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## Ringette BC Update

The month of March is generally a very busy and exciting time in ringette - Provincial Championships are underway and teams are preparing to compete at the Western Canadian Ringette Championships and the Canadian Ringette Championships. Coaches, parents and players start to say their goodbyes and attend their season wind-ups.

And while it was a year ago that our 2019/20 season ended abruptly. It still feels like there unfinished business as the 2020/21 season now comes to an end. Ringette BC would like to acknowledge and recognize that, while this was not a banner season, it will be one no one will ever forget. Thank you to all the coaches, volunteers, players and families who 'rolled with the punches' and adapted as changes felt never-ending. Your resiliency, patience and understanding has been remarkable.

As the vaccine roll out gets underway, Ringette BC is hopeful that there will be some opportunities for "normalcy" in the coming months as we look forward to the season ahead.

### **COVID-19 Restrictions remain in place**

While some [good news](#) was released on March 11 that allow for gatherings of up to 10 people outdoors; all other restrictions remain in place; including those as they relate to Sport.

While Ringette BC is hopeful that there may be changes in the coming weeks, Sport in BC remains under Phase 2 of the *Return to Sport Guidelines* and Ringette Progression 2 under the Ringette BC *Return to Ringette Guidelines*.

The current restrictions for ringette include:

- All adult ringette programming (18+ and Masters) is suspended for anyone 22 years of age and older;
- All Youth and Children divisions (FUNdamentals to U19) remain in *Ringette Progression 2* as per the *Return to Ringette Guidelines*;
- Physical distancing requires all participants must stay three (3) meters apart;
- Masks are mandatory in all public indoor spaces except on the field of play;
- Spectators are not permitted; and
- Team Travel for sport is suspended.

## General Updates

### *Promotions and Recruitment Workshops*

Recruitment (and retention) will be essential activities for the 2021/22 season. As a follow up to the Ringette BC Annual Conference at Sun Peaks, Ringette BC has been connecting with Club

Associations regarding Promotion and Recruitment workshops. Workshops take approximately 90 minutes and are facilitated by Ringette BC. If your Club Association is interested in holding a workshop, please reach out to Nicole at [executivedirector@bcringette.org](mailto:executivedirector@bcringette.org).

### *Spring Ringette*

Club Associations seeking to host spring ringette sessions are responsible for sending their spring ringette plans to Ringette BC to receive sanctioning. Information should include COVID-19 safety plans as well as details outlining the spring camp activities or development sessions.

### *2022 Provincial Championships – call for Expressions of Interests*

Ringette BC is seeking hosts for the 2022 Provincial Championships. For more details on [Provincial Championships](#), please visit our [website](#).

## **Grant Opportunities**

The *Local Sport Relief Fund* will be opening mid to late March for a second round of intake. For more details on the Local Sport Relief Fund visit the viaSport Relief Fund page on their website. Please note, if you applied in the fall of 2020 and did not receive a grant, you are eligible to apply again.

Applications are now being accepted for Community Gaming Grants until May 31<sup>st</sup>. For details on the Community Gaming Grant applications, visit Community Gaming Branch [website](#).

## **Updates for the 2021-2022 Ringette Season**

### *Evaluations*

Ringette BC will be developing resource materials and webinar training to accompany the standardized evaluation criteria to support Club Associations with their evaluations for the upcoming season. Stay tuned for more information coming this summer.

### *Zone Teams*

Ringette BC will be developing a package of materials to support Club Associations with operational assistance and management of Zone teams.

In addition, Ringette BC will be updating the Player Movement Policy to make the process for Zone player movement requests easier to administrate.

### *Rule Changes and Refresher Clinics*

Ringette Canada has officially shifted the rule change calendar to fall on even years. As such, the 2019-2021 Rule Book and all applicable rule changes remain unchanged for the 2021/22 ringette season. In addition, Officials will not be required to attend a Refresher Clinic in the fall to maintain active status as an official with Ringette Canada and Ringette BC. The next rule change year will be in 2022.

### *Season-end Survey*

Ringette BC will be releasing a survey shortly seeking input on the experience that our players, coaches, volunteers and parents had over the course of the 2020-2021 ringette season.

Thank you again for all that you do for the sport of ringette. It has been a challenging year and we sincerely appreciate your dedication to our sport.

Warm regards,



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Relevant links:

- Ringette BC [COVID-19 Resource Hub](#)
- Ringette BC [Message Board](#)