



**AIRDRIE**

**RINGETTE**

## Goaltender Policy

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### Purpose

1. Promote the Recruitment, Development and Retention of ringette goalies.

### Scope and Intent

1. Provide an opportunity for every athlete who is interested to learn and develop as a Ringette Goalie.
2. To develop a program to retain goaltenders at the older age groups where there is natural attrition that occurs as athletes age. Succession planning is an integral part of maintaining goalies within the ARA.
3. Ensure that all players are given an opportunity to develop goalie/ringette skills as per the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model with a high level focus on the Children's Ringette Program within Airdrie Ringette Association (ARA).

### Principles

1. To encourage young goaltenders to try the position of goaltender and experience success by practicing and playing in games on a regular basis.
2. To increase knowledge for parents of potential young goaltenders.
3. To educate and develop Team Goalie Coaches.
4. Ensure that short-term coaching decisions related to which individuals play goal do not negatively impact the long-term availability of goaltenders, the viability of future teams, or cause over-reliance on affiliate goaltenders.

### Requirements

1. Use of small nets in Active Start and U10.
2. To allocate a coach as the Team Goalie Coach on every team yearly.
3. To have the ARA Board review and update the Goalie Development Program prior to the start of each season, with the exception of Active Start, U10 Step 1 and U10 Step 2.
4. An individual athlete may choose to be a full-time goalie\*\* or part-time\* goalie. Goalies must be aware, in situations where there is more than one full-time goalie on each team, that sharing duties will be expected.

\*\*full-time goalie– an athlete who does not play any other position aside from goal.

\*part-time goalie – an athlete who plays goal and any other position(s) on a regular basis.

### ...Requirements continued

5. In Children's Ringette (Active Start U10, U12 ), no individual may play goal more than:

#### Active Start and U10

- 25% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st
- 25% of the total games played by their team after December 31st
- All athletes as listed on the Team Registration Form (TRF) are encouraged to rotate to play the position of goaltender (includes league games, tournament games and exhibition games)

#### U12A

- All athletes listed on the TRF are encouraged to play the position of goaltender (includes league games, tournament games and exhibition games). However, teams at this more competitive level typically have players who are ready for goalie specialization. Any additional play beyond the 75% guideline by a full-time goaltender cannot occur at the expense of other part-time goaltenders/players that are interested in also playing as a goalie

#### U12B and U12 C

- 75% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st
- 75% of the total games played by their team after December 31st

\*U12B/C: Up to the maximum percentage of games (includes league games, tournament games and exhibition games) can be played by one goaltender; the remainder may be played by other athletes as listed on the TRF wishing to play the position on a rotational basis

6. All other age levels (U14, U16, U19) the goaltenders can specialize, but can still alternate with other players. Assuming an athlete has requested to play goal full-time, and no other athlete wishes to play the goalie position, that athlete may play 100% of games.
7. ARA will provide monetary incentives for full time registered goalies that meet the season criteria.

### Consequence

1. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in disciplinary action under the ARA Discipline and Complaints Policy

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**\*Full Time** Goaltender is not the same as a Goaltender who plays 100% of the time.

A player who defines themselves as **Full Time** simply means that they do not play any other positions. With that said, if a team follows the recommendation mentioned above, the **Full Time** Goaltender would sit out the game and not play when another player is in net.