



RING OF FIRE RINGETTE TOURNAMENT RULES

November 7-10, 2025

As a Ringette Alberta Sanctioned event, the Airdrie Ring of Fire Tournament is proud to follow The Official Rules of Ringette Canada, except as modified below to suit this tournament.

1. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players' parents and/or guests. Please have patience with our referees and know that ANY ABUSE (yelling, swearing or threats) towards the referees or staff, either during a game or throughout the arena *WILL NOT BE TOLERATED*. This type of behavior will result in an immediate expulsion from the arena, and possibly the tournament.
2. All teams must be available to start tournament play any time after 7:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025.
3. In case of conflict in uniform colors, the visiting team will be required to change uniforms.
4. Teams must be ready to go on the ice ten (10) minutes before game time. Teams not iced within two (2) minutes of the referee's whistle being blown to start the game will forfeit the game. However, the game will be played as an exhibition game.
5. Game sheets are to be completed via RAMP. All teams must sign in prior to the start of each game. Active Start, Step 1, Step 2 are exempt from Ramp as scores will not be tallied.
6. Teams must declare affiliated players on game sheets by indicating (AP). It is the responsibility of the team to ensure Ringette Alberta affiliated player rules are followed. When using affiliates, the name(s) of the player(s) and their jersey number must be written in the appropriate space on the game sheet. Game sheets will be checked for proper use of affiliated players.
7. All affiliate and/or overage players will be restricted to three (3) goals per game at U12, U14, U16 & U19 level. At U10, all players will be restricted to three (3) goals per game.
8. Each team will be required to provide minor officials for each game. The Home Team, as listed on the game sheet, is required to provide a timekeeper, a shot clock operator, and a penalty box attendant. The Visiting Team, as listed on the game sheet, is required



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to provide a scorekeeper and a penalty box attendant. ARA will provide a timekeeper, a shot clock operator and scorekeeper for medal games.

9. Step 1/Step2/Active Start - Home team to provide one timekeeper.
10. Active Start should have one coach per team on the ice to help the athletes.
11. Step 1/ Step2 – First Stripe refs will be provided for on ice. We may require a coach still if the ref cannot make it.
12. Time-Outs: Each team is entitled to one (1) 30-second timeout per regulation game. Each team is entitled to one (1) additional 30-second timeout in overtime.
13. There will be a two (2) minute break between halves, and a flood will be scheduled between all games.
14. Game scores will be displayed on the time clock, posted in arenas and recorded for tie breaking procedures with a maximum seven (7) goal difference.
15. If only five (5) minutes remain in an assigned time slot, the clock will be reset to two (2) minutes at the first stoppage of play. **GAMES MUST FINISH ON TIME!**
16. A MATCH PENALTY will automatically result in suspension from all subsequent tournament games.
17. Any team accumulating more than thirty (30) penalty minutes in any one game shall see the head coach or acting head coach for the game suspended for their next tournament game. No grievances will be accepted.
18. No unacceptable behavior (profanity, temper-tantrums, or verbal abuse of officials etc.) will be tolerated. This behavior will result in (at minimum) an unsportsmanlike penalty. A second offence in the same game by the same player will result in (at minimum) misconduct.
19. All referee decisions are final. There will be no appeals or discussions of appeals.



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GAME FORMAT

U10 Active Start & Step 1/2 Two Twenty-Two (22) minute periods, Run time with a buzzer every 2 minutes. There will be a 3 minute break in between periods. Four (4) Round Robin games – NO medal games.

U10 Step 3 Two eighteen (18) minute periods, Stop time with no shot clock. Three (3) Round Robin games. Top two teams from each pool will be seated for the medals rounds.

U12/U14 Two eighteen (18) minute periods, stop time with shot clock play. Three (3) Round Robin games. Top four (4) teams in division standings will participate in medal rounds.

U16 Four Eleven (11) minute periods or “quarters” stop time with shot clock play. Three (3) Round Robin games. Four (4) teams in division standings will participate in medal rounds. (Subject to change based on number of teams accepted).

U19 Four Eleven (11) minute periods or “quarters” stop time with shot clock play. Three (3) Round Robin games. Four (4) teams in division standings will participate in medal rounds. (Subject to change based on number of teams accepted).

