



PRESS RELEASE:

Ringette Ontario will host the 2018 University Challenge Cup.

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SCARBROUGH, ON (November 27, 2018) – Ringette Ontario (RO) is pleased to announce it has been awarded the Ontario Sport Hosting funding to host the University Challenge Cup. The program was created to bring major sport events to the province, grow local economies and allow more Ontario athletes to compete at home.

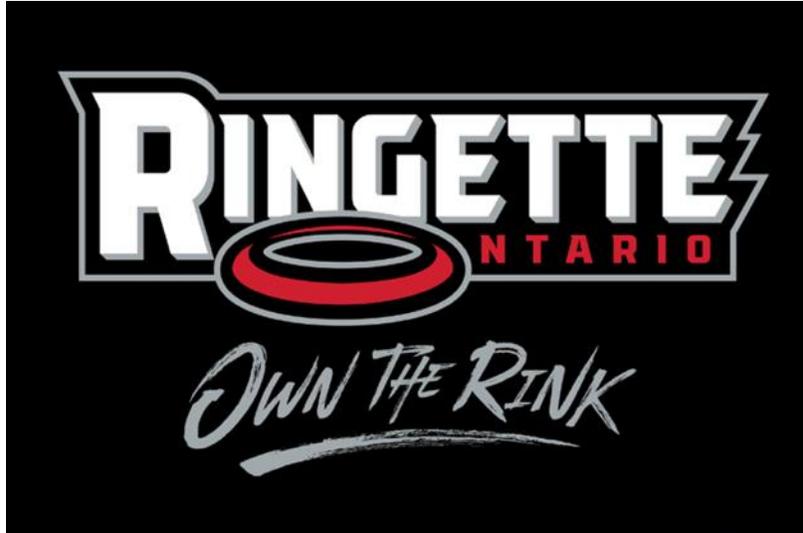
"We are so excited to be included among the list of prestigious events which the Ministry has awarded for this seasons funding. These funds will allow us to not only provide an exemplary experience for our athletes but create a legacy of knowledge within the Kitchener-Waterloo community and our local associations." said Pamela Julian, Executive Director of Ringette Ontario.

"Ringette is a growing sport in Ontario, which our Government for the People is pleased to support. Ontario's Sport Hosting Program allows our next generation of athletes to develop their skills while making sure communities benefit economically from the additional tourism," said Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Tibollo. "Our congratulations to Ringette Ontario and Wilfrid Laurier University. We can't wait to watch our best of the best compete for the cup in December."

With the funding issued from this grant, Ringette Ontario and Wilfrid Laurier University will be hosting the University Challenge Cup (UCC). The UCC is an annual event which showcases the talent and skill of university players and teams from around the country. University Ringette has been a rapidly growing part of the sport in the last few years, with 10 teams in Ontario alone.

"We couldn't be happier to be hosting this great event for the next two years here in Waterloo Region," said Peter Baxter, Director of Athletics and Recreation at Wilfrid Laurier University. "By having the Ministry recognize the sport of Ringette through this grant, it will assist us in increasing Ringette's presence at the University level while also providing an outstanding experience for our student-athletes."

The 2018 Tournament will take place from December 27th to 31st, 2018 with all games taking place at the Woolwich Memorial Centre in Elmira.



Photographed above are members from the Wilfrid Laurier University, Guelph University and Laurentian University ringette programs.

About Ringette

Founded in 1963 as an alternative to hockey for females, Ringette is an on-ice sport that incorporates speed, precision and sportsmanship all in one. The game, considered by many to be the fastest game on ice, encourages teamwork, fun and empowerment.

Further information regarding the event and Ringette can be found at www.ringetteontario.com. For media requests, please contact Marian Agyei-Gyamera at marketing@ontario-ringette.com.



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