

PROVINCIAL TRYOUT INFORMATION PACKAGE

Etobicoke Ringette Association
Southern Region

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WHAT IS PROVINCIAL RINGETTE?

- A/AA levels of ringette are the competitive levels of ringette at which players must tryout for a place on the team.
- A/AA levels of play start at U14 – U19
 - More information will follow in the Fall for U12A as this is considered a Regional program.
- In most cases, the commitment level is more demanding than B and C level of play, both in time, travel and financially.
- All A/AA levels play in the Great Lakes Ringette League. This region covers the area from Chatham to Mississauga to Oshawa to Barrie and everywhere in between (Southern, Central and Western Regions)

WHAT IS PROVINCIAL RINGETTE?

- There are fewer AA teams, so the travel distance is greater and more frequent.
- A teams will still travel the same distances but will have more opportunity for games closer to home. The main difference is the level of play.
- A/AA level teams tend to enter more tournaments at farther distances which could increase the financial burden on families.
- Provincial teams typically play in up to 4-5 tournaments and while Associations can indicate their preference, they are assigned by Ringette Ontario (with a 4 game min, usually Thurs – Sun)
- A/AA teams play at the year-end Provincial Tournament.
- Teams typically commit to training 2-3 times per week (2x on-ice and 1x dryland/classroom. Games are played on weekends.

TRYOUTS

- Any player wishing to tryout for an A/AA team, in any Association must complete the **Player Intent** form by March 20, 2023.
 - The Player Intent form is an important planning tool and is also used to determine if an Association is approved to host a team at the desired levels.
 - Associations must have a min of 12 players and 1 goalie on their Association Intents to be considered viable to host a Provincial team.
- Associations will refuse players from attending a tryout if a Player Intent form and/or payment (if applicable) have not been completed.
- A **bona fide effort** must be given by an athlete at each tryout.
- All members in good standing, who are currently registered with an Association (and therefore covered by RO Insurance) can tryout for a team within their age group.
- Overaged players are not permitted by Ringette Ontario.
- If there are tryouts on the same night for 2 or more Associations, you must attend the tryouts that are first in your pathway: Home, Current, Closest
 - Home = the Association where you live
 - Current = the Association to which a player has been released for a level of play
 - Closest = the next closest Association offering the desired level of play

TRYOUT PROCESS

- Players must **register and pay** for each tryout that they attend. Each Association may have a different process so it's important to follow the process outlined by each Association.
- Typically, after 2 tryouts, the first round of cuts are made. However, coaches or Associations can make cuts after the first tryouts. This information is usually shared on the first night in a parent meeting.
- On-ice tryouts will be lead by ERA Coach(es) and players will be evaluated by impartial ERA members who will not pose a conflict of interest for that team. Coaches will work with the Association Executive to take the evaluations into consideration and select the team accordingly.
- Decisions will be communicated by email and players will receive a "Roster Spot Not Offered" or "Roster Spot Offered" letter.

KEY DATES

Player Intent Form
ACTIVE

Feb 14 – Mar 20

Association “Willing to
Host” Forms due

March 25

Associations notified of
Team Approvals

March 31

Tryout Schedules
Posted

April 1 - 10

AA Tryouts

April 7 – May 7

AA Team
Declared

May 12


A Tryouts

May 13 - 31

A Team Declared

June 5

COACH SELECTION

- All Head Coaches will be interviewed by an impartial Selection Committee to ensure that they are aligned to the ERA Mission & Values, and that they demonstrate the ability to lead a team of this skill at the A/AA level.
 - Coaches will be selected by the Association before tryouts.
 - Coaches and Bench Staff must adhere to the Coaches Code of Conduct at all times.
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CLOSEST ASSOCIATION MATRIX

- Players may tryout in multiple associations, however, the Closest Association Matrix must be followed.
- The Closest Association Matrix for Etobicoke is as follows:
 - Etobicoke
 - Mississauga
 - Richmond Hill
 - Burlington
- If Etobicoke (Home) is not hosting a team at a desired A/AA level, players should ensure that they are trying out in other Associations with this matrix in mind. Players cannot skip an Association based on preference – the matrix must be followed.

ROSTER SPOT NOT OFFERED

- If you receive a “Roster Spot Not Offered” letter, unfortunately you were not successful at that Associations tryouts.
- This means, however, that you are now eligible to receive offers from your next closest Association.
- The Roster Spot Not Offered letter is the evidence that coaches and Associations will require as part of the Player Release process.
- A Player Release Form must be signed by your Home Association President before the player is able to join their new Association. Players will only be released if the team formation and player movement rules have been followed with respect to home, current and closest Association. The transfer will then take place in the back-end of RAMP on your behalf.

CONGRATULATIONS – ROSTER SPOT OFFERED

- If you make the team for your home, current or closest Association, your journey is *almost* done.
- You will receive a “Roster Spot Offered” letter from the Coach or Association via email
- You will be given 48 hours to accept or reject the offer
- If you accept, you are now part of this provincial team!
- If you decline the offer, your **only** option for the upcoming season is to return to your **Home Association** and play at a lower level that is being offered (at the discretion of the Association).
 - EXAMPLE: A player tries out for Mississauga U16AA and rejects the offer to play. They **must return** to Etobicoke and play U16A (if offered) OR U16B at the Associations discretion. They cannot tryout for an ‘A’ team in another Association.

QUESTIONS?

