

**Updated 2026 –**

## **Gloucester-Cumberland Ringette Association (GCRA)**

### **Out of Area Player Policy (Competitive Teams)**

#### **Preamble**

A Gloucester-Cumberland resident is a player whose principal residence is within the jurisdiction of GCRA. GCRA is considered the player's Home Association.

A player who participated on a GCRA team in the immediately preceding season through an approved release is considered a Current Association player.

An out-of-area player is a player whose principal place of residence is outside the geographical jurisdiction of GCRA.

#### **Policy**

##### **General**

Tryouts at the competitive level are open to all eligible players in accordance with Ringette Ontario policies.

All player eligibility, movement, and team selection decisions will follow Ringette Ontario Team Formation policies, including the Right-of-Refusal pathway (home → current → choice).

##### **AA Teams**

- For AA teams, the best available players will be selected, regardless of home association.
- There is no limit to the number of out-of-association players permitted on an AA team.

##### **A Teams**

- Team selection must comply with Ringette Ontario requirements for:
  - Home/Current player minimums, and
  - Right-of-Refusal pathway (home → current → choice)
- Out-of-area players may be selected only where permitted within these requirements.

#### **Evaluation & Selection**

- All players, including out-of-area players, are evaluated using the same standardized evaluation process.
- Team selection is based primarily on evaluator rankings and documented evaluation results.
- Coaches may provide input at the final stage of team selection; however, selections must be supported by evaluation data.

## **Releases & Eligibility**

- Athletes from outside the association who have participated with GCRA for three (3) consecutive seasons are considered GCRA players (Current Association) and do not require a release.
- All other out-of-area players must obtain the appropriate Athlete Release from their Home Association if selected.
- No player may be rostered without proper approval through the official Ringette Ontario process.

## **Notes**

- For the purposes of tryouts, players who participated with GCRA in the previous season may be considered Current Association players, in accordance with Ringette Ontario definitions.
- This policy is intended to align fully with Ringette Ontario Team Formation policies. In the event of any discrepancy, Ringette Ontario policy shall prevail.