



Welcome Back, Officials!

Our Game is slowly but surely returning to the ice. To our seasoned officials, thank you for your continued support over the last year and a half and to our new officials, welcome to the officiating team! Ringette Ontario is excited that you have taken on this valuable role!

Some key considerations for the 2021-22 season:

- This is a refresher year and all clinics are online.
- Regular tournaments will not start until January.
- We are back to Ringette Canada rules, with no modifications in game play.
- We still need to be flexible and adaptable as the season progresses.

Requirements:

- **Officials over the age of 18 must be fully vaccinated to officiate this season.**
- As this is a refresher year all registered officials who have officiated prior to this season must complete a refresher clinic by December 15th, 2021 to be eligible to officiate this year.
- All officials must be registered in RAMP prior to stepping on the ice (through Ringette Ontario website).
- A valid Police Record Check is required for all officials over the age of 18.
 - If you need a new PRC, we recommend » [Ringette Ontario \(sterlingbackcheck.ca\)](http://RingetteOntario.com/sterlingbackcheck.ca)
 - If you use an outside source, please send a copy to techdirector@ringetteontario.com for review.

This Season:

- Formal evaluations will not take place until the new year (January-April 2022).
- Evaluations will take place during specific tournaments and end of year Championships. Evaluators are asked not to complete any formal evaluations until they receive further direction from Ringette Ontario.
- Officials will not be required to complete a maintenance evaluation this season to keep ranking.
- The Selection Process for events including the Provincial A/AA Championships, Ontario Winter Games and Eastern Canadian Championships will be based on the ranking of officials from the 2019-2020 season.

COVID guidelines:

- Ringette Ontario has mandated that all officials over the age of 18 must be fully vaccinated to officiate this season.
- If you are scheduled for a game or tournament, make sure you are aware of any protocols that must be followed. Protocols may include online check in before entering, restrictions on the time you can enter, use of dressing room/shower and closure of concessions, skate sharpening and even washrooms in some facilities, just to name a few. These guidelines are constantly changing, so please ensure you are informed.
- Always wear your mask, except for being on the ice.
- Handshakes: Air high fives, a wave or a verbal "good game/thank you" is highly encouraged at the end of all games.

General Health & Safety Guidelines:

- If you have experienced any symptoms such as coughing, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, do not attend activities for 14 days
- All members must adhere to all health agency & safety regulations
- All members must adhere to their facility health and safety regulations
- Adhere to facility capacity restrictions
- All officials, coaches and players should arrive and leave as per facility regulations
- Wash hands/use hand sanitizer frequently and follow facility regulations
- No spitting
- No sharing of water bottles or whistles
- Coaches, athletes, and officials should keep rings, equipment and other objects required for play in a clean, separate space at their own homes. Items should be clean and sanitized frequently
- All participants should carry wipes, hand sanitizer OR pump soap in their equipment bags

Ringette Ontario in conjunction with the RO Officiating Committee will be looking at ways to support and encourage officials old and new this season to ensure everyone has a positive experience coming back to the ice.

Your local RIC, your Regional Coordinator, Officiating Chair and RO Technical Director are all here to support your officiating goals however we can, so please reach out if you have any questions.

For questions/concerns related to registration, clinics, Police Record Checks, COVID protocols, please contact Karla Xavier, Technical Director – techdirector@ringetteontario.com

For questions/concerns related to ranking list, evaluations, and event selection, please contact Amy Williams, Director of Officiating – amykmurray@hotmail.com

Be Safe and Have Fun!