



GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

RINGETTE ONTARIO SANCTIONED EVENTS

1.1 CLARIFICATION OF TERMS

1.1.1 **Tournament:** this term refers to an event where game results will be used to determine standings, rankings or qualifications for a championship, including semi-finals and finals. All tournaments must be sanctioned.

1.1.2 **Funfest:** this term refers to an event that is non-profit, is limited to one day per division, is limited to two (2) games per team for U12 and below and to three (3) games per team for U14 and above. There will be no semis, finals or awards. This event will not be used to determine standings, rankings or qualifications or championship including semi-finals or finals. This event will not count towards the maximum number of tournaments a team can attend. All Funfests must be sanctioned.

1.1.3 **Exhibition Game:** this term refers to a maximum of two (2) games played between the same two teams on a single day. Participation is by invitation. There is no registration fee; however, there can be an agreement between the two teams to share the cost of the ice and the officials.

1.1.3.1. An exhibition game played between two (2) Ringette Ontario registered teams, with properly registered bench staff and officials falls under the Sanctioned Event definition and is covered under Ringette Ontario's insurance provider.

1.1.3.2. An exhibition game played between two (2) teams not meeting the above requirements, does not fall under the Sanctioned Event definition and must provide Ringette Ontario with proof of insurance prior to the event.

1.2 CODE OF CONDUCT

1.2.1 Any person who interferes with the game or verbally abuses an official, player, or bench staff will be asked to leave the playing area and not to return. The Head Coach will be notified by an on-ice official to remove the person. If the person refuses to leave the arena playing area after a reasonable period of time, the game will be called and the team that the person is associated with will forfeit the game.

Please review the Ringette Ontario Codes of Conduct for Spectators and Parents

1.3 RULES

1.3.1 Coaching Staff and/or volunteers who are participating on-ice, practice, game or team building event, must wear a CSA approved helmet.

1.3.2 Random stick checks will be made throughout the season by officials to determine the legality/state of safety of players' sticks.

1.3.3 Ringette Ontario defines Sanctioned Events as:

- Tournaments
- Exhibition Games
- League Games
- Funfest
- Regional Championships
- Provincial Events
- 3 on 3 Tournaments

1.3.4 Ringette Ontario disciplinary rules apply to all Sanctioned Events.

1.4 TOURNAMENT LISTINGS

1.4.1 The Sanctioned Event Application must be submitted to the Ringette Ontario Office with the Regional G&T Signature on it, by June 15th

1.4.2 All approved tournaments will appear on the tournament list which will be updated and posted on the Ringette Ontario website.

1.4.3 The list indicates date, division, level of play and a contact person. As there may be changes to this list, it is recommended that you contact your Regional G&T Coordinator to confirm tournament particulars.

1.5 TOURNAMENTS

1.5.1 The "RO Sanctioned Event Package" is available as a resource for hosting I Tournaments. The package is available upon request from the Ringette Ontario office.

1.5.2 Tournament hosts shall be permitted to fill vacancies with teams of the same age division, one calibre lower and/or with teams of one age division lower, one calibre higher (to complete the pool[s]).

Examples: U14AA may play U16A
U12 Regional may play U12 Provincial

**NOTE: All participating teams must be informed, and given the option to withdraw with full refund, if either of these options are exercised. If a team is going to be placed in a different division or level of play, all participating teams must be notified and given the option to withdraw, with full refund. This does not apply to teams that have been reseeded. ADP rules will apply to teams that fall under their jurisdiction.*

1.5.3 Rules:

- All tournaments are to be RO Sanctioned Events and are to adhere to the current sanction rules.
- All changes to the RO Sanctioned Rules must be approved prior to the event by the Regional G&T Coordinator, G&T Committee Chair and the RO Technical Director prior to being circulated.
- All U16AA, U19AA and 18+ AA divisions at tournaments will have twenty (20) minute periods.
- All tournaments for U12 level teams and higher are required to use shot clocks. The use of shot clocks at U10 age divisions and lower is not permitted.
- At the U12 Division, teams cannot participate in more than two (2) games per day including Round Robin, Split Round Robin, Semi-Final and Final games at any tournament.
- The maximum average number of games per day over the duration of a tournament is two (2). One (1) day tournaments are exempt.

1.5.4 Tournaments are required to submit their schedule, in excel format, along with their tournament checker report four (4) weeks in advance of the start of their tournament (three (3) weeks for FunFests and Regional only tournaments).

- Any deficiencies flagged by the tournament checker and recommended by the Provincial G&T Committee must be addressed prior to schedule approval. These deficiencies include, but are not limited to:
 - 12 hours between schedule start of a team's last game on one day and scheduled start of the team's first game the next day.
 - 4 hours between scheduled start of a team's first game of the day and scheduled start of the next.
 - Early starts – possibility of more than 2 per tournament.
 - Long gap – over 9 hours between scheduled start of a team's first game of the day and scheduled start of the next one.
 - Maximum number of games per day.
 - Recommendations to maximize team exposure.

