



***BRITISH COLUMBIA  
RINGETTE ASSOCIATION***

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***Ringette BC***

***Adult Player Development***

## **2.3 Adult Player Development**

### **2.3.1 30+ (MASTERS) DEVELOPMENT**

#### **A. PROGRAM MANDATE:**

The 30+ (Masters) development program for BC is established to provide the continuation of fun, friendship, exercise and sportsmanship for adults who wish to play ringette at the 30+ (Masters) level.

As participants in the sport of ringette at the adult (30+ (Masters)) level, Ringette BC recognizes you have specific needs and requirements, many of which are very different from those of youth. In this time of growth in this division, teams should maintain a degree of flexibility that will provide the 30+ (Masters) players with a place to play at their skill level.

#### **B. PURPOSE:**

- i. To provide ringette to all players at their level of ability
- ii. To provide resource material to these players to enhance their enjoyment and knowledge of the game.
- iii. To create programs geared to the adult participating in ringette.
- iv. To provide a continuing program at an adult level for athletes coming up through the minor system.
- v. To encourage FUN – FITNESS – FRIENDSHIP.

#### **C. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- i. To encourage the development of community hosted invitational tournaments in the 30+ (Masters) participant divisions.
- ii. To encourage information and resource exchange between leagues.
- i. To enhance the lines of communication throughout the community.
- ii. To continue the growth in numbers of 30+ (Masters) all across the Province, by continuing to promote and inform about adult ringette.
- iii. To liaise and communicate with other local associations within your league.
- iv. To promote to beginners by providing schools and teams with materials necessary within each association.

#### **D. LEVELS OF PLAY:**

- i. A — For the competitive athlete who plays with others of the same caliber; with few exceptions, players coming from the minor system would find this level most suitable.
- ii. B — For players with moderate to good skating and ringette skills and may have come through the minor leagues.

- iii. C — (Recreational) The least skilled of the levels, enjoyed by players new to the sport as well as those with experience.

**E. MEMBERSHIP:**

All 30+ (Masters) affiliates shall register in accordance with Ringette BC registration membership. 30+ (Masters) teams who are not currently affiliated with a minor (youth) ringette association will be charged a registered member fee.

**F. AGE DIVISIONS:**

The 30+ (Masters) division is made up of players 30 yrs and older (no ceiling) with the following exceptions in the 30+ (Masters) B and C divisions:

- i. Any player who is 21 –29 yrs old who has NO previous experience playing ice sports may register on a 30+ (Masters) team.
- ii. Any player who is 26 – 29 yrs old and is an \*ex league player is allowed to register on a 30+ (Masters) team provided there are no more than 3 players under 30 yrs old registered on that team (including in that 3, inexperienced underage players as mentioned in 1-4-1-a).
- iii. Any player who is 30 years of age or older and is an ex-league player may register on a 30+ (Masters) team provided that no more than 30% of that team’s roster (based on a roster of no more than 18 players) is made up of such players (including in that percentage any underage ex-league players as mentioned in 1-4.1-b).

\* An ex league player is distinguished as such by playing 5 or more years in the minor (youth) league.

**G. OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE:**

If your group would like advice or assistance on starting 30+ (Masters) ringette or building your current program Ringette BC can either help you or direct you to the 30+ (Masters) rep in your area to provide assistance in areas of communications, promotions, organizing etc.

**H. COACHES CLINICS/ OFFICIATING CLINICS:**

Ringette BC offers Coaching Certification Programs to its members to improve your knowledge of ringette and coaching in general. Ringette BC also offers all levels of National Officiating Certification Programs to ensure that your referees know the rules and are trained to apply them properly.

**I. RESOURCE MATERIAL:**

Rulebooks, coaching manuals, game sheets and promotional materials are available for sale to our members. As members you have access to these items. For details contact Ringette BC.

J. TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING GUIDELINES:

- i. All 30+ (Masters) tournaments must be sanctioned by Ringette BC as per the Ringette BC sanctioning guidelines.
- ii. 30+ (Masters) teams participating in provincial championships shall adhere to the BCRA provincials guidelines.
- iii. All 30+ (Masters) tournaments must be officiated by certified referees.

K. BENCH STAFF REQUIREMENTS:

- i. All bench staff must be registered members (players, coaches, managers or trainers) with Ringette BC.
- ii. All 30+ (Masters) teams must have a minimum of 1 coach who is certified in the Community Sport Initiative (CSI) level (this may be a player currently registered on the team). See Coaching Development section for requirements
- iii. All coaching staff is required to sign the Coaching Code of Conduct Agreement at the beginning of the Ringette season and have it submitted to Ringette BC with the registration fees.

L. BENCH STAFF SUSPENSIONS:

See Policy Manual Section: Technical Development – Coaching.

M. SUBSTITUTES:

All substitutes are subject to approval by the tournament chair.

NOTE: The substitution procedure is designed to assist 30+ (Masters) teams who, from time to time, experience a last minute shortage of players due to injury or illness. It is not intended to build a team's roster size, but to avoid any last minute cancellations.

- i. Eligible players shall be Ringette BC registered players.
- ii. The team can only choose players of the appropriate age category previously stated for A, B and C, who are same caliber or less than the player they replace.
- iii. Eligible players must actually replace a player who is unable to attend part or the entire tournament. If the player they are replacing returns to play, the substitute may NOT continue to play, although they could replace another player who was injured or called away. The roster can NEVER increase in number as a result of a substitute. The players must be identified as substitutes and home team noted.
- iv. Composite teams must be so identified upon application and home teams noted. Players are allowed to play on composite teams for more than one tournament.
- v. All substitutes must be listed and submitted to the tournament chair with their respective deadlines and or at the event registration and/or before a game to substitute for a player who has had to leave the tournament.

**N. TIERING:**

- i. Each 30+ (Masters) team will be tiered using a formula to determine which division they will fall under:
  - 30+ (Masters) A
  - 30+ (Masters) B
  - 30+ (Masters) C
- ii. Each 30+ (Masters) team will submit to tournament chairs their registration information including team information pertinent to arriving at their tiering level. Information that will be mandatory from every team registered:
  - Roster Number
  - Players Age
  - Years played 30+ (Masters)
  - Years played League
  - What year was last year in League?
  - Last division playing league
- iii. 30+ (Masters) teams will be asked to tier each individual player on their roster AA, A, B, or C, and submit it to the tournament chair (accompanied by the information as described in 4-5-1-b) in order to be tiered fairly. Information will be entered as a formula that incorporates all data in order for the tournament chair to designate each team to the appropriate division (30+ (Masters) A, B or C).
- iv. A 30+ (Masters) team that consists of 2 or more players who have played at the National ringette level (including AA and AA teams) within five years previous to joining a 30+ (Masters) team will automatically be tiered 30+ (Masters) A.

### **2.3.2 UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS**

**A. ELIGIBILITY:**

- i. Participants must be registered in post-secondary education in BC. There is no minimum number of courses the athletes must take. They must be a registered member in good standing with Ringette BC.
- ii. Double carding policy: Players can play on one 18+ A team in BC and one University team at the same time. House teams will take priority. NRL players are not eligible.

B. COACHING:

That selected coaches have the same qualification as would be required for an 18+ A team.

C. GAME PLAY:

That the team will participate in the league in which it is located, up until the University Challenge Cup, within the 18+ A division and is eligible for the University Challenge Cup. The season will be completed at the end of the University Challenge Cup.

D. VISION:

That there is at least one university team in each of the 4 leagues in BC, and preferably at least 2 in TORL and the LMRL.

That schools field multiple teams at a higher and lower caliber.

That University Ringette becomes a program in its own therefore allowing local tournament to host university divisions in their tournaments and the Provincial championships have a separate university division.