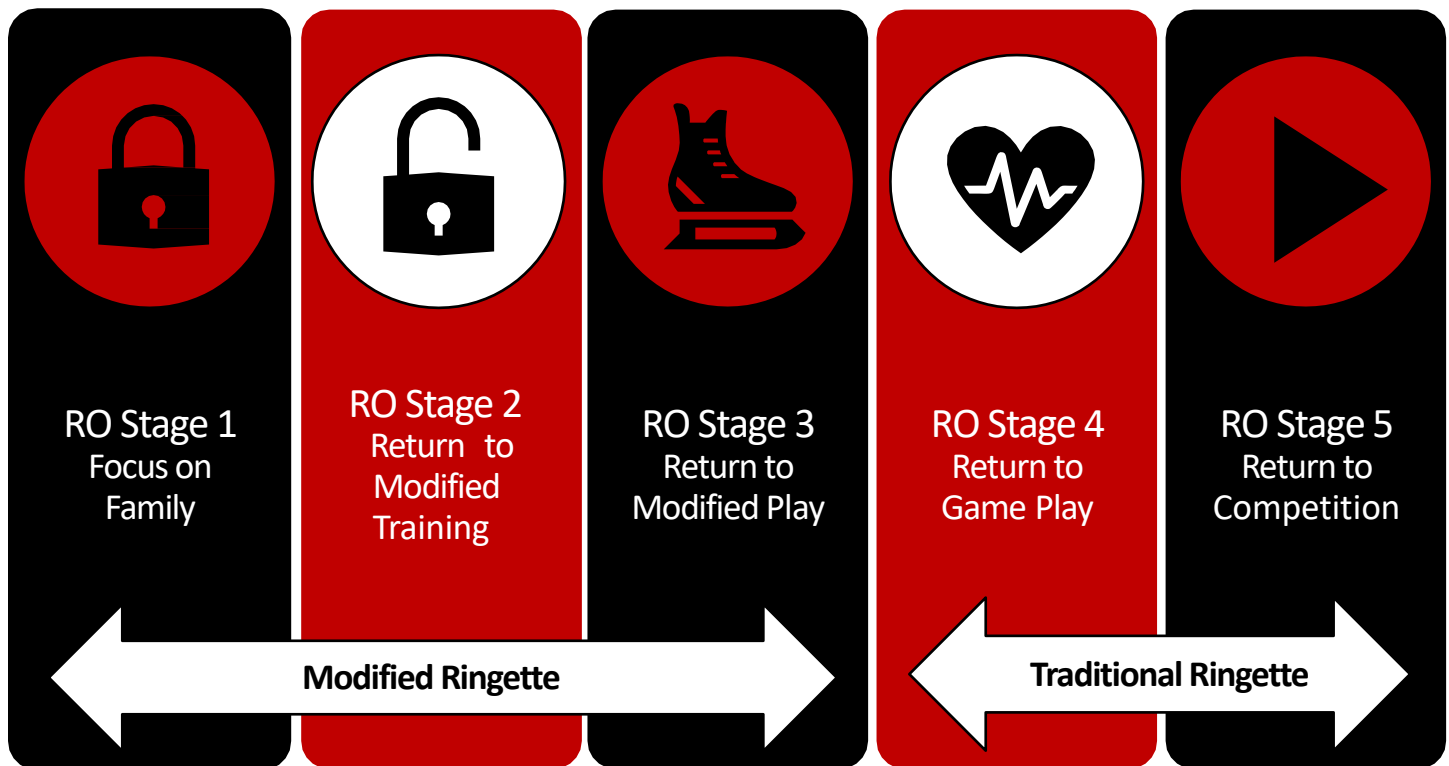


Ringette Ontario RTR Officiating FAQ's



Do I need to register this season?

- We encourage all our officials to register this season using RAMP. Registration will open September 15th, 2020. If you are unable to register due to injury or concerns regarding your healthy and safety during this season, please contact Ringette Ontario Technical Director Karla Xavier at techdirector@ringetteontario.com. Please note that all officials will have their maintenance deferred for this season.

Why do I have to pay to register if there are no guarantees that games will be played?

- We are hopeful that modified games will be able to start in Stage 3 and that officials will be able referee modified games. If Stage 4 occurs, we will return to regular play and officials will be ready to go! Regardless of stage, Ringette Ontario will be offering online modules for officials so that they can stay as active and up to date as possible this season. Only officials who are registered with Ringette Ontario will be able to take part in these modules and will be considered "active." Module expectations and offerings will be determined by

October 15th, 2020.

Will any officiating clinics be offered?

- Yes! There will be a reduced amount of Level 1 and Level 2/3 clinics offered this season. All clinics will be completed fully online.

When can I start officiating this season?

- Modified game play is permitted in Ontario once associations are approved for Stage 3. Ringette Ontario is keeping an updated list of associations and their stages on the website. [Associations RTR List](#)

Are there modified rules that I will need to learn?

- There are modified formats listed on the Ringette Ontario site. Officials are asked to review the modifications at the following link and communicate with teams and associations regarding modifications that will be used for any games accepted under Stage 3. [Modifications](#)

Can I wear my official Ringette Canada officiating jersey on the ice?

- Yes - as long as you are registered and officiating sanctioned games within Stage 3, you can wear your official Ringette Canada jersey on the ice.

Do I need to wear a cloth mask while on the ice?

- The wearing of a cloth mask during a game is the choice of the official. If the official feels more comfortable wearing a cloth mask, they should choose to do so. A cloth mask should be worn by all officials anywhere in the facility prior to and just after leaving the ice when physical distancing cannot be practiced. Please contact the Association who will be hosting the games to determine what the facility protocols and expectations are prior to scheduling.

Should I consider using electronic whistles?

- Electronic whistles are an acceptable option for on-ice officials. Using a standard finger-grip whistle could propel moisture droplets into the air and potentially expose other officials, players and coaches to the virus. Electronic whistles are a personal choice that each official can make. Regardless of the type whistle used, it is important that the official cleans/disinfects the whistle at half time and after each game. Officials should make every effort to avoid blowing their whistle when near other players or officials. When necessary, officials should blow their whistle in a different direction.

Am I allowed to officiate games where there is only one referee?

- Yes – but it is up to the individual comfort level of the referee if they would like to accept games where only one official will be used.

Do I count as part of the “bubble”?

- No – officials are excluded from “bubble count” based on Ringette Ontario protocols. However, individual health units and associations may have different rules regarding the inclusion of officials in “bubble” numbers and those should be followed. Please contact your local Association for further information on local public health rules and facility protocols.

How do I get paid for games?

- Regular pay charts will only occur if Stage 4 is reached. It is the responsibility of the individual official to confirm pay with the teams and/or association for any games that are accepted while in Stage 3.

Will there be shot clock operators and timekeepers at all games?

- It depends on the individual associations, the game format they are following, and the number of individuals allowed “on the ice.” Some modified games may have minor officials, and some may not.

Am I allowed to referee games in other provinces?

- No. At this time, officials are not permitted to referee games in other provinces.

Is the POD program running this year?

- Yes! The POD program will be running in a modified online format. If Stage 4 is reached, the POD program may be able to move to some on-ice activities.

Can I be evaluated this season?

- Maybe. Evaluations will only occur during Stage 4 and must be pre-approved by Ringette Ontario this season.

Can I officiate, coach and/or play? Or am I only allowed to declare one role this season?

- Yes – it is possible to take on different roles this season. However, individuals must adhere to the individual “rules” for social distancing and numbers within the role that are in at any given time. This may also be dependent on the public health unit and facility rules. Please check with your local association on what those might be for your area.

How do I social distance while officiating?

The following are recommendations to help officials with social distancing:

- Do not touch the ring. Have players move the ring for you.
- Do not pick up any fallen equipment or broken sticks. Have players pick up their own gear.
- Do not open doors for players on the ice, including the penalty benches.

- Go directly to the changeroom upon arrival at the arena, if changeroom permitted, and leave immediately after.
- Have coaches communicate directly to players.
- Do not shake hands with coaches or players.

If associations are requesting officials, what should I ask/know?

The following are recommendations to help officials with social distancing:

- How many games am I doing? What is the length of the games?
- Are we using a shot clock? Timekeeper?
- Are there any facility requirements I should be aware of? (dressing room, warm up areas, etc.)
- Who is the association [CSL](#)? Are they aware of scheduled games?

Will I be required to complete tracking forms and health attestation prior to going on the ice?

- Yes. Ringette Ontario will follow up with registered officials on steps to how to complete these requirements as per the Public Health Ontario Requirements.

I have a question you did not answer!

- Please address all officiating related questions to Ringette Ontario Technical Director Karla Xavier at techdirector@ringetteontario.com.