1.5.5 Entry Fee:

Tournament entry fees are determined by the Host.

1.5.6 Team Registration:

- Each team applying to participate in a Tournament must provide the Host with a copy of their properly completed T.R.F. and **any Information Change Forms (ICF)** that they have submitted to the Ringette Ontario office with approval. When applying to the tournament, it will be the team's responsibility to ensure that the host has the correct information. A letter/form to substantiate out of age player approval must accompany any T.R.F. being submitted to the Tournament Host.
- Each team shall be required to complete a T.R.F. Adjustment Form and/or Bench Staff Substitution form indicating those player(s)/Bench Staff who are listed on the T.R.F. who shall *not* be participating at the tournament if they are being substituted for, and those player(s)/Bench Staff the team shall be using as substitute(s).
- Teams must list all players including those on playing agreements, on all game sheets and cross off those who are not in attendance.
- Teams cannot play in more than one (1) sanctioned event on the same weekend. A team registration form (TRF) cannot be divided with the exception of U7 and U8 teams. 18+ Regional Teams can also be split under the Adult Rules.
- If the game sheet is pre-printed, labels may not be used.
- Tournament withdrawal dates do not apply to Provincial level teams that have been assigned to tournaments as per the selections they submit. Upon assignment to tournaments, teams are to complete the registration process for each tournament that they have been assigned to. Once a team has been assigned to a tournament, they cannot be denied acceptance into the tournament and they cannot withdraw from the tournament without approval by the Provincial G&T Committee in the case of extenuating circumstances.

1.5.7 Player Substitutes for Tournaments

The substitution procedure is designed to assist association 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 calibre but to maintain a minimum team's roster

size, and to avoid any last-minute cancellations that result in expenses to the Host Association.

- For the purpose of substitutions, the playing seasons extends from October 15th to April 15th.
- There will be no lateral substitutions for AA ranking games (no substitutions of same age player at same playing level).
- Substitutions for AA ranking games will follow the substitution rules and be approved by Regional G&T Coordinator.
- 18+AA teams will be permitted to draw substitutions from Ringette Ontario registered U19AA players who are eighteen (18) years old by DECEMBER 31st of the current playing season.
- 18+A/AA teams can draw substitutions from Ringette Ontario registered U19A players who are eighteen (18) years old by DECEMBER 31st of the current playing season.
- Eligible players for all divisions up to and including U19 are as follows:
 - Shall be registered with your association and be a Ringette Ontario registered player. When your association has no appropriate age division or calibre teams, you must contact your Regional G&T Coordinator for possible solutions.
 - Can choose either/or:
 - Same age division or one lower, same calibre or less.
Example 1) U16AA team could choose:
U16AA/A/B/ C team player

Example 2) U16A team could choose:
U16A/B/C team player; or
U14A/B/C team player
 - One calibre higher only, one age division lower.
Example: U16A team could also choose:
U14 AA player
- Eligible players for 18+ BB and below are referred to the Regional Adult Development Coordinator.
- Eligible 18+AA/A are referred to the Regional G&T Coordinator.

NOTE: Players may substitute in their age division regardless of what division they are registered, only upon receipt of written approval of their Regional G&T Coordinator. A U19 player, who has decided to play 18+ by registering on an 18+ TRF, is not eligible to substitute for a U19 Team (except where a Two Team Player Agreement exists).

- Effective the beginning of the 2018/19 season teams may carry up to four (4) substitute players in total per tournament. The maximum number of lateral players permitted as part of the four (4) substitutes will be two (2). They must actually replace a player who is unable to attend part or all of that tournament. If the player they are replacing returns to play, the substitute may NOT continue to play, although they could then replace another player who was injured or called away. The Roster can NEVER increase in size as a result of a substitute and **cannot exceed twelve (12) skaters with substitutions.**
- Players registered as U19 or under may play as a substitute for ONE (1) tournament in a season. Players registered as 18+ may play as a substitute for TWO (2) tournaments in a season. Any player that appears on a T.R.F. Adjustment Form more than allowed by their age group constitutes violation of Sanction Rules, unless written Games and Tournaments approval is received.
- Requests for substitutions must be made at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the official beginning of the tournament. Requests made with less than forty-eight (48) hours or during the tournament will only be granted for medical or extenuating circumstances.
- Players (including goalies) cannot play in more than one (1) sanctioned event on more than one (1) team on the same weekend or in the same sanctioned event.
- All substitutes must be listed on the T.R.F. Adjustment Form and be submitted to the Tournament Host Chair within their specific deadlines and/or at the Event Registration, and/or before a game to substitute for a player who had to leave the tournament.
- All TRF adjustment forms must have G&T and/or ADP approval from all regions involved, depending on the division, prior to a substitute player participating in any game.

1.5.8 Substitute Bench Staff for Tournaments

Any Ringette Ontario registered bench staff with the appropriate qualifications, that have been obtained prior to November 30th of the current season, may fill in a Bench Staff Substitution Form and become a valid member of a Bench Staff (as long as overall bench requirements are met) with approval of the Ringette Ontario Technical Director prior to the tournament or G&T Coordinator/Designate at the tournament. Proof of qualification is required.

NOTE: *The above rule does not allow a Bench Staff Member, who is not properly qualified for their registered position, to assume a new position within the team in question, after November 30th of the current season.*

1.5.9 Substitutes for Regional Championships

Determined by individual Regions. Contact your Regional G&T Coordinator for details.

1.5.10 Substitutes for Provincial Events

Substitution rules for Provincial Events are found in G&T Sanctioned Events: Provincial Events.

2. EVENT SANCTION PROCEDURES

NOTE: Failure to follow these procedures could result in being denied hosting approval in subsequent years.

2.1. Sanctioned Event Application

2.1.1. Sanctioned Event Applications must be submitted to the Ringette Ontario office with Regional G&T approval by **JUNE 15TH**.

2.2. Hosts

- Potential hosts are to complete an application and submit it to the Ringette Ontario office. A Ringette Ontario member association, which hosts a tournament regularly, on an annual basis, acquires a “traditional” right to that weekend each year, as long as they apply by the deadline, have met the prescribed host requirements outlined in the Sanctioning Package and are in good standing with Ringette Ontario. Sanctioned events cannot advertise specific details (dates, divisions & team registration fees) prior to receiving approval.

2.3. Definitions:

- **Tournament:** This term refers to an event where game results will be used to determine standings, rankings or qualification for a championship, including semi-finals and finals.
 - One (1) day tournaments will be sanctioned with a maximum of three (3) games per team. Regular Ringette Ontario sanction fees and event rules

apply. Athlete Development rules apply to U12 and below divisions where there is a maximum of two (2) games per day.

- **Funfest:** This term refers to an event that is non-profit, is limited to one day per division, is limited to two (2) games per team for U12 and below and to three (3) games per team for U14 and above. There will be no semis, finals or awards. This event will not be used to determine standings, rankings or qualifications for a championship including semi-finals or finals. This event will not count towards the maximum number of tournaments a team can attend. All Funfests must be sanctioned.
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2.4. Applications

- All applications are processed on a first come, first serve basis pending right of first refusal of the previously sanctioned annual event. (Right of first refusal only applies before **JUNE 15th** of the current season). You can get a head start by contacting your Regional G&T Coordinator and sending him/her a copy of your request. Your Regional G&T Coordinator will have a list of all of the “traditional” and available weekends.

2.5. Special Events

- The event must be hosted by Ringette Ontario or a Region.
- One Hundred (100) percent of the net proceeds must go to the specified charity.
- All Ringette Ontario tournament fees will be waived.
- Charity must be identified in promotional material.

2.6. Regional Sanctioning Procedures

2.6.1. Applications for Sanctioning Events must be sent to the Ringette Ontario office with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit and be signed off by the Regional G&T Coordinator. Applications will not be considered complete until the \$50.00 fee is received at the Ringette Ontario office. Applications submitted after the deadline are subject to a \$100.00 fine and the possibility of their tournament not being approved as applied for. The deadline does not apply for applications to host 3 on 3 or Fun Fests.

2.6.2. A payment form will be included in the sanction event package. This form will specify how to calculate the fee owing that is due with the post event requirements.

- 2.6.3. The remittance of this fee after the event **shall be** a cheque made payable to the Region and sent to the Regional G&T Coordinator with the Post Sanctioned Event Package.
- 2.6.4. The Tournament Sanction Fee is \$20.00 per team entered.
- 2.6.5. The Region would then be required to submit \$10.00/ per team due to Ringette Ontario in a timely fashion.
- 2.6.6. The Ringette Ontario Technical Director will forward each host a copy of the Sanctioned Event Hosting Package.
- 2.6.7. Sanction Event Rules provided with the Sanction Package must be prominently posted at each venue.
- 2.6.8. The host will submit all pre-event requirements to the Regional G&T Coordinator four (4) weeks prior to the event. (Schedule will be approved by the Provincial G&T Committee prior to being published).
- 2.6.9. The host will submit all post-event requirements to the Regional G&T Coordinator as per deadlines outlined in the sanctioned event package.
- 2.6.10. Should any host have questions regarding their tournament they are to contact their Regional G&T Coordinator.
- 2.7. Tournament Referee-In-Chief Responsibilities:
- Every Tournament Referee-In-Chief is required to communicate with their respective Regional Officiating Coordinator regarding the selection and scheduling of officials for their tournament. Such communication must take place no later than three (3) weeks prior to the tournament's first game and shall occur solely for the purpose of information interchange.