



Provincial Team Formation

It is the intention of the Barrie and District Ringette Association (BDRA) to form its teams in a fair and equitable manner. In the formation of its Regional and Provincial teams, the association will put a priority on the development and needs of its players.

1) The Board of Directors shall determine the viability of any team.

2) Definitions

Coach Applicant: Must have formally submitted an application to coach the specific team. A Coach Applicant shall not evaluate a member of their family.

Current Association: The association to which a player has been released to for level of play.

Home Association: The local association to which the player is eligible to play by residency.

Independent Evaluator: Must be qualified to coach or have experience coaching the calibre being evaluated or may also be a player from an 18+ Provincial level team. An Independent Evaluator may know some of the girls trying out but shall not be a family member of a child trying out for the team. All Independent Evaluators shall be approved by the Moderator.

Non-BDRA Athlete: A player whose home association or current association is not BDRA.

Moderator: Member of the Board of Directors or person appointed by the Board of Directors who is responsible for ensuring fair execution of the process and keeping the discussion on track. The Moderator shall not be a family member of a child trying out for the team being discussed.

Players: Skaters and goalkeepers shall be considered players.

Underage Player: A player whose birth year is greater than that associated with the team they are trying out for.

3) All mandatory rules, regulations or policies applicable to team formation and/or player selection, as required by the Southern Region Ringette Association (SRRA) and/or Ringette Ontario (RO), which are more restrictive than the requirements in this policy shall apply.

4) The maximum number of players on any team shall be eighteen (18).

5) The minimum number of skaters on any team shall be twelve (12).

6) The minimum number of goalkeepers on any team should be one (1).

7) To host a Provincial level team, the minimum number of Provincial caliber *home association* or *current association* players shall be as listed in Table 1. The final team composition shall meet or exceed the minimum number of players based on roster size.



Table 1 – Team Composition Requirements

| Roster Size | Minimum Number of Home Association or Current Association Players per Team | | | | | | |
|-------------|--|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | U12A | U14A | U14AA | U16A | U16AA | U19A | U19AA |
| 12 | 10 | 8* | 7* | 7* | 6* | 6* | 5* |
| 13 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 5 |
| 15 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| 16 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| 17 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| 18 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 7 |

* Minimum number unless approved by the SRRRA Evaluation Committee

- 8) All players should play at their birth age level. All requests for playing out of age shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for review to ensure the request does not affect the viability of the teams involved.
 - a) Overage players are subject to review by Ringette Ontario.
- 9) The Head Coach should be selected prior to tryouts. BDRA may run tryouts prior to selection and announcement of the Head Coach should there be no qualified Coach Applicant.
- 10) The Head Coach may complete the selection of support staff prior to the team roster being finalized provided those persons do not have a family member trying out for the team. Selection of support staff who have a family member trying out for the team shall be done after the team roster has been finalized. Support staff positions are as follows:
 - a) Assistant coach(es)
 - b) Trainer(s)
 - c) Manager(s)
 - d) Treasurer
- 11) Teams shall have at least one (1) female adult on the bench and two (2) in the dressing room at all times where players are present.
- 12) The maximum number of bench staff permitted during games is five (5) unless otherwise permitted by Ringette Ontario.



Provincial Team Selection

13) There shall be no less than three Independent Evaluators and no less than four evaluators in total; this shall include the head coach and may include all Head Coach Applicants, if required for numbers. All evaluation records will be kept for reference and submitted to the moderator. The evaluators should be the same for all three tryouts but must be the same for the second and third tryouts. At no point during or after the tryout process shall any Independent Evaluator or Moderator discuss player performance or rankings with anyone other than the Independent Evaluators or Moderator for that specific team. See Section 24 for appeals.

14) All players, or guardians of players under the age of eighteen (18), shall sign the *Provincial Team Expectation* document and agree to the terms and conditions prior to participating in tryouts.

15) Non-BDRA Athletes attending tryouts

- a) Non-BDRA Athletes shall only be offered a position on the team provided:
 - i) they place in the top eight (8) of the player evaluations, or
 - ii) they do not displace a BDRA player who is of age.
- b) All offers to play for Non-BDRA Athletes are conditional. It is the responsibility of the player to obtain releases from all pertinent parties in compliance with RO or SRRRA policies and provide proof to the BDRA Board of Directors prior to receiving an offer letter.
- c) Players for which Barrie is their “current association” are NOT considered non-BDRA athletes and do not have to rank in top eight (8) to be offered a position; however, the signed “Part I – Player Tryout” form must be submitted at the tryout.
- d) The maximum number of players permitted on any one team from the same outside association shall be four (4).
- e) The maximum number of players permitted in one age group from the same outside association shall be six (6).

16) Underage players

- a) Underage players who are in the first year of their two year age group are not permitted to tryout for any age group above unless there is no “A” or “AA” team at their age group.
- b) Underage players must also tryout for the team at their age group and level to be offered a spot on that team should they not be offered a spot on the team at the age group above.
- c) Underage skaters shall only be offered a position on the team provided they place in the top six (6) of the skater evaluations.



- d) Underage goalkeepers shall only be offered a position on the team provided they do not displace a BDRA goalkeeper who is of age.
- e) Underage player restrictions do not apply to U12A team formation or to players where an "A" or "AA" team does not exist at that player's age group and level.

Note: level may be determined based on the player's previous level of play. For example, a player previously played first year U16AA and BDRA is forming U16A and U19AA teams. The player's previous level of play was AA, therefore should they wish to tryout for U19AA, the underage player restrictions would not apply.

17) Players Unable to Attend Try-Outs

- a) Players who do not attend tryouts or do not attend the minimum number of tryouts shall not be offered a roster spot or added to the team roster after the team has been selected with the exception of the following:
 - i) Extenuating circumstances, such as, but not limited to: injury, pre-planned travel, or emergency. Written proof and document verification will be required.
 - ii) Low team formation numbers
- b) The Board of Directors, in consultation with the Player Development Coordinator and the Moderator, shall review all exceptions. Approval to offer a roster spot shall be made by the Board of Directors.
- c) New players moving to the area such that BDRA becomes their home association after the formation of the team but prior to the roster deadline by Ringette Ontario for that playing season, may have the opportunity to be evaluated by the Head Coach and added to the roster if spots are available as approved by the Board of Directors.

18) Participants must attend a minimum of two (2) tryouts to qualify for team placement, unless approval has been given by the Board of Directors (see Section 17)

19) Tryout Structure

- a) The on-ice format, ranking process and evaluation metrics shall be posted to the BDRA website no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the first tryout.
- b) Family members or legal guardians of any player trying out for the team shall not participate in on-ice activities and shall not be in the players' bench during the tryout process. The Head Coach is excluded from this rule during scrimmages or exhibition games but they are limited to bench activities.

20) First Tryout

- a) All players should attend unless an exception is given per section 17.



- b) Format may include timed skating drills to identify speed, power, agility and ring handling abilities and shooting to evaluate power and accuracy. Format shall be as outlined in *BDRA Tryout Procedures* document.
- c) Evaluations during first tryout shall only be performed by Independent Evaluators.
- d) Evaluations shall be given to the Moderator at the end of the tryout to tally the numbers and rank the players in accordance with *BDRA Tryout Ranking Procedures* document.
- e) No cuts are permitted after the first tryout.

21) Second Tryout

- a) All players should attend unless an exception is given per section 17.
- b) Focus will be on ring skills, aggressiveness and game sense. Format may include a scrimmage. Format shall be as outlined in *BDRA Tryout Procedures* document.
- c) Evaluations shall be given to the Moderator at the end of the tryout to tally the numbers and rank the players in accordance with *BDRA Tryout Ranking Procedures* document.
- d) Players invited to the third tryout will be determined by all Independent Evaluators involved, the Head Coach and Moderator through a discussion after the second tryout.
 - i) The top eight (8) ranked skaters and top ranked goalkeeper shall automatically be invited to the third tryout.
- e) All players are to be contacted by e-mail, phone call or through the BDRA website with an invite to the third tryout or an invite to report to their home association's Regional Team within 48 hours upon completion of the second tryout.
- f) The Head Coach or Moderator shall give feedback and discuss further options with any player not invited to the third tryout within 72 hours upon completion of the second tryout.

22) Third Tryout (by invite only)

- a) All players should attend unless an exception is given per section 17.
- b) Where top ranked players (maximum of three skaters and one goalkeeper) can be identified prior to the third tryout, the evaluators may request they do not participate during the third tryout to permit the other players to showcase their skills. These players shall have their scores pro-rated for the third tryout based on the first two tryouts.
- c) Evaluations shall be given to the Moderator at the end of the tryout to tally the numbers and rank the players in accordance with *BDRA Tryout Ranking Procedures* document.
- d) Final team selection is to be made by all Independent Evaluators involved, the Head Coach and Moderator through a discussion after the third tryout.



- i) The top eight (8) ranked skaters and top ranked goalkeeper shall be offered a roster spot.
 - ii) Selection of remaining players that deviates from the final ranking list shall be justified by the Head Coach and agreed upon by the Independent Evaluators and the Moderator.
 - iii) Where an agreement cannot be made as to the determination of the final roster, the Board of Directors shall make the final decision. Note that any member of the Board of Directors that is in a conflict of interest shall not be included in the decision.
- e) All players are to be contacted by e-mail or phone call with offers or declines within 72 hours upon completion of the third tryout. The *Offer to Play Letter* and *Roster Spot Not Offered Letter* shall be used by all Associations within the Region. Where a Non-BDRA athlete is offered a roster spot, the *RO Player Release Form* shall be included with the *Offer to Play letter*.
- f) The Head Coach or Moderator shall discuss further options with any player that has been declined a position on the team within 72 hours upon completion of the third tryout.
- 23) Should it be determined by the Head Coach, Independent Evaluators and Moderator that a fourth tryout be needed to complete selection, the process shall continue starting with section 21d) where all references to second tryout shall become third tryout and all references to third tryout shall become fourth tryout.
- 24) Appeals
- a) Appeals for players who were not selected for the team roster may be made to the Board of Directors for review.
 - i) All appeals must be submitted to the President and Secretary by the player, or legal guardian where underage, within 48 hours of being notified that they were not offered a spot on the team
 - ii) Only the final rank and/or final score and/or justification of the Head Coach for non-selection of the player involved in the appeal may be disclosed to the player or legal guardian during the appeal. Information relating to other players shall not be released.
- 25) Changes to this document should not be made less than thirty (30) days prior to any tryout.