

PROVINCIAL FAQs

What is Provincial Ringette?

Provincial/A/AA levels of ringette are all considered to be the competitive level. Players must try out for these teams to play and have intents in. Intents can be filed with the region by completing a form: <http://www.wrra.ca/alweb/>. There is a due date for intents. However, this year, if players decide they would like to change their intent or have not gotten their intents in, they can still do so by contacting Peter Westlake at peter.west@live.ca.

Who Can Try Out for a Provincial Team?

Any ringette player is eligible to try out for a