

U12 Q & A

Is U12A considered a competitive level?

No, U12 A is regional level. At one time, there was a competitive stream for U12, but Ringette Ontario has removed this.

What is the difference between U12A, B and C?

As per Ringette Ontario's guidelines, the 3 levels should all look alike. It is important to note decisions including number of tournaments (local and away), additional purchased ice, dry land training etc. are all team level decisions. While there are no set rules, it is not uncommon for U12A to attend more tournaments and to include dryland. The team budget limitations are the same for all levels of U12.

Is there only U12A provincials?

No, Ringette Ontario offers Provincials for all U12 levels including A,B and C. It is a team level decision whether to attend or not. It is not mandatory for each team to attend.

Will making a higher level U12 team guarantee that the player makes competitive teams in the future?

Absolutely not. In fact, in our experience we find that when players are sorted to their correct level they actually improve better than if they are slotted in a higher level than they should be. There are many cases where players have been sorted to U12B (even U12C) and play AA and A within the next few years while players who played U12A, never made competitive.

Will my player receive better coaching at higher U12 Levels ?

No. Your coach will only be as good as the parent group behind him or her. When the parents are committed to the "team", the players are committed and therefore it makes fostering a positive coaching environment much easier. We provide resources, depending on availability, including junior coaches, experienced coach mentoring including one on one guidance from experienced ringette coaches.

Does a U12A receive more ice times than U12B/C?

When allocating ice, CRRA allocates all U12 teams the same amount of ice regardless of the Level ABC. Teams are permitted to purchase additional ice, but this is a team level decision.

What is the difference between a Sort-out and Tryout

While they may appear similar, there is a fundamental difference in what they are meant to accomplish. Tryouts are for competitive teams and the focus is to create a competitive team based on the players attending. A sort-out is an evaluation of each player's skill level with a focus on determining which level they will be best suited to develop.