

## 5. GENERAL SPORT RULES

### 5.1. PLAYER PICK-UP:

Associations are only allowed to use players who are registered with Ringette BC from within their own association when required to bring the number of team members to its original roster size. Teams may only add players of a lesser caliber of play from within the same division or of equal or lesser caliber from a lower age division. No deletion of players from the team picking up is allowed. It is understood that this will not be an all-star team. An association having two teams in the same division will not be allowed to combine the two teams.

In tiered divisions (non-tiered divisions AND non-tiered players <U12 and younger> see: U9, U10 and U12 Player & Team Formation, Section 2.3) players may be picked up for one sanctioned tournament and three counter league games (counter games are those that count towards league standings - exhibition games are not considered counter games). If the player plays with the same or another higher age division/level of play team in an additional tournament or fourth or more league games, the team will forfeit the games. The player will not have the right to become a member of that team and must return to their original team.

Any team from U9 up to and including U12 that has a male goaltender must be making an effort to develop multiple goaltenders of both genders.

### 5.2. PLAYER PICK-UP:

- a. Overage players are permitted only with BC Ringette approval. Overage requests are to be made through a local association, who in turn must apply to their respective league. The deadline for leagues to submit overage requests to Ringette BC for final approval is November 1st.
- b. No overage players are permitted to play in sanctioned events except for the reasons stated below:
  - i. Any player who is physically or mentally challenged may apply in writing to Ringette BC (upon league approval) for permission to play in an age group other than their actual age division.
  - ii. Any player (or the parents/legal guardians of any player) who exhibits uncharacteristically weak skating and playing skills for their age, may apply in writing to Ringette BC (league approval required) for permission to play in an age group other than their actual age division. (Leagues will monitor game results and incidents involving size and strength to ensure an advantage is not being gained by the permission of the overage request)
  - iii. An association designated as a 'remote area' by Ringette BC can apply, in writing, to register players in a division other than their actual age division. Upon approval, these players are eligible to compete at the A, B, or C level as determined by their League. A 'remote area' is defined as an association that is not within close

proximity of another association to allow for the release of players for the season. Distance and travel conditions are taken into consideration when determining an association as one that is in a remote area.

5.3. VIOLATION OF PARTICIPANT RULES:

There shall be a fine levies for each violation of the following participant rules. Please see “Appendix: Rates and Honorariums — Violation of Participant Rules” for specific fine breakdown.

- a. Player/team found to have played in the wrong age division without Association, League, or Ringette BC approval.
- b. Player/team found to have played at the wrong competitive level without Association, League, or Ringette BC approval.
- c. Player found to have played in more than one championship event.
- d. Bench staff found to have the incorrect qualifications (where applicable).
- e. Player/team/team staff participating in regularly scheduled games while under Ringette BC or league suspension.
- f. Coaches who have a team member (player or team staff) who violates the participant rules will be subject to further disciplinary action by the league or the Ringette BC.

Note: Teams playing in events prior to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season will play in their tiered level designated with league approval.

5.4. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

- a. A player who is not registered and verified with Ringette BC.
- b. A player in a division other than the one she is registered in (she may move up a division or caliber but not down).
- c. A player playing while under Ringette BC and/or league suspension.

5.5. INELIGIBLE TEAM STAFF:

- a. Team staff members that are not registered with Ringette BC.
- b. Team staff members that do not have the required qualifications/certifications (where applicable).
- c. Team staff participating while under Ringette BC and/or league suspension.

5.6. NO FEMALE BEHIND THE BENCH:

A fully certified female coach, 19 years of age or older, is required behind (on) the bench for the U19 division and below. Violation of this rule may result in the team being disqualified from the tournament. Should the female be required to tend to an injury, no penalty will be enforced.