



## **TEAM FORMATION POLICY**

The Executive, in consultation with the Registrar, will determine potential

Team viability for each age group.

When there are enough players that have indicated their intention (Intent to

Play the Following Year form or governing association's processes) to register in any age division, the

following criteria will be taken into consideration:

1. The Barrie and District Ringette Association (BDRA) will take into consideration any rules, regulations or guidelines regarding team division requirements established by Ringette Ontario (RO) or other higher governing body, specific to the age division affected by this policy. Reference "Team Composition Chart" included in this document.
2. The maximum number of players on any team will be 18.
3. All players wanting to play Provincial Level (A or AA) at U12, U14, U16 or U19 divisions; must register for tryouts through our website and the SRRA "Intent to Tryout" portal.
4. There must be at least 10 skaters plus 1 goalie evaluated at Provincial A or AA calibre attending try-outs in order for the BDRA to approve formation of the team, by RO established due date, the team must be defined as viable by RO guidelines.
5. Players will be evaluated per the Player Selection Policy.
6. At the U12A level, as per Ringette Ontario's Sport Development Policy and in conjunction with Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) programs, BDRA and other participating associations are permitted preliminary team formations during the Spring where up to 8 skaters and 1 goaltender can be offered a position per team. Absolutely no team activities are permitted during the Summer. Teams will be finalized during a last round of tryouts in the fall with team rosters finalized date determined by RO

**Note:** Holding tryouts in the spring is optional for each association and any association is permitted to start and complete the full tryout process in the Fall. For compliance and non-compliance information please refer to the Ringette Ontario Sport Development manual. (As of 2019-2020 Season—could change in 2022-2023 Season)

### **Team Composition Requirements:**

In order to qualify to host a Provincial level team, an association must meet the minimum number of Provincial-caliber Home Association or Current Association players listed in the chart below.

A Provincial Team must have a minimum roster of 10 skaters plus 1 goalie. A 'full' roster meets the requirements of RO for the number of players needed to play in Sanctioned Events. Clearly roster size within those constraints is the decision of the Coach/Association. This roster should include a full complement of players for the team, including at least one goalie.

U19 Provincial teams can leave space to add a player or two after the deadline where post-secondary player movement occurs.

### **Team Composition Chart - AA Teams**

Roster Size	U14	U16	U19
	Home Players	Home Players	Home Players
11	7	5	5
12	8	6	5
13	8	6	5
14	8	7	5
15	9	7	6
16	9	8	6
17	10	8	6
18	10	9	7

### **Team Composition Chart - A Teams**

Roster Size	U12	U14	U16	U19
	Home Players	Home Players	Home Players	Home Players
11	9	8	6	5
12	10	8	7	6
13	11	9	8	6
14	12	10	8	7
15	12	10	9	7
16	13	11	9	8
17	14	12	10	8
18	15	12	10	9

## **PLAYER SELECTION POLICY**

The Player Selection Policy has been put in place to be able to rate all players of the applicable age division fairly and to limit bias. These ratings will be utilized to form teams based on the caliber structure of those teams as determined by the Team Formation Policy.

When there are enough players registered in any age division to facilitate the forming of more than one team

in that age division, the following player evaluation process will be implemented in order to rate each player's skills and abilities.

All players will be evaluated using a pre-determined marking scheme by a group of independent evaluators, as per Ringette Ontario (RO) Team Formation Guidelines.

The top 8 players, ranked by skill, will secure a position on the team.

Any exception to this must be submitted and approved by the executive. Any board member having a conflict of interest will be excused from the process.

**“all teams are subject to SRRA Evaluation Committee approval.”**

1. There may be no less than 3 independent evaluators. All evaluation records will be kept for reference and submitted to the Evaluations Coordinator for review by the Team Selection Committee.
2. Team Selection Committee: consists of impartial coaches, caregivers, Executive Members, and knowledgeable athletes that have experience in skill assessment and the athlete development matrix for the age group. Final team sizes and player distribution should be solely determined by the Team Selection Committee and may be adjusted at any point up until the final roster deadline as determined by Ringette Ontario. Team formation results should be posted in a timely manner.
3. Evaluator Criteria:
  - a. Independent evaluators: Must be qualified to coach or have experience coaching the calibre being evaluated. They may also be players from higher calibre teams or relevant Ringette experience based on age group being evaluated.
  - b. Head Coach and Team Staff (if applicable):
    - Should attend all evaluations and communicate with the Evaluations Coordinator about what they are looking for and if they have any questions/concerns
    - Should observe participants and maintain their own evaluation notes to use as reference
    - Coaches who have players being evaluated for the team should not be a part of the evaluation in any capacity
  - c. Evaluations Coordinator(s): Member of the Executive who is responsible for ensuring fair execution of the process and keeping the discussion on track.

#### **4. Non BDRA Athletes attending tryouts:**

All players outside of BDRA must submit a signed “Part I - Player Tryout” form at the first try-out. Non BDRA players must be deemed a significant enhancement to the roster to be offered a position at the time (i.e., Non BDRA athlete ranking below the top 8 ranked players of the tryout evaluations may not be offered a position displacing another of age BDRA athlete).

All offers to play for out-of-town players are conditional. It is the responsibility of the out-of-town player to obtain releases from all pertinent parties in compliance with RO guidelines.

Players for which Barrie is their “current association” are NOT considered non-BDRA athletes and do not have to rank in the top 8 players to be offered a position; however, the signed “Part I – Player Tryout” form must be submitted at the tryout.

## **5. Underage Players:**

All players in BDRA play at their birth age level. BDRA does not support playing out of age anywhere when teams are available. Only in extenuating circumstances, the BDRA will permit underage player(s) with prior written consent from the Executive. The underaged BDRA players must be deemed a significant enhancement to the roster in order to be offered a position at the time. (i.e., Underaged BDRA athlete ranking below the top 6 ranked players of the tryout evaluations may not be offered a position displacing another of age BDRA athlete).

## **6. Players Unable to Attend Try-Outs:**

Players who do not attend try-outs will not be added to team rosters after the teams have been selected.

Exceptions can be made with prior consent from the Evaluations Coordinator(s) and / or President for extenuating circumstances such as injury, pre-planned travel, or emergency. Written proof and document verification will be required.

## **7. Offer to Play:**

Offers to play will be managed in accordance with SRRA policy requirements and deadlines.

## **8. Players released from tryouts:**

Players released will be managed in accordance with SRRA policy requirements and deadlines.

## **TRYOUT STRUCTURE**

Participants must attend a minimum of 2 of 3 tryouts to qualify for team placement, unless prior approval has been extended by the Board of Executive via the Evaluations Coordinator(s). New players to the area arriving in the Fall will have the opportunity to be evaluated if positions are still available.

### **First Try-Out & Second Try-Out:**

#### **Skating and Technical Skills:**

- Forward & Backward Skating
- Starting & Stopping
- Pivots & Turns
- Ring Control Skills:
- Passing & Receiving
- Shooting

#### **Competitive drills designed to test work ethic and determination.**

- o Does the athlete work their hardest at all drills or is their work ethic inconsistent or less than 100%?
- o Does the athlete perform the drill as described?
- o What is the athletes' attitude towards the evaluations and drills?

- o Does the athlete listen to the directions? Do they want the ring, and do they work hard to get it?
- o Do they work hard at getting to openings and/or participating in the play?
- o Does the athlete only work when they have the ring, or only when on offense?
- o Teaching to see which players understand, listen, and can apply to the drill situation.

**Third Try-out (by invitation only): Scrimmage with another Association Team**

- Final team selection is to be made by Team Selection Committee, the head coach and will be moderated by the Evaluations Coordinator after the third tryout.
- All players are to be contacted by e-mail or phone call in accordance with SRRA policy. The Offer to Play Letter and Roster Spot Not Offered Letter shall be used by all Associations within the Region.
- Coaches are to discuss further options with players that have been declined.