

Gloucester-Cumberland Ringette Association (GCRA)

Tryout Policy – Injured, Ill, or Absent Players

Applicability

This policy applies to all competitive team formation (A and AA) within GCRA and is intended to align with Ringette Ontario team formation guidelines.

It applies to players who are unable to fully participate in tryouts due to:

- Injury (prior to or during tryouts)
- Illness
- Absence due to exceptional circumstances

Definition – Exceptional Circumstances

An “exceptional circumstance” may include:

- Injury preventing participation
- Serious illness
- Late registration or relocation into the association
- Unforeseeable and unavoidable absence during tryouts

The following are not considered exceptional circumstances:

- Family vacations
- Conflicts with other sports or activities
- Other circumstances within the player or family’s control

Policy

Players Attending Tryouts

- Players who attend a minimum of two (2) tryout sessions will be evaluated based on:
 - Performance during evaluations
 - Previous playing history (where appropriate)
 - Coach and evaluator input

Players Unable to Attend Minimum Sessions

- Players unable to attend at least two (2) sessions due to an exceptional circumstance will be reviewed case-by-case by the GCRA Competitive Committee.

To be considered, players must:

- Be registered for tryouts
- Provide appropriate documentation (e.g., medical note, if applicable)
- Notify GCRA in writing as soon as reasonably possible

Deferred Evaluation Process

Where an exceptional circumstance is approved, GCRA may offer a deferred evaluation, subject to ice availability and timing.

- A minimum of two (2) hours of on-ice evaluation will be provided where feasible
- Original evaluators will be used where possible
- Standard tryout fees apply
- Warm-up or additional sessions are not guaranteed

The Competitive Committee will determine:

- Which team level(s) the player may be evaluated for
- Timing and format of the evaluation

Consideration will include:

- Player input
- Previous level of play
- Available evaluations or coach feedback
- Current team needs and roster status

Team Placement Conditions

A player may be added to a team following a deferred evaluation only if:

1. The player is assessed to be of appropriate caliber for the team
2. A roster position is available
3. No previously selected player is displaced

4. The placement is supported by the evaluation group and Head Coach
5. The decision aligns with Ringette Ontario policies and GCRA team formation principles

General Principles

- Fairness to all athletes participating in tryouts remains the priority
- Transparency and consistency will guide all decisions
- GCRA reserves discretion to manage exceptional cases in a manner that is fair, reasonable, and compliant with Ringette Ontario guidelines

Questions or Concerns

Please follow the GCRA communication pathway: Competitive Committee

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with Ringette Ontario requirements and best practices.