

HALIFAX HURRICANES RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Policy Manual

Subject:	ATHLETE SAFETY POLICY	Policy No. 2.0
Issued By:	HHRA Board of Directors	Date of Issue: 20/09/2024
Approved By:	HHRA Board of Directors	Revision Date:
Forms Required: 2.1 On-Ice Resource Approval Form; 2.3.1 Emergency Medical Information Form; 2.3.2 HHRA Emergency Action Plan		

2.1 POLICY:

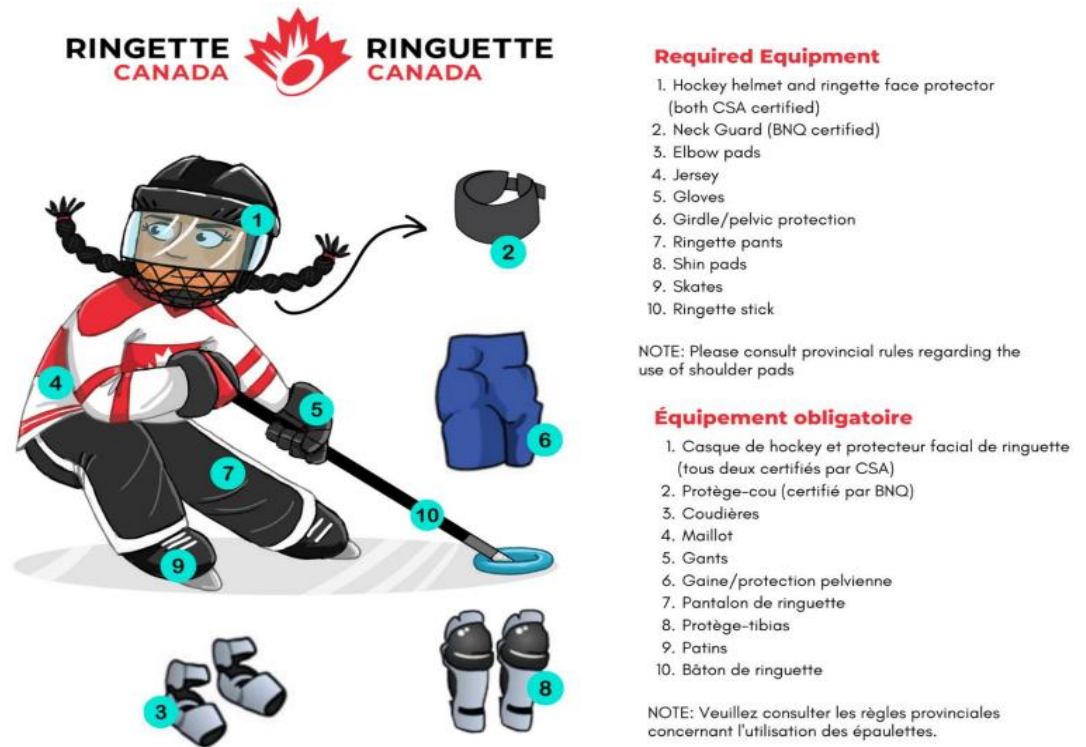
- 2.1.1 The safety of all participants is extremely important to the Halifax Hurricanes Ringette Association (HHRA).
- 2.1.2 All members of the HHRA are to apply safety concepts to all on and off-ice activities.
- 2.1.3 Only athletes and team staff listed on the team's roster are permitted to be on the ice at any time, except where the team's Head Coach or Manager, in writing, seeks approval from the Board of Directors to bring additional persons to assist with or supplement training. *(See HHRA website for the 2.1 On-Ice Resource Approval Form)*
- 2.1.4 Policy 2.1.3 does not apply to affiliated athletes, or initiatives organized by HHRA (e.g. skating development, goalie training, etc.). Game and tournament requirements are as defined by the Central Region Ringette League (CRRL) and Ringette Nova Scotia (RNS).
- 2.1.5 Athletes are not permitted on the ice without a Coach, Trainer or On-Ice Assistant or approved persons (per 2.1.3).
- 2.1.6 "Parent vs Athlete" scrimmages or games are never permitted on HHRA provided ice times. Organization of such events or other ice times requires the organizers to obtain their own insurance for all participants, including the athletes, as the event will not be sanctioned by RNS. Please refer to RNS's website for more insurance-related information.

2.2 EQUIPMENT:

- 2.2.1 All athletes are to conform to the equipment requirements indicated in the playing rules or Ringette Canada. This includes any outdoor practices or casual games of “shinny”.
- 2.2.2 All athletes are to be fully dressed for all practices and games.
- 2.2.3 HHRA will supply game jerseys to registered skaters and goaltenders. HHRA goalie equipment will be provided to teams unable to draft a Full Time Goaltender (FTG) at the start of the season to all U10 and U12 teams required to share goaltender duties. Rings, pylons, and first aid kits are provided to teams.
- 2.2.4 During games, teams are required to wear the jerseys supplied by HHRA that display the colors and logo of the association. HHRA teams are not permitted to use a “third” jersey or alternate jersey for any game.
- 2.2.5 HHRA game jerseys issued as per 2.2.3 above, are not to be worn during practices except for the FUN division.
- 2.2.6 Name and sponsor bars are permitted to be on HHRA jerseys, ONLY if they are sewn on. Adhesives are not permitted to be used.
- 2.2.7 No alterations are permitted to any HHRA jerseys.
- 2.2.8 All team equipment is to be returned to the Equipment Coordinator by the end of the season in good condition. The Equipment Coordinator will communicate the time slots for teams to return equipment during the spring of each season.
- 2.2.9 In addition to the diagram below (2.2.10), shoulder pads/chest protectors are **MANDATORY** for FUN, U10, U12 and U14 and **RECOMMENDED** for U16, U19, 18+ and Masters.

2.2.10

Required equipment diagram from Ringette Canada:



2.3 EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP):

2.3.1

All teams are required to have completed Emergency Medical Information Forms (*See HHRA website for the 2.3.1 Emergency Medical Information Form*) on file for both athletes and all team staff and have first aid kits at every team function.

2.3.2

All teams shall have an Emergency Action Plan (*See HHRA website for the 2.3.2 HHRA Emergency Action Plan*) which identifies three (3) people with specific responsibilities as follows:

- An initial person to respond to the injured athlete or team staff (shall have first aid training at a minimum);
- A second person to call 911 if necessary, and serve as the initial contact for the First Responders (Fire, Ambulance) and direct them to the injured athlete or team staff; and
- A third person to obtain the Emergency Medical Information Form of the athlete or team staff and to provide this to the First Responders (if parent/guardian is not available to answer questions).

2.4 RELATED POLICIES:

- N/A

2.5 POLICY REVIEW:

Revision Date	Revision	Reason
20/09/2024	New Policy	Approved in season by the HHRA Board of Directors.
02/06/2025		Ratified at the 2024/25 AGM by majority vote.