

AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)

Policy 1

General Policy, Aims and Objectives

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Policy is to set out the general aims and goals of the AA RINGETTE CALGARY FOUNDATION (2013) a society under the Alberta Societies Act, (referred to as the Foundation, or AA Ringette Calgary).
2. This Policy shall also set out some definitions that shall generally be used to interpret the other policies and procedures of the Foundation.
3. In general, this Policy and the other policies and procedures of the Foundation should be interpreted and applied in a flexible manner consistent with the purposes, aims and objectives of the Foundation.
4. Where there is any ambiguity in the interpretation of this Policy or any other AA Ringette Calgary policies or procedures, the general purposes, aims and objectives of this policy may be used to resolve such ambiguity.

General

5. The Foundation shall work to foster, encourage, support and promote the development of competitive-level ringette in Calgary for the enjoyment of the players, coaches, managers, parents and administrators. For the purposes of the Policies and Procedures of the Foundation, the term “players” shall refer to both skaters and goalies.
6. The governing body of the Foundation shall be the AA Ringette Calgary Committee (also known as the AA Committee) consisting of the AA Committee at Large and the AA Ringette Calgary Board of Directors (also known as the AA Board). The AA Committee shall develop operating policies and procedures specific to AA Ringette Calgary’s program. Such operating policies and procedures shall be included in Ringette Calgary’s Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Operating Policies, and shall follow the procedures for incorporating or amending Ringette Calgary’s Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Operating Policies. Such operating policies and procedures shall be consistent with Bylaws of the Foundation.
7. The Foundation shall value the game of ringette, including its volunteers, and shall operate under a set of operating policies and practices which ensure a fair, equitable, fun and successful ringette program.

8. Competitive-level ringette players shall possess above average technical skills, be intensely competitive and highly committed to the game of ringette, be physically and mentally fit, and always give maximum effort. Competitive-level ringette is not for everybody as it means a significant commitment and involvement by both the player and their family. Before the final team selection process ends, each player and their family shall be informed of the program's commitment expectations in a general meeting of the division the player is trying out for. These expectations should include potential consequences for failing to honour that commitment. The player and their family shall then make an informed decision as to whether the player's personal and family circumstances (e.g. school, family, work commitments, finances, etc.) allow them to make the necessary commitment to AA Ringette Calgary.

Aims and Objectives:

9. The following are the aims and objectives of the Foundation:
 - (i) To provide an environment for ringette players to play, compete and develop at a competitive level
 - (ii) To encourage participants to aim for excellence in spirit, teamwork, team discipline and personal development
 - (iii) To advance the number of competitive-level ringette players in Calgary
 - (iv) To look for improvements to the game of ringette based on experiences and observations
 - (v) To conduct its business and affairs with fairness, integrity and equal opportunity
 - (vi) To present a favourable picture of AA Ringette Calgary's program amongst players, coaches, parents, other ringette organizations, the news media and the general public
 - (vii) To provide effective administration of AA Ringette Calgary based on solid operating policies and procedures
 - (viii) To work cooperatively with Ringette Calgary, Ringette Alberta and Ringette Canada in furthering the development of ringette

AA Ringette Calgary Policies

10. In the absence of any specific policy of AA Ringette Calgary, Ringette Calgary's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Operating Policies shall apply.

Amendment of AA Ringette Calgary Policies and Procedures

11. All requests for a new or revised policy or procedure shall be presented and discussed by the AA Committee at a regular Committee meeting. If a motion is accepted by the Committee to further review the proposed new or revised policy or procedure, the AA Ringette Calgary President shall approve a sub-committee to work on the proposal and present its recommendations to the AA Board.
12. The sub-committee shall review, research and document information relevant to the proposal as deemed necessary and prepare recommendations for submission to the AA Board. Prior to submitting their recommendations, the sub-committee shall review the recommendations to determine if there is possible conflict with Ringette Calgary's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Operating Policies. Any possible conflict must be noted in the submission to the AA Board.
13. The AA Board shall review the sub-committee's recommendations for revision and if accepted by the AA Board, the proposed revisions will be presented to Ringette Calgary for review, consideration and approval. Any possible conflict with Ringette Calgary Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or Operating Policies must be brought to the attention of Ringette Calgary during this presentation.
14. If Ringette Calgary denies any or all of the proposed revisions, the AA Board may request the sub-committee prepare changes to the proposal for re-submission to Ringette Calgary.
15. Upon approval by Ringette Calgary of the proposed revisions in whole or part, the AA Board will present the approved revisions to the AA Committee for final approval. Upon approval by the AA Committee, changes to the AA Ringette Calgary Policies and Procedures shall take effect immediately.

This policy has been updated:

- March 22, 2023