



POLICY TITLE: TEAM FORMATION POLICY

Effective Date: August 30, 2017

PURPOSE

SGRA endeavors to create teams that will provide a positive playing experience for the players. Ringette is a team sport and every player should be made to feel part of the team. Things taken into consideration in team formation, but not necessarily limited to or constrained by, are:

- Team Viability;
- Competitiveness Expectation at the Various Levels (AA, A, B, C, or Equal Formation);
- Universal Athlete Assessment (UAA);
- Ringette ABC's;
- Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD);
- Availability of Coaches;
- Availability of Ice;
- Player Placement Requests (Active Start and/or U10 New Players Only);
- Player Positions.

Once formed, the team as a whole has certain obligations to, and certain expectations of SGRA. The team personnel, players, and parents have certain rights with respect to the team and how it operates.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all individuals in the scope of their involvement in the sport of Ringette with SGRA.

REQUIREMENTS

Player evaluation will be conducted prior to the beginning of each Ringette season for each division and all player evaluations shall be done according to SGRA Player Evaluation processes. Notice will be provided via the SGRA Web site and the Division Directors outlining the evaluation process for the current season.

Players (or their parents) may inquire only about **their own** (or child's) evaluation and ranking. **Neither** players nor their parents are permitted to inquire about the evaluation or standings of other players.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

When evaluations are complete, players will be assigned to a level within a division and a team within that level. These placements are final. Players (or their parents) wishing further information about **their own** (or child's) placement must submit a request **in writing** to the Division Director.

PLAYER PLACEMENT REQUESTS (*BRAND NEW PLAYERS ONLY*)

New or first time players are able to submit requests to be placed on the same team as a friend or family member. These requests are limited to one per player and can only be made by new/first time players in the Active Start and U10 Division (Steps 1, 2, and 3).

1. Guidelines for Requests

- Each request must be submitted by the parent/guardian of the players involved in the request. (Ex. Player “A” and Player “B” would like to play together. Player “A” submits a request form which must have Player “B” signatures agreeing to the request). This represents the special request for both Player “A” and Player “B”. No further request will be considered from either player.
- Requests should be made at time of registration. If request are not made at time of registration, they must be received prior to commencement of evaluation sessions.
- No requests will be accepted or considered once evaluations are underway.

It is important to note that submitting a request is **not** a guarantee the request can be met. Players will be placed in the appropriate Step as per Black Gold League and Ringette Alberta recommendations and will be determined by player evaluations and assessments.

The responsibility of team formation is that of the Director of Player Development and Assessment, Division Director and President when required. Our main goal is to meet division and Step requirements. The request may only be accommodated if it does not interfere with meeting requirements as set out by Black Gold League and Ringette Alberta.

Please see [Player Request Form](#) found on SGRA website.

PLAYER POSITIONS

All Players in U12 division and below should be given the opportunity to play every position and should not be chosen based on preferential positions. Reference Ringette Alberta policies on maximum time for goalies.