- 7.3 All entry fees, Commitment to Attend forms and Team Registration will be submitted to the Ringette Office pursuant to Ringette BC policy. Ringette BC is responsible for passing on to the Host the entry fees collected from those teams which are confirmed to participate in the Provincial Championships.
- 7.4 From the entry fee, Ringette BC will take a pre-determined amount to assist in the purchase of medals, trophies, banners and administration of the Provincial Championships
- 7.5 Team Participation at Provincial Championships
 - 7.5.1 All teams that are scheduled to play in the A or B calibre Championships must play. Failure to attend will result in a fine assessed against the team that is the total of twice the event entry fee plus \$2500. The fine is to be paid by 31 March and is applied to the Ringette BC General account.
 - 7.5.2 All AA teams registered with Ringette BC must attend the annual AA Championship Tournament. Failure to attend will result in a fine assessed against the team that is the total of twice the event entry fee plus \$2500. The fine is to be paid by 31 March and is applied to the Ringette BC General account.
- 7.6 Refunds for teams that did not qualify for the event will be processed two weeks following the conclusion of the event.

8. Protest and Grievance Committee

- 8.1 The Committee will consist of the following: Host Chair/designate, Ringette BC Competitions and Events Committee Chair (or designate), Ringette BC Officiating Committee Chair (or designate) and 2 Ringette BC general members. For Ringette BC Provincial AA Championships, the Committee will consist of the following: Host Chair/designate, Ringette BC High Performance Committee Chair (or designate), Ringette BC Officiating Committee Chair (or designate), 2 Ringette BC general members.
- 8.2 A member of the event Protest and Grievance Committee cannot participate on a protest or grievance involving their Home Club Association.
- 8.3 The committee of five (5) shall convene should any of the sanctioned event rules be violated by a participating player, coach, or team during the Ringette BC sanctioned event.
- 8.4 All meetings of the Grievance Committee shall have minutes recorded.
- 8.5 No protests and/or grievances shall be entertained against the official's judgment and/or application of the playing rules on ice. Questions concerning the rule interpretations shall be directed to the Ringette BC Referee-In-Chief or their designate for the event.
- 8.6 The interpretation of a grievance is that it is of such a serious nature that a cash deposit of \$200, payable to the hosting body, will be required at the time the grievance is filed and is non-refundable if the grievance is not substantiated.
- 8.7 All upheld grievances shall automatically go to the Ringette BC Standing Discipline Committee for potential further disciplinary action. The Ringette BC office will be copied on all minutes of a protest and grievance committee meeting.

9. Team Roster Adjustments:

Teams may only add a player to their roster in the event that a player on their team has suffered a season-ending injury confirmed by written medical report submitted to Ringette BC.

- a) If injury has occurred after December, the team must submit a Team Adjustment form to Ringette BC for approval. Deadline for submission of the Team Adjustment form for a player injury is 48 hours prior to the start of competition prior to the start of the event. Ringette BC will advise the team if the adjustment is allowed.
- b) At the discretion of the Head Coach and, with the written permission of the player's guardian (if the player is under the age of 18), the injured player may be on the team bench with their team provided the player is noted on the Official Game Report and wears a helmet with a ringette cage.
- c) If a team picks up an additional player to replace a rostered player, the pick-up must meet the following criteria:
 - o Player comes from the same Club Association as the team picking them up
 - o The player is from a same or lower calibre OR the same or one lower age category.

9.1 AA Injury replacement: These additional rules apply to AA only:

9.1.1.1 The athlete originally tried out for the AA team, but was cut prior to the team registration form being submitted to the Ringette BC office.

9.1.1.2 The athlete participated at the Provincial AA Championships with another AA team.

10. True Sport Fair Play Award

At the end of each game, the teams will complete the fair play award ballots as a team. Each team gets one vote per game. Ballots are to be returned to the Hospitality Desk at the end of each game. Teams will not receive a copy of their game sheet until their ballot is returned to the Hospitality Desk. On-ice officials will not cast a vote on the fair play awards. Teams that receive match or misconduct penalties will receive an automatic zero for that game. Any players or bench staff that violate the Code of Conduct will make their team ineligible for the True Sport Fair Play Award. True Sport Fair Play Award is announced at the Medal ceremony for each division.

True Sport Principles:

1. **Go For it!** Rise to the challenge – always strive for excellence. Discover how good you can be.
2. **Play Fair!** Play honestly – obey both the letter and spirit of the rules. Winning is only meaningful when competition is fair.
3. **Respect Others.** Show respect for everyone involved in creating your sporting experience, both on and off the field. Win with dignity and lose with grace.
4. **Keep it FUN!** Find the joy of sport. Keep a positive attitude both on and off the field.
5. **Stay Healthy.** Place physical and mental health above all other considerations – avoid unsafe activities. Respect your body and keep in shape.
6. **Include Everyone.** Share sport with others. Ensure everyone has a place to play.
7. **Give Back.** Find ways to show your appreciation for your community that supports your sport and helps make it possible.