Please be advised that due to health and safety risks, it is MANDATORY that athlete's gloves must stay on at all times while they are on the ice. This includes during the customary post game handshakes.

Medal presentations will be on the ice.



ROUND ROBIN TEAM STANDING RULES

Teams will be awarded points as follows:

Two (2) points for a win; One (1) point for a tie; Zero (0) points for a Loss.

If a Round Robin game is tied at the end of regulation time, each team will be awarded one (1) point. At the completion of the Round Robin play, teams will be ranked according to the total points in all games played. Note: Regardless of the game score, only a seven (7) goal difference will be credited in applying tie breaking rules.

In medal games the higher ranked team shall be declared the home team.

Tie Breaking Procedures in Round Robin Team Standings:

When two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points after round robin play, the teams will be ranked according to the following rules:

1. The winner of more games between each other during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
2. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the difference between goals for and against in games between the tied teams in round robin play. The team with the highest positive difference shall be ranked the highest; the team with the second highest positive difference shall be ranked next; the team with the third highest positive difference shall be ranked next, etc.
3. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the least goals against in games between the tied teams in round robin play. The team with the least goals against shall be declared the highest position; the team with the second highest goals against shall be next and so forth.
4. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the difference between goals for and against in all games played in the round robin. The team with the highest positive difference shall be ranked the highest and so forth.



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5. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the least goals against in all games played in the round robin.
6. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the least total penalty minutes for all games played in the round robin. The team with the least penalty minutes shall be declared the highest position.
7. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the time required to score their first goal for all games played in the round robin. The team scoring the earliest goal shall be ranked the highest.
8. If still tied, teams shall be ranked by a coin toss.

NOTE: Each step of the tie breaking rules shall apply to all teams involved.

For example:

According to Rule 1, if the White team has a difference of 5 goals, the Red Team has a difference of 3 goals and the Blue team has a difference of 2 goals, White team shall be ranked the highest, Red team next and Blue team shall be third among these tied teams.

If three or more teams are involved in a tie, the tie breaking procedure shall only revert to Rule 1 if teams are still tied after the application of subsequent rules. For example, according to Rule 2, the White team has a difference of 5 goals, The Red team and the Blue teams are still tied at a 3-goal difference. White team shall be ranked highest, revert to Rule 1 to break the tie between the Red and Blue teams.

Tie Breaking Procedures in Medal Games:

1. When a medal game is tied at the end of regulation play, a 2-minute break will be taken, followed by a five-minute, sudden victory overtime period.
2. Teams will not change ends for the overtime period.
3. Ring possession for the start of the overtime period will be determined by coin toss.



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4. If a tie still exists at the end of the overtime period, a five-player shoot-out will decide the game winner. Home team shall shoot first.
5. Using the submitted shoot list, shooters will alternate, beginning with the designated home team.
6. The team that scores the greatest number of goals will be declared the winner.
7. If a tie still exists after the initial five player shoot-out, a single shoot-out, alternating format will begin with the designated home team.
8. The coach will select players for each round, but cannot reuse players until all players have taken their turn in the shootout. Goalies and injured players are exempt.
9. The first team that scores in a round when the other does not will be the winner.

NOTE: Penalties assessed in regulation or overtime play shall be carried over to the next period.

Grievance Procedure:

Should a team have a grievance; protests will only be entertained from a registered team staff member. Grievances must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee within thirty (30) minutes of the game's completion. Each grievance must be accompanied by an appeal fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in cash deposit. This deposit will ONLY be refunded if the grievance is won. The grievance committee's decision is final, and no further appeals will be entertained.

For questions, please e-mail: tourney@airdrieringette.ca



Team Protocol:

1. Shaking Hands – At the end of each game, teams (including coaches) should line up on their respective blue lines and then proceed to shake hands at center ice followed by shaking the referee's hands.
2. Receiving Medals – The coaches will call each player's name to receive the medals. The player should skate to the presenter(s) of the medal when called, shake hands, receive their medal and return to the team formation. Microphones will be provided, where available.

There is always the potential for injury in all physical activities. Therefore, it is important to have an emergency action plan. The key to the emergency action plan is getting professional care to the athlete as quickly as possible.