

Ringette Ontario Modified Bench Staff Requirements



Ringette Ontario does not include bench staff as part of the 50 players cohort. The makeup of your association cohort/mini leagues is subject to the guidelines of your local Public Health Unit and facilities.

Stage 2/3 Cohort Requirement Modifications:

- All bench staff must be registered with a Ringette Ontario Association.
- All bench staff must physically distance themselves during on ice practices and/or on the bench during modified game play.
- All bench staff must always wear a mask, wearing of masks will not be considered an alternative to the physical distancing requirement.
- The Rule of 2:
 - a) Must be adhered to at all times
 - b) During modified game play, for U19 and under, there must be a minimum of 2 (CSI or CI) trained and screened coaches on each players' bench, one must be a qualified female coach.
- During modified game play, for U19 and under, there must be a minimum of 1 fully qualified Trainer available to assistance either team, Standard First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualifications provided to techdirector@ringetteontario.com, prior to first game.
- During Stages 2 and 3, any other bench staff assisting with teams must complete the following requirements by November 30th:
 - [Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders](#)
 - [Coach Initiation in Sport Online Module](#)
 - [Making Head Way eLearning Module](#)
 - [Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement](#)
 - [Volunteer Screening Requirement](#)
- Supplemental Coaches/Instructors include power skating specialists and goalie coaches. This type of programming is permitted only if these individuals can maintain physical distancing while delivering the program. They must always remain at least 2 metres away from all cohort members (3m when participants are engaged in moderate to intense physical activity). Regardless, the coach/instructor must wear a mask.

- Once Ringette Ontario moves into Stage 4 all bench staff will require appropriate qualifications as listed on the Coach pathways for each age group and level of play to be a member of a team's bench staff and all normal requirements should be adhered to.

Bench Staff Responsibilities:

- Be familiar with provincial and local health guidelines and adhere to them.
- Review the Return to Ringette plans from Ringette Ontario, Ringette Canada and your Association.
- Be familiar with facility guidelines and requirements.
- Host an information meeting with parents/guardians/participants to review health and safety guidelines, on-ice and off-ice programming, and to allow for questions (virtually is preferred).
- To minimize large groups in the facility, older players can reunite with family members in the parking lot.
- Avoid congregating players and/or parents in common areas of the facility, such as the lobby.
- Send practice plans out to the team electronically at least 12 hours in advance (if possible) to avoid close gatherings around white boards and to make the most of limited ice time.
- Practice and remind players and parents to follow physical distancing guidelines when leaving.
- Dressing room use, if available, will be controlled by the facility. It will be important to respect all facility controls so adequate cleaning and disinfecting can be done.
- When public health protocols and facility guidelines allow use of dressing rooms, ensure players are physically distanced (using multiple dressing rooms is a good option, if available).
- For age groups where parents need to assist players with equipment, limit the number of parents in the dressing room/change area at any one time to one per player. Parent entry should be controlled to meet physical-distancing requirements.
- Assist other team staff in meeting requirements as needed during ringette activities while on or off the ice.
- Ensure certifications and any education requirements are completed when they become available.
- Bring own coaching equipment such as boards or whistles and sanitize it after every session. Avoid sharing this equipment.
- Clean and sanitize team equipment (i.e. rings, pylons, etc.) after every session.
- Do not hold items for players, everyone is responsible for their own belonging and everything should be labelled.