

AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)

Policy 6

Number of Teams

Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to establish and outline the policies and procedures relating to the number of AA Ringette Calgary teams to be formed.
2. This policy is to be read, as applicable, in conjunction with the other policies and procedures of AA Ringette Calgary.

Timing

3. All AA Ringette Calgary teams shall be fixed not later than October 1 of the current playing season to allow players not selected to return to their Association programs for team determinations. AA Ringette Calgary tryouts shall commence as soon as ice becomes available for the current playing season in late August or early September but, generally, no sooner than the Sunday of the weekend prior to the Labour Day long weekend. Tryouts shall be handled in accordance with the AA Ringette Calgary Tryout Policy.

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4. AA Ringette Calgary shall strive to provide at least one (1) team in each age division from U-14 to +18.
5. Unless and until revised pursuant to this Policy, the AA Ringette Calgary shall have Ringette Calgary's approval to form the following teams each season:
 - (i) Three (3) single-carded U-14 AA teams
 - (ii) Three (3) single carded U-16 AA teams
 - (iii) Two (2) single carded U-19 AA teams
 - (iv) One (1) single carded +18 National Ringette League (NRL) team
6. Preseason (Initial) Assessment:
 - (i) Prior to May 31st, the AA Board shall determine the probable number of teams to be formed in each AA division for the following playing season. The following resources may be utilized in considering the number of teams: the President, previous year's AA Ringette Calgary player registrations, previous year's coaches, previous year's A level player registrations for all Calgary Associations, previous year's A level coaches for all Calgary Associations, success of AA Ringette Calgary level teams from the previous year, success of A level teams from previous years for all Calgary Associations, outstanding players who have the potential to move up from A to AA level play (A level coaches shall provide this information),

the opinions of other knowledgeable participants in Ringette Calgary, ice availability, player report cards if available, and the number of suitable qualified coaches available and interested.

7. If, either based on the preseason assessment or at any time prior to forming teams, the AA Board believes there should be a change in the number of AA Ringette Calgary teams at any age division or the number of players on each team, the President may approach and present to Ringette Calgary for approval of the change in the number of AA Ringette Calgary teams.

Number of Players per Team

8. If player registration numbers for a particular age division is insufficient for the number of approved teams, then a reduced number of teams or a reduced number of players per team shall be formed, subject to the necessary approvals required by this Policy.
9. At U16 and U19 age groups, 90% or more of players registered for tryouts must have experience at either the A or AA level for one or more past seasons.
10. AA Ringette Calgary shall not control the minimum or maximum number of players selected for the +18 team given the different rules governing the NRL. The number of players selected shall be at the discretion of the Head Coach as permitted by the NRL.
11. For each of the U-14 and U-16 teams, there can be a minimum of 13 skaters and 1 goalie. For U-19, if there is only one team, there can be a minimum of 15 skaters and 1 goalie. If there are two U-19 teams, there can be a minimum of 13 skaters and 1 goalie per team. Requests to increase the number of skaters and/or goalies shall be presented for approval by the President to Ringette Calgary before teams are formed.
12. AA Ringette Calgary may continue to request permission from Ringette Calgary to allow each U-19 team to select 2 goalies per team. With approval of the AA Committee, such requests may also be extended to the U-16 level.

This policy has been updated:

- March 22, 2023