



GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

RINGETTE ONTARIO SANCTIONED EVENTS: PROVINCIALS

1. FORMAT

1.1. Provincial Events shall be held each year for females. Other Championships may be held depending upon registration. Provincial hosts are determined based on a Regional hosting cycle and hosts applications are reviewed against a weighted criterion by the Ringette Ontario office.

- The Provincial Championship Host Guide is available upon request to the Ringette Ontario office.
- The Host must submit a \$200.00 Good Faith cheque with their application to host the Provincial Event. Upon approval of the Host Application, the Ringette Ontario office will prepare the Event Contract for signatures of the Host and Ringette Ontario.

1.2. Provincial Event schedules will be prepared by the Ringette Ontario Technical Director following criteria determined by the Provincial Games and Tournaments Committee and with input from the Officiating Development Committee. These criteria will be set annually by **SEPTEMBER 1ST**.

Note: Effective for the 2020 Provincial Championships, the first event will host U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, 18+AA and University Divisions. The second event will host U14A, U16A, U19A and 18+A Divisions.

1.3. Format for Provincial “A” Level Teams attending Provincials:

- One (1) team representing their Region per division.
- One (1) team entry per division from Hosting Association.
- All other entries are selected by Provincial G&T through the Wild Card process
- The winner of the 18+ A Jacks tier will automatically be registered in the 18+AA Division for the next season.
- Any team that has played in the 18+AA Division the previous season must have G&T approval to re-seed to 18+A.
- As we often have 12 teams or less at 18+A, they will play together in an unbalanced format.
- If there are more than twelve (12) in the division, the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on ranking.

- The two (2) tiers will be independent of each other and there will be no crossover games between them.
- In a division with there are seven (7) teams or less, than the top three (3) teams will advance to the medal round which will consist of a bronze and gold medal game.
- There will not be any overtime in the Round Robin games.
- There is an option to add one (1) more team to the lowest tier of any division if there is only one (1) team being excluded from participating.
- The U14A Division will be all inclusive. All U14A teams will be invited and placed in tiers according to Provincial Rankings.
- If a team that is ranked in the top fourteen (14) is to be prevented from attending the event by a host or Regional Representative, then that team will be invited to attend Provincials – expanding the specific “A” Division.

1.4. Format for Provincial “AA” Level Teams attending Provincials:

- All teams will be invited to attend.
- Where a division is split into two (2) tiers, the two (2) tiers will be independent of each other and there will be no crossover games between them.
- There will not be any overtime in the Round Robin games.
- If there are twelve (12) teams or less, they will play together in an unbalanced format.
- If there are thirteen (13) teams, the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on rankings with seven (7) teams in the top tier and six (6) teams in the lower tier.
- If there are fourteen (14) teams, the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on rankings with seven (7) teams in each tier.
- If there are fifteen (15) teams or more, the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on ranking. Both tiers will have a minimum of seven (7) teams.
- The 18+AA division at the Provincial Championships be capped at a maximum of twelve (12) teams. The “A” Provincials Selection of Wild Card Entries will be implemented to determine the top 12 qualifiers.

1.5. Format at “U12” Provincial Event:

- All teams will be invited to attend.
- Teams will be separated into pools to be played as a full round robin.
- The number of pools will be determined by the number of teams attending the provincial event.
- Preferred format to include one (1) game on Thursday followed by opening ceremonies and then the off-ice event, two (2) games on Friday and two (2) games on Saturday. Depending on the number of teams per pool, some teams may have to play two (2) games on Thursday.
- The order of the names for the division at the U12 Provincial Event will be changed each year.
- There will not be any overtime in the Round Robin games.

- In a division with less than eight (8) teams the top three (3) teams will advance to the medal round which will consist of a bronze and a gold medal game.
- Dignitaries who have a division named after them are to be invited with expenses paid following RO guidelines.

1.6. Shot Clocks will be used in all games at the Provincial Events.

1.7. Mini Games:

At Provincial Events, any tie in the standings which will result in a team not being able to participate in a medal game, will require mini-games to be played to determine who will participate in the medal game.

1.8. All medal games will be played until a winner is declared.

2. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

2.1. Format to determine Regional representatives for the “A” Level Divisions at Provincial Championships is the responsibility of each Region. A team may not be formed purely to participate in Provincial Championships; however, Northwest teams are exempt. Contact your Regional G&T Coordinator or Regional Chair for further information. Deadline for Regions to submit the list of divisions in which they will have representatives for the Provincial Events are due through the Regional G&T Coordinator to the RO office is no later than **DECEMBER 1ST** of the current season.

2.2. The Provincial Team Fees for the Provincial Events are sent to the Executive Director at the Ringette Ontario office no later than **DECEMBER 1st** of the current season. Fees may be paid through e-transfer or cheque.

2.3. Regional Representatives must be declared four (4) weeks prior to start of that Provincial event.

3. RULES

All Provincial Events are Ringette Ontario sanctioned. The present sanction rules shall be adhered to with, the following exceptions and additions:

3.1. RO Provincial Events, from U12 to U19, are Age Class Events. **NO OVERAGE** players are permitted.

3.2. Provincial Events may be offered in any of three (3) Ringette Canada classifications: male, female or co-ed. A minimum of four (4) teams are needed to be registered in those classifications.

3.3. Any 18+A University team intending to proceed to a Provincial Event must participate in the University Division providing there are a minimum of five (5). The University Division will be held at the “AA” Provincials.

- 3.4. No player substitutions will be allowed unless documented proof showing a team is unable to compete without said substitution(s) (below twelve (12) skaters, goaltender(s) excluded) and approved by Provincial G&T Committee.
- 3.5. A maximum of four (4) player substitutions in total for the Provincial Event following the same substitution rules as for Invitational Tournaments (3.5.8).
- 3.6. Teams may use substitutes from any team, "A" or lower, not attending provincials following the same rules and guidelines for Invitational tournaments. All substitutions must be approved by the Provincial G&T Committee.
- 3.7. A player may only participate in one Provincial Event per season.
- 3.8. Teams attending a Provincials Championship are allowed to add an additional goalie. Provincial G&T Committee approval is required. All other Provincial participation rules apply.
- 3.9. To be eligible to attend a Provincial Championship, U14AA to U19AA teams must have attended four (4) Ringette Ontario sanctioned events, a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Provincial Championships in which they are intending to participate.
- 3.10. To be eligible to attend a Provincial event, U14A, U16A and U19A must have attend four (4) Ringette Ontario sanctioned Tournaments at the appropriate level, a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Provincial event in which they are intending to participate. Northwest teams exempt with Provincial G&T Committee approval. Due diligence must be provided.
- 3.11 To be eligible to attend a Provincial event, 18+A teams must attend three (3) and 18+AA must attend four (4) Ringette Ontario sanctioned Tournaments at the appropriate level, a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Provincial event in which they are intending to participate. Northwest teams exempt with Provincial G&T Committee approval. Due diligence must be provided.
- 3.12 To be eligible to attend a Provincial event, 18+ University teams must attend three (3) Ringette Ontario sanctioned Tournaments at the appropriate level, a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Provincial event in which they are intending to participate. One of those tournaments may be the University Challenge Cup (UCC), however statistics for the UCC will not be used. Northwest teams exempt with Provincial G&T Committee approval. Due diligence must be provided.
- 3.13 To be eligible to attend the Provincial event, U12 Provincial teams must have attended a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) tournaments at the

appropriate level a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the provincial event. Northwest teams exempt with Provincial G&T Committee approval. Due diligence must be provided.

3.14 The absence of participating in out of region tournaments will not prevent any team from participating in Provincial Championships and events if assigned by G&T.

3.15 If a U12 team attends more than the maximum number of tournaments as per the compliance rules without written authorization from Athlete Development, and the team will not be allowed to participate in Provincial Events.

3.16 At all Provincial Events, skaters are required to wear Ringette pants.

4 SUBSTITUTE BENCH STAFF FOR PROVINCIAL EVENTS

4.1 Any Ringette Ontario registered bench staff with the appropriate qualifications, that have been obtained prior to **November 30th** of the current season, can replace a registered member of a Bench Staff (as long as the overall bench requirements are met) who is unable to attend, upon presenting proof of qualification and registration to the Provincial Coaching Chair/Designate and the Ringette Ontario Technical Director or in their absence the Provincial G&T Committee.

NOTE: The above rule does not allow a Bench Staff, 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.

4.2 The Bench Staff composition must meet the requirements as outlined in the Coaching manual for the Age group and level of the team.

5 REGISTRATION

5.1 The filing of the Intent to Proceed Forms with the required fee constitutes registration for the event. All other rules and policies apply for qualification.

Note: Where Ringette Ontario has indicated there are partner hotels for an event, teams must use those hotels for Provincial Events or pay an opt out fee of \$1,000 per team. Teams are defined as players, parents, guardians and bench staff members attending the event.

5.2 Intent to Proceed must be received on or before December 1st of the playing year for the team to be eligible to attend Provincials.

5.2.1 Teams re-seeded in December will be required to submit a revised Intent to Proceed by December 31st.

6 ENTRY FEES

6.1 All Provincial Event Entry Fees are to be submitted to the Ringette Ontario office by the region deadline, which will be no later than December 1ST.

6.2 These fees will be payable to Ringette Ontario and are part of the Intent to Proceed to Provincials Process.

6.3 Teams may pay through via two methods:

6.3.1 Cheque made out to Ringette Ontario, clearly indicating which team, level of play and which event the cheque is for;

6.3.2 Via e-transfer – please refer to the Intent to Proceed to Provincials Form for instructions.

6.3.3 If a team does not qualify, the payment will be returned in full by Ringette Ontario.

6.4 Any team being re-seeded at a Provincial level of play must submit their Intent to Proceed to Provincials and fees immediately upon notification of Re-seeding.

NOTE: Associations withdrawing from the Provincial Events after the withdrawal deadline of **DECEMBER 15th** of the current season shall be fined \$1,000 in addition to the Administrative and Team Entry Fees, which are non-refundable.

If the entry fees have not been received by the RO office at the time of withdrawal, the association shall be invoiced the full amount.

7 PROVINCIAL A LEVEL TEAM WILD CARDS

7.1 If a Region or Host fails to enter a team in any division, the Provincial G&T Committee shall select a team to participate in its place. This team is to be called a “Wild Card Entry”.

7.2 In the case that a Region forfeits its entry, the entry shall be filled by the Provincial G&T Committee, where possible, with the next highest ranked team available in that age division (but not from a higher level of play).

8 PROVINCIAL A LEVEL TEAM SELECTION OF WILD CARD ENTRIES

8.1 Team records shall be taken from Ringette Ontario sanctioned events held three (3) weeks prior to the start of the Provincial event.

8.2 Teams must participate in the regional process determines their regional representative before being eligible for wild card consideration.

8.3 The criteria for selection of a Wild Card entry shall be determined by the Provincial Games & Tournaments Committee on the following basis:

- Games between RO teams only will be used in head to head competition during RO Sanctioned events, could be in a different division or level in a tournament.
- Games outside Ontario between Ontario teams in the same division are included in the ranking data but do not count in tournament total or in the tournament total outside of region.
- Only round robin games against teams within their division and level will be recorded with two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) for a loss.

8.4 If an appeal is required for the Wild Card selection process, the Ringette Ontario Expedited Appeal Process must be used.

8.5 Filing of false information or failing to file pertinent information will result in the team being disqualified from the Wild Card process.

9 PROVINCIAL A/AA LEVEL RANKING FORMULA

9.1 Team Performance

- A maximum of 2 (two) points can be achieved between 2 (two) Provincial “A” opponents regardless of the number of times they play each other.
 - One (1) win each: teams get one (1) point each, two (2) wins and one (1) loss equates to 1.33 and 0.67 points.
- Winning percent is based upon the total number of opponents.
- Only round robin games will count towards ranking.

10 TOURNAMENT SELECTION PROCESS

10.1 All A and AA teams and 18+U must submit their tournament selections by **JULY 5th**. Each team must include tournaments from at least four (4) different regions and a minimum of two (2) tournaments must be prior to **DECEMBER 1ST**. The top four (4) tournament selections must include two (2) options from out of region.

10.2 All U12P teams must submit their tournament selections by **SEPTEMBER 18th**. Each team must include tournaments from at least four (4) different regions and a minimum of one (1) tournament must be prior to **DECEMBER 1ST**. The top four (4) tournament selections must include two (2) options from out of region.

10.3 If a team will travel a minimum of two thousand (2000) Km, to attend three (3) tournaments, they will be exempted from attending a fourth (4th) for Provincial eligibility. Verification will be provided by Provincial G&T Committee using City to City by Google Maps.

10.4 A team withdrawing from a tournament will receive four (4) losses in addition to any other sanctions already in place.

11 TIMELINE

11.1 Timeline for posting final rankings, tiers and wildcards:

- At least twenty-four (24) Days Prior to Provincial Event: Scores from the last tournament to count towards ranking for wild card or for rankings for Provincial Events must be posted on the Ringette Ontario website as early as possible on the Monday immediately following the tournament.
- At least twenty-three (23) Days Prior to Provincial Event: The Provincial G&T Committee will hold a conference call on Tuesday immediately following the tournament to determine tiers and wild cards.
- At least twenty-two (22) Days Prior to Provincial Event: The results of this will be posted on the Ringette Ontario website on Wednesday.