



RINGETTE ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. PURPOSE

1.1. The purpose of this Policy is to govern the admission and denial of Membership within Ringette Ontario and the responsibilities of accepted Members to stay in good standing.

2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2.1. This policy applies to all Ringette Ontario Members and potential Members.

3. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Membership requirements are defined as:

Level	Voting Credentials	Requirements	
		Sport Delivery	Sport Management
Quality Ringette Provider	As per By-laws <i>1 vote for every 100 players</i>	Respect in Sport for Parents Qualified Bench Staff at the start of the season Rowan's Law Training LTAD aligned Athlete Programming Children's Ringette Programming Facility audits/Insurance certificates obtained Accessibility & Inclusion Emergency Action Plans Athlete Protection Guidelines Person in Authority Guidelines Signed Club Declaration Form LTAD training for coaches/board	Current By-Laws completed Articles of Incorporation Adoption of all RO Policies Operating Budget Financial Statements from previous season Board of Directors Terms of Reference w/Roles & Responsibilities Board of Directors Names, Contact information and Directors Agreement Governance Training – Sport for Life Volunteer Screening/Training/Recruitment Website / Social Media Marketing – Recruitment plan Notification system for general member/team notification Risk Management Policy All players/staff/volunteers registered with RAMP Current contact list provided with Membership Application <i>Nomination process/Board Recruitment</i>
RO Sanctioned Team Adult teams created for the purpose of competition	N/A	Qualified Bench Staff Organized game play	Police Record Checks Codes of Conduct Rowan's Law All players/staff/volunteers registered with RAMP Current contact list provided with Membership Application
RO Sanctioned League	N/A	Organized schedule of games Organized schedule of officiating Facility Audits Suspensions and penalty tracking Competition Events	Adoption of all RO Policies League Rules Operating Budget Names & Contact Information All participants must be registered with RO

			All participants must be members in good standing Volunteer screening/Training
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4. APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

4.1. Application for Membership is defined below and in Ringette Ontario’s By-laws.

5. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

5.1. No entity will be admitted as a Member of Ringette Ontario unless:

- 5.1.1. The candidate Member has made an application for Membership in a manner prescribed by Ringette Ontario;
- 5.1.2. The candidate Member has been approved by majority vote as a Member by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board;
- 5.1.3. If, at the time of applying for Membership the candidate Member is currently a Member, the candidate Member is a Member in good standing;
- 5.1.4. If the candidate Member was at any time previously a Member, the candidate Member was a Member in good standing at the time of ceasing to be a Member; and
- 5.1.5. The candidate Member has submitted the appropriate materials according to the level of membership they are applying for plus:
 - 5.1.5.1. Proposed Jurisdictional area;

6. EXPIRATION OF MEMBERSHIP

6.1. All Memberships within Ringette Ontario will expire on June 30th of each year.

7. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1. Membership within Ringette Ontario does not renew automatically.
- 7.2. No Ringette Ontario Member will be renewed as a Member of Ringette Ontario unless:
 - 7.2.1. The renewing Member has made an application for Membership renewal in a manner prescribed by Ringette Ontario;
 - 7.2.2. The renewing Member is a Member in good standing; and
 - 7.2.3. The renewing Member has submitted, the appropriate materials according to the level of membership they are applying for according to Table 1 in Section 3.

8. MEMBERSHIP DUES

8.1. Membership fees will be determined annually by the Board upon the recommendation by the Executive Director and are to be paid annually in conjunction with the Membership Application Submission.

2021-2022 Annual Membership Dues:

Membership Level	Membership Dues
Quality Ringette Provider (QRP)	\$150.00
Adult Affiliate Team	\$0.00
Sanctioned League*	\$150.00

**2021-2022 fee will be waived as we work towards a collaborative relationship with the leagues*

9. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPANT FEES

- 9.1. Membership Participant fees will be determined annually by the Board upon the recommendation by the Executive Director
- 9.2. Failure to pay any outstanding Membership fees by June 30th will result in expulsion from Ringette Ontario.

