



Ajax Pickering Ringette Association Membership Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Policy is to govern the admission and governance of Membership within Ajax Pickering Ringette Association (hereby referred to as the “Organization”) and the responsibilities of accepted Members to stay in good standing.

2. Categories of Membership

- 2.1. The Corporation has the following categories of Member:

- a) Player Member – Any player who is four years of age and older on or before December 31st of the playing season (unless determined otherwise by the Board of Directors) and who is registered with the Corporation.
- b) Regular Member – Any individual who is a coach, official, or administrator who is registered with the Corporation.
- c) Director Member – Any individual who is elected or appointed as a Director of the Corporation in accordance with the By-laws.

3. Registration

- 3.1. Individuals in each category of membership must register with the Corporation and agree to abide by the Corporation’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules, and regulations (or, if the individual is under the age of eighteen (18), have a parent or guardian agree to abide by the Corporation’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations on behalf of the individual).

4. Authority of Members

- 4.1. The Members of the Corporation will have the following powers:

- a) To appoint the Auditor
- b) To amend the By-laws
- c) To elect Directors; and
- d) As provided in the Act and in these By-laws

5. Admission and Renewal of Members

- 5.1. Any candidate will be admitted or renewed as a Member if:

- a) The candidate member makes an application for membership in a manner prescribed by the Corporation;
- b) The candidate member was previously a Member, the candidate member was a Member in good standing when the candidate ceased to be a Member;
- c) The candidate member has paid dues as prescribed by the Board;
- d) For Director Members, the candidate member is not an employee or contractor receiving \$500 or more in compensation from the Corporation;
- e) The candidate member agrees to uphold and comply with the Corporation's governing documents;
- f) The candidate member meets any other condition of membership determined by the Board;
- g) The candidate member has met the applicable definition listed in Section 2.1; and
- h) The candidate member has been approved by Ordinary Resolution by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board.

6. Membership Dues and Duration

- 6.1. Duration – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, membership with the Corporation begins as described below and ends as described below or when the member resigns or is terminated from membership:
 - a) Player Member – begins on the date the Board accepts the member's registration and ends on a date determined by the Board common to all Player Members
 - b) Regular Member – begins on the date the Board accepts the member's registration and ends on a date, determined by the Board, that the Regular Member is no longer acting as a coach, official, or administrator with the Corporation
 - c) Director Member – begins on the date the Director assumes office in accordance with these By-laws and ends when the individual ceases to be a Director
- 6.2. Dues – Membership dues will be determined by the Board. Corporation teams may charge additional fees at their reasonable discretion.
- 6.3. Deadline – Members will be notified in writing of the membership dues at any time payable, and if the membership dues are not paid within sixty (60) days of the membership renewal date or notice of default, the Member in default will automatically cease to be a Member of the Corporation.

7. Transfer, Suspension, and Termination of Membership

- 7.1. Transfer – Membership in the Corporation is non-transferable.
- 7.2. Suspension – A Member may be suspended, pending the outcome of a discipline hearing in accordance with the Corporation's policies related to discipline, or by Special Resolution of the Board at a meeting of the Board provided the Member has been given notice of and the opportunity to be heard at such meeting.
- 7.3. Effects of Suspension – A suspended Member is not in good standing, may not vote at meetings of the Members, is not permitted to have any sport-related involvement with

the Corporation, and may be subject to a probationary period before being reinstated to good standing.

7.4. Termination – Membership in the Corporation will terminate immediately upon:

- a) The expiration of the Member’s membership, unless renewed in accordance with these By-laws;
- b) The Member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership described in Section 2.1 of these By-laws;
- c) Resignation by the Member by giving written notice to the Corporation;
- d) Dissolution of the Corporation;
- e) A decision made by the Board (or designate) or a disciplinary panel in accordance with these By-laws or the Corporation’s policies;
- f) The Member’s death; or
- g) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board or of the Members at a duly called meeting, provided fifteen (15) days’ notice is given, and the Member is provided with reasons and the opportunity to be heard. Notice will set out the reasons for termination of membership and the Member receiving the notice will be entitled to submit a written submission opposing the termination.

7.5. May Not Resign – A Member may not resign from the Corporation when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action by the Corporation.

7.6. Arrears – A Member will be expelled from the Corporation for failing to pay membership dues or monies owed to the Corporation by the deadline dates prescribed by the Board. Any dues, subscriptions, or other monies owed to the Corporation by suspended or expelled Members will remain due.

7.7. Discipline – A Member may be disciplined in accordance with the Corporation’s policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members.

8. **Good Standing**

8.1. Definition – A Member will be in good standing provided that the Member:

- a) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed;
- b) Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Corporation;
- c) Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Corporation;
- d) Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Corporation, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
- e) Has paid all required membership dues.

8.2. Privileges of Good Standing - Subject to these By-laws and other governing documents of the Corporation, Members in good standing may be entitled to the following privileges:

- a) To serve as a Director or Officer of the Corporation;
- b) To be a member of a Committee of the Corporation;
- c) To attend, participate, and vote at meetings of the Members;
- d) To participate in the Corporation's activities; and
- e) To participate in other events associated with the Corporation.

8.3. Cease to be in Good Standing – Members that cease to be in good standing, as determined by the Board (or designate) or a disciplinary panel, will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing.