

Cambridge Ringette Association (CRA)

Special Meeting

October 10, 2024, 7:30 PM

Hespeler Memorial Auditorium

(pre-register to attend by video conference)

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Establish quorum
(requires 15 members present in person, by video or by proxy)
3. Vote to amend the articles and by-laws
(Special Resolution: Accept the proposed changes to the articles and by-laws of the Cambridge Ringette Association substantially as outlined in the attached Appendix.)
4. Adjournment

<p>Voting Procedure: Voting is by a show of hands - only by members in good standing and fully paid dues. Bare majority is sufficient. Tie break by vote of the President (or acting President)</p>
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APPENDIX to the Agenda

(of the Special Meeting of October 10, 2024)

Special Resolution to amend the Articles and Bylaws of the Cambridge Ringette Association:

- Reflect required changes pursuant to ONCA (Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporation Act) - primarily to modernize the rules and make record keeping easier for nonprofits
- Other proposed changes are intended to help the board to better comply with its obligations, including by simplifying governance:

Compliance-driven changes are:

- Change fiscal year - currently our fiscal year is July 1-June 30. We propose to change the fiscal year to May 1-April 30. Our registration year (for players and teams) will not change.

Key governance changes are:

- Change member classes - currently, all registrants are members (players 18+ or their parents if they are under 18, bench staff, officials, managers, executives). We propose to change this to three categories: members of the board, team head coaches, and applicants - who could be other team representatives (assistant coaches, trainers, managers, parent reps), interested parent or sibling volunteers, and interested community members.
- Change director numbers and terms - currently we are required to have 19 directors, each having a named position and serving one year. We propose to change this to the election of a smaller number and range of directors-at-large, who will be elected to necessary roles (by the board) following their election by the members. We propose to increase each director's term to two years, and we will stagger the terms of directors in order to support continuity and succession. We have added a board transition by-law (#2) to implement staggered director terms over the next two years.
- New registrant provisions - Following changes to our member classes, we now include registrants in a separate section. Registrants are players 18+, guardians of players under 18, coaches, managers and other officials who register with Cambridge Ringette Association. These provisions have not changed materially from our existing bylaws - the registration term remains the same (July 1 to June 30 each year) as do the clauses covering fees, discipline, status and good standing.