10. GOOD STANDING

- 10.1. A Member of Ringette Ontario will be in good standing provided that the Member:
 - 10.1.1. Has not ceased to be a Member;
 - 10.1.2. Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other restrictions or sanctions imposed;
 - 10.1.3. Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Association;
 - 10.1.4. Has complied with the By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association;
 - 10.1.5. Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Association, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
 - 10.1.6. Has paid all required membership dues or debts to the Association, if any.
- 10.2. Members who cease to be in good standing may have privileges suspended and will not be entitled to vote at meetings of 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 as set out above.

11. WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 11.1. Withdrawal and termination of membership is defined in the Ringette Ontario By-laws.
- 11.2. A Member may resign from Ringette Ontario by giving a written notice to the Board. The Member's resignation will become effective the date on which the request is approved by the Board.
- 11.3. A Member may not resign from Ringette Ontario when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action.
- 11.4. A Member will be expelled from Ringette Ontario for failing to pay Membership dues or monies owed to Ringette Ontario by the deadline dates prescribed by Ringette Ontario.
- 11.5. In addition to expulsion for failure to pay Membership dues, a Member may be suspended or expelled from Ringette Ontario in accordance with Ringette Ontario's policies and procedures relating to discipline of Members.

APPENDIX A:

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

QRP	Adult Affiliate Team	Sanctioned League
A copy of the By-laws of Ringette Ontario	A copy of the By-laws of Ringette Ontario	A copy of the By-laws of Ringette Ontario
A copy of the minutes of Annual and Special General Meetings	A copy of the minutes of Annual and Special General Meetings	A copy of the minutes of Annual and Special General Meetings
Be covered under the Ringette Ontario Insurance Policy	Be covered under the Ringette Ontario Insurance Policy	Be covered under the Ringette Ontario Insurance Policy
Take part in national programs and events, if eligible	Take part in national programs and events, if eligible	N/A
Enter teams to participate in the Canadian Ringette Championships/Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships, if eligible	Enter teams to participate in the Canadian Ringette Championships/Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships, if eligible	N/A
Eligible to participate in RO sanctioned tournaments & events (Qualifiers, Championships)	Eligible to participate in RO sanctioned tournaments & events (Qualifiers, Championships)	N/A
Attend Annual and Special General Meetings	Attend Annual and Special General Meetings	Attend Annual and Special General Meetings
Attend Technical Meetings as scheduled	Attend Technical Meetings as scheduled	Attend Technical Meetings as scheduled
Voting privileges as defined by the Ringette Ontario By-laws	N/A	N/A
Register participants, subject to all fees and assessment as determined by the Board	Register participants, subject to all fees and assessment as determined by the Board	Register participants, subject to all fees and assessment as determined by the Board
Coach Development	Coach Development	N/A
Athlete Programming	Athlete Programming	N/A
RO Discipline & Complaints Support	RO Discipline & Complaints Support	RO Discipline & Complaints Support
Support in creation of Rules & Policies	N/A	Support in creation of Rules & Policies
Marketing & Social Media Support	Marketing & Social Media Support	Marketing & Social Media Support
N/A	N/A	League standardization across the province
RO Education Webinars & Resources	RO Education Webinars & Resources	RO Education Webinars & Resources
Grant writing advice & support	N/A	N/A
Grass roots programming through Come Try Ringette	N/A	N/A
RO Notices & News	RO Notices & News	RO Notices & News
Access to RO legal support	Access to RO legal support	Access to RO legal support
Access to RO Basecamp Community/RO Staff	Access to RO Basecamp Community/RO Staff	Access to RO Basecamp Community/RO Staff
Access to administrative tools such as Zoom, Conference lines, Dropbox, Google Drive	Access to administrative tools such as Zoom, Conference lines, Dropbox, Google Drive	Access to administrative tools such as Zoom, Conference lines, Dropbox, Google Drive