

## **PROVINCIAL TEAM FORMATION POLICY**

The Executive, in consultation with the registrar, will determine potential Team viability for each age group.

When there are enough players that have indicated their intention (Intent to Play the Following Year form or governing association's processes) to register in : following criteria will be taken into consideration:



- 1.** The Barrie and District Ringette Association (BDRA) will take into consideration any rules, regulations or guidelines regarding team division requirements established by the ORA or other higher governing body, specific to the age division affected by this policy. Reference "Team Composition Chart" included in this document.
- 2.** The maximum number of players on any team will be 17.
- 3.** All players wanting to play Provincial Level (PP or A or AA) at U12, U14, U16 or U19 divisions; must register for tryouts through our website and the SRRA "Intent to Tryout" portal.
- 4.** There must be at least 8 skaters plus 1 goalie evaluated at Provincial A or AA calibre attending try-outs in order for the BDRA to approve formation of the team. By the ORA established due date, the team must be defined as viable by ORA guidelines.
- 5.** Players will be evaluated per the Player Selection Policy.
- 6.** At the U12P level, as per Ringette Ontario's Sport Development Policy and in conjunction with LTAD programs, BDRA and other participating associations are permitted preliminary team formations during the spring where up to 8 skaters and 1 goaltender can be offered a position per team. Absolutely no team activities are permitted during the summer. Teams will be finalized during a last round of tryouts in the fall with team rosters finalized by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:** Holding tryouts in the spring is optional for each association and any association is permitted to start and complete the full tryout process in the fall. For compliance and non-compliance information please refer to the Ringette Ontario Sport Development manual.

## Team Composition Requirements:

- In order to qualify to host a Provincial level team an association must meet the minimum number of Provincial caliber Home Association or Current Association players listed in the chart below. The final team roster must meet or exceed the number of home and current players identified in the chart below. See attached definitions for 'current' players.

**Team Composition Chart - A Teams**

A TEAMS	U12	U14	U16	U19
Roster Size	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players
10	8*	7*	6*	5*
11	9	8	6	5
12	10	8	7	6
13	11	9	8	6
14	12	10	8	7
15	12	10	9	7
16	13	11	9	8
17	14	12	10	8
18	15	12	10	9

\*Minimum number unless approved by Evaluation Committee

## **PLAYER SELECTION POLICY**

The Player Selection Policy has been put in place to be able to rate all players of the applicable age division fairly and to limit bias. These ratings will be utilized to form teams based on the caliber structure of those teams as determined by the Team Formation Policy.

When there are enough players registered in any age division to facilitate the forming of more than one team in that age division, the following player evaluation process will be implemented in order to rate each player's skills and abilities.

All players will be evaluated using a pre-determined marking scheme by a group of independent evaluators and the predetermined Head Coach. Final team selection will be via deliberations in the

presence of the head coach and all evaluators. The top 8 players, ranked by skill, will secure a position on the team. Any exception to this must be submitted and approved by the executive. Any board member having conflict of interest will be excused from the process. The selection of the balance of the evaluated players will be at the discretion of the head coach. A lower ranked out of town player cannot displace a home-grown player without approval from the board of executive.

**“all teams are subject to SRRA Evaluation Committee approval.”**

**1.** There may be no less than 2 independent evaluators and not less than 3 evaluators in total; this number of evaluators will include the head coach. All evaluation records will be kept for reference and submitted to the Coaching Development Coordinator accompanied with the final suggested team roster.

**2.** Evaluator Criteria:

**a.** Independent evaluators: Must be qualified to coach or have experience coaching the calibre being evaluated. They may also be players from higher calibre teams or relevant Ringette experience based on age group being evaluated. Independent evaluators may know some of the girls trying out but must not have a child trying out for the team.

**b.** Head Coaches: Must have formally submitted a coaching application and must be successfully approved for the position by the head coach’s selection process to coach this team. Coaching applicants must not evaluate their own children. Coaches’ children must be evaluated by other evaluators.

**c.** Executive Moderator(s): Member of the Executive who is responsible for ensuring fair execution of the process and keeping the discussion on track. The Executive moderator must not have a child playing at the age group being discussed.

**3.** Non BDRA Athletes attending tryouts:

All players outside of BDRA must submit a signed “Part I - Player Tryout” form at the first try-out. Non BDRA players must be deemed a significant enhancement to the roster in order to be offered a position at the time (i.e. Non BDRA athlete ranking beyond the Core 8 players of the team may not be offered a position displacing an BDRA athlete).

All offers to play for out of town are conditional. It is the responsibility of the out of town player to obtain releases from all pertinent parties in compliance with ORA guidelines.

Players for which Barrie is their “current association” are NOT considered non-BDRA athletes and do not have to rank in the Core 8 players to be offered a position; however, the signed “Part I – Player Tryout” form must be submitted at the tryout.

**4.** Underage Players – BDRA encourages players to play at their birth age level but Board approved exceptions

will be considered based on skill rankings, and evaluators and Head coaches input while also taking into consideration team viability and associated age groups team viabilities.

#### **5. Players Unable to Attend Try-Outs:**

Players who do not attend try-outs will not be added to team rosters after the teams have been selected.

Exceptions can be made with prior consent from the Coaching Development Chair and / or President for extenuating circumstances such as injury, pre-planned travel, or emergency. Written proof and document verification will be required.

6. Offer to Play: Offers to play will be managed in accordance with SRRRA policy requirements and deadlines.

7. Players released from tryouts: Players released will be managed in accordance with SRRRA policy requirements and deadlines.

### **TRYOUT STRUCTURE**

Participants must attend a minimum of 2 of 3 tryouts to qualify for unless prior approval has been extended by the Board of Executive via the Executive Moderator. New players to the area arriving in the fall will have the opportunity to be evaluated if positions are still available.

#### **First Try-Out:**

- Format includes basic skating drills to identify speed, power, agility and basic ring drills to identify shooters and passing ability.
- Evaluations given at the end of the tryout to the Executive Moderator to tally the numbers and rank the players.

#### **Second Try-Out:**

- Format includes basic skating drills to identify speed, power, agility and basic ring drills to identify shooters and passing ability.
- Players to be invited to the third tryout (U14 and beyond) will be determined by all evaluators involved, the head coach and moderated by an BDRA Executive Moderator through a discussion after the second tryout.
- Coaches are to give feedback and discuss further options with the players not invited to the third tryout.

#### **Third Try-out (by invite only U14 and beyond)**

- Final team selection is to be made by all evaluators involved, the head coach and moderated by and BDRA Executive Moderator through a discussion after the third tryout.
- All players are to be contacted by e-mail or phone call in accordance with SRRRA policy. The Offer to Play Letter and Roster Spot Not Offered Letter shall be used by all Associations within the Region.
- Coaches are to discuss further options with players that have been declined.