



**PRESS RELEASE:**

**March Take Over: Ringette Ontario's 2019 Provincial Championships.**

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**SCARBOROUGH (March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019)** – Ontario's top ringette teams will take the ice this month to compete in in the 2019 Ringette Ontario Provincial Championships. Teams in the U12, U14, U16, U19, 18+ and University divisions will all be participating.

"We are thrilled to be hosting our Provincials this year with the ringette associations in Waterloo, Guelph and West Ferris," said Pam Julian, Executive Director of Ringette Ontario. "Our Provincial events are what our teams work so hard for all year. The level of play we have seen this year has been outstanding and we are so proud of all our teams who are heading to Provincials".

"Waterloo Ringette is bursting with excitement as the Provincial Championship is days away. Now is the time for teams to ignite their internal fire, rise to the occasion and leave it all on the ice! No matter the outcome, everyone will leave Waterloo a champion," said Mark DeLaFranier, President of the Waterloo Ringette Association. Waterloo will host the first 2019 Provincial Championship themed, Fire on Ice from March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.

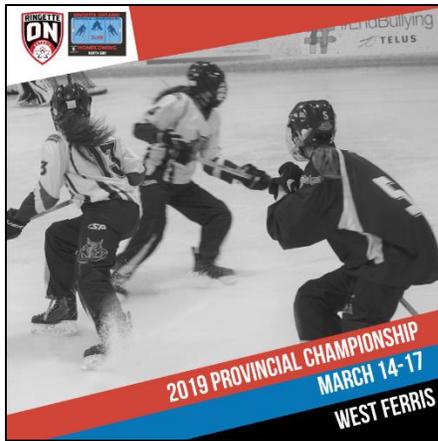
"Our city is excited to host and entertain all of the Ringette players, their families, coaches and fans. This event has people in the city reminiscing about the early days of ringette including its creation in 1963 in North Bay!" said Niko Gregorin, Tournament Chair. North Bay will host the second Provincial Championships, themed Homecoming from March 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.

The objective of the Provincial Championships is to provide teams in the province with the opportunity to compete against their peers, enhance their ringette skills and develop lifelong friendships. Teams that medal in the U16AA and U19AA divisions will go on to represent Ontario in the 2019 Canadian Ringette Championships taking place from April 7-13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Charlottetown/Summerside, PEI.

The U12 Provincial Event, themed Imagination Unlimited, will take place in Guelph from March 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great opportunity for players in this age group to compete in a fun and exciting tournament to conclude their ringette season.

"Guelph is excited to host its first ever Provincial Championship. We want to make this year's event special, so we are doing a lot for the off-ice activity and an Opening Ceremony. There is a ton of work that goes into putting this event together. We could not have done it without the help of everyone on the committee, and the Guelph Ringette Association executive," said Jordan Kovats, Tournament Chair.

All tournament schedules will be available on [Score 2 Stats](#).



*Photographed above are ringette teams in Ontario.*

### 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](http://www.ringetteontario.com). For media requests, please contact Marian Agyei-Gyamera at [marketing@ontario-ringette.com](mailto:marketing@ontario-ringette.com).



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