



ADULT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

1. LEVELS OF PLAY

- 1.1. AA: Provincial High-performance level of play which aligns with the minor AA divisions
- 1.2. A: Provincial High-performance level of play which aligns with the minor A divisions.
- 1.3. BB: Regional competitive level of play one level above the B division
- 1.4. B: Regional competitive level of play which aligns with the minor B division.
- 1.5. CC: Regional competitive level of play one level above the C division
- 1.6. C: Regional level of play for which aligns with the minor C division and for players with fundamental Ringette and skating skills.
- 1.7. Development (D): The least skilled of the levels, enjoyed by players new to the sport or those who may have started skating and playing as an adult.

2. AGE DIVISIONS

- 2.1. 18+ → 18 and up (no ceiling)
- 2.2. 35+ → 35 and up (no ceiling)
- 2.3. Playing Outside of Age Division

All requests for players to participate or register in an age category that is not specified for their age must be in the form of a written request sent to the Region. The Region must forward a copy of the approval of the request to RO head office for the participant's file to be changed

 - 2.3.1. There will be no exceptions made to the 35+ age division for sanctioned play.
 - 2.3.2. All requests for 18+ players playing out of age category (players over the age of 18 requesting to play in the U19 division or players under the age of 18 requesting to play in the 18+ division) must receive approval from the Regional Executive and the Adult Committee. Players under the age of 18 requesting to play in the 18+ division also require a Player Release from their home association.
 - 2.3.3. When two (2) regions are involved, approval must be obtained by the appropriate Coordinators from both Regions.
 - 2.3.4. In the case of a provincial team, the request must also be approved by the Provincial G&T Committee.

3. DEFINITIONS:

- 3.1. Player: A registered, on-ice participant, who may be a skater or goaltender.
- 3.2. Skater: A skater is a player other than a goalie or goaltender.
- 3.3. Goaltender/Goalie: A specially equipped player, who has unique privileges to prevent the ring from entering the net
- 3.4. Bench Staff: Are the individuals registered on the Team Registration Form (TRF) as a coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager or safety officer. They may or may not be non-playing.
- 3.5. Independent Player: Is a player who chooses not to register with a specific association/team but wishes to be able to participate in sanctioned event play during the season

4. SEEDING OF TEAMS

- 4.1. The Games & Tournaments Committee (G&T) are responsible for ranking and seeding of 18+A/AA teams for Provincials and tournament play.
- 4.2. Adult Development is responsible for seeding the 18+/35+BB and lower level teams for purpose of tournament play. For league play, please consult with your Regional ADP if you have any questions with seeding.
- 4.3. Each team and/or association will be responsible for seeding their 18+/35+ BB and lower level teams at the beginning of the playing season and register them in accordance with the Ringette Ontario Levels of Play.
- 4.4. The Adult Development Committee may reseed teams during the playing season in using the following process:
 - 4.4.1. Team statistics will be tracked and evaluated for seeding adjustments in sanctioned play. All adjustments to seeding are based on on-ice performance at tournaments.
 - 4.4.2. The Committee may identify any team that, based on available data, should be considered for reseeding at any time. All requests to reseed a team must be submitted with documented rationale to the Adult Development Committee for consideration. The Committee will then evaluate based on the information provided and render a decision (2/3 majority vote is required; the Chair has no vote).
 - 4.4.3. Teams will be informed in writing via email by their Regional Adult Coordinator of any seeding changes for tournament play along with the rationale for the reseeding decision. All communications will include the RO staff for information purposes.
 - 4.4.4. The latest date for notification of reseeding shall be January 8th of the playing season. In
 - 4.4.5. Reseeded teams will have five (5) business days to provide the list of upcoming tournaments they have applied to, indicating the host, date, level of play and if acceptance has been confirmed.

4.4.6. Tournaments that the reseeded team has been accepted into or applied to play in, will be advised of the new playing level of the team and requested to adjust the placement of the team where possible.

Note: Tournaments where the reseeded team has been accepted and are within five (5) weeks of the reseeding notice to the team, will not be required to make any change to the placement of the team. In the majority of situations reseeding will be for the following playing season (or for the current year's OAIC. Reseeding in the same season will only be done when it is a significant playing level issue.

4.4.7. Following the reseeding of a team, the Ringette Ontario office will be notified and the team's TRF skill level will be updated in the registration system to the new level of the team.

4.4.8. An 18+ Regional team shall not be reseeded to a Provincial 18+A team without agreement of G&T.

5. MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION

5.1. All participants (players, bench staff, volunteers, etc.) on 18+/35+ teams must register in the Ringette Ontario Membership Registration System.

5.2. Adult teams/Groups who are not currently affiliated with a Ringette association will be charged a Registered Members fee.

5.3. The maximum number of players on a TRF shall be twenty-two (22). Anything over this number must have approval from ADP. It is highly recommended, where numbers warrant, that teams have a minimum roster of 14 players.

5.4. Adult 18+ and 35+ teams are excluded from the Two Team Player Rule, as outlined in Games and Tournaments. Instead, all 18+ and 35+ players must adhere to the Player Affiliation Policy. Please see Section 8 of this document.

5.5. Team registration is due by NOVEMBER 1st.

5.6. Players can be added to BB and below teams after November 1st up until January 8th. After January 8th new players must be approved by the Adult Committee.

5.7. SHINNY/PICKUP:

5.7.1. Register all players who have declared their attention to not participate in sanctioned play on a Team Registration Form (TRF) as recreational/house league in the registration database;

5.7.2. Where players have identified their desire to participate in sanctioned events (either as a substitute or on a composite team), those players shall be registered on a separate TRF at their appropriate level of play (AA, A, BB, B, CC, C or Dev). Note: They can also register as independent players.

6. INDEPENDENT PLAYER

6.1. An independent player is a player who is registered with RO and is not affiliated with a specific team. The independent player shall not be allowed on the ice until they have completed their

Independent registration in the Ringette Ontario Membership Registration System and paid their fees. Confirmation of enrollment and payment are required before playing.

- 6.2. All independent players upon registration will be sent a player history form to assist in determining skill level eligibility.
 - 6.2.1. The RO office will send all player history forms to the Adult Committee for skill level determination;
 - 6.2.2. The Chair of the Adult Committee shall then contact all independent players notifying them of their skill level determination and their regional Adult coordinator contact information;
 - 6.2.3. The independent player cannot participate in any sanction event until their skill level has been determined.
- 6.3. Any independent player registration received after January 8th must be accepted/approved by the Adult Committee.

7. COMPOSITE TEAMS

- 7.1. Definition:
 - 7.1.1. A composite team can consist of no more than 14 (fourteen) players
 - 7.1.2. Composite teams are comprised of players already registered either on 18+/35+ teams or as independent players who want to participate in tournament play with a group other than their home team.
 - 7.1.3. A composite team can have no more than six (6) skaters from any given TRF.
- 7.2. Composite teams are registered at the skill level of the TRF of the highest rated players. For example, 6 players are coming from one 18+BB team, 4 players from another 18+B team and 3 players are from an 18+CC team, the team would be registered as an 18+BB team.
- 7.3. The Adult Composite Team Form ([ADP-F-04](#)) must be completed and submitted for approval to the Adult Development Committee no less than thirty (35) days prior to the date of the Adult Tournament/Division they are participating in.
- 7.4. If changes to the composite team roster are required afterwards, ADP player substitution rules shall apply.
- 7.5. Under special circumstance exceptions to the above may be consider/approved by the Adult Committee.
- 7.6. Player Affiliation rules (Section 8 below) do not apply to composite teams.
- 7.7. Composite teams can only be developed at the A level with G&T approval to play in sanctioned events.

8. PLAYER AFFILIATION

8.1. **Purpose:** The intent of player affiliation is:

8.1.1. to help maintain the viability of smaller associations; and

8.1.2. to enable players attending University outside of their home community to play for their home association when back home.

8.2. **Definition:** Affiliation means that a player is registered on two (2) 18+/35+ TRF's of different skills levels (e.g. 18+ C/CC to 18+ B/BB; 18+ B/BB to 18+ A/AA).

8.3. **Conditions:** In order to register a player as an affiliate, a Two-Team (TT) Player Agreement must be completed. In addition to meeting the criteria under Purpose and Definition of Player Affiliation, the following conditions must be met:

8.3.1. The Team with the viability issue is the higher skilled (secondary) team (a player can only affiliate up a level, not down).

8.3.2. A minimum of nine (9) players must be registered before an affiliate player may be added to the team registration form (TRF).

8.3.3. For BB and below the secondary team shall be allowed to affiliate up to a maximum roster size of fourteen (14) skaters plus two (2) goaltenders.

8.3.4. For A/AA teams, Games & Tournaments (G&T) shall determine the maximum roster size.

8.4. Affiliation will only be permitted in accordance with the chart below where X indicates affiliation is allowed. Affiliation is not allowed between 18+/35+ C to CC; B to BB; or A to AA or C/CC to A/AA.

		Secondary Team						
		AA	A	BB	B	CC	C	Dev
Primary Team	AA							
	A							
	BB	X	X					
	B	X	X					
	CC			X	X			
	C			X	X	X		
	Dev					X	X	

8.5. Affiliate players can also include third year U19 players.

8.6. At BB and below, a player attending university away from home may affiliate with the university team and their home association at the same level of play.

- 8.7. A player must affiliate up therefore the primary team shall always be the lower skill level except when:
- 8.7.1. A U19 team is involved at which time the primary team shall be the lower age group; or
 - 8.7.2. A University team is involved at which time the University shall be the primary team (the player is only playing for their “home association team” on an occasional basis).
- 8.8. The player must have already registered with their primary team and play with them all year, including Regional Championships and Sanctioned Events. If their caliber of play raises this team to the next skill level, the Adult Committee may remove the player from their primary team and the player shall only play for the secondary team, or reseed the primary team. If reseeding results in both teams being at the same level, then the TT agreement shall be void and the player shall be a member of the priority team only.
- 8.9. The affiliated player must identify the “priority team” before playing. The priority team is the team they will play on should both teams be in a tournament at the same time.
- 8.10. A **maximum** number of four (4) players can affiliate up from anyone (1) primary team.
- 8.11. The two-team player agreement form (ADP-01-02) must be approved by the Regional adult coordinator. Where the position is vacant or there is a conflict of interest then the request must be approved by the Adult Chair.
- 8.12. If the TT agreement involves two (2) regions, then both Regional Coordinators must approve.
- 8.13. If the TT agreement involves an 18+A/AA team, then the Regional G&T Coordinator (or G&T Chair if the regional position is vacant) must also approve.
- 8.14. Membership Services Form (M-F-02) must be used when the affiliate player is a third year U19 player. It will require the Regional ADP Coordinator (or ADP Chair if the regional position is vacant) to also approve if an 18+BB team or lower team is involved.
- 8.15. A coach cannot prevent a player (on a 18+/35+ team) from affiliating with a higher team. The coaches’ signature on the form indicates their agreement to the identified priority team only.
- 8.16. Once approved the form is submitted to the Chair of the Adult Committee who shall then submit to the Ringette Ontario office to have the affiliated player added to the second team. All paperwork must be uploaded to through the folder shared with the RO Office.
- 8.17. In the event of a denial, the regional Adult coordinator shall submit the rationale to the player, Adult Chair and RO Office.
- 8.18. The deadline for submission of the TT Player Agreement shall be December 1st of the playing season for BB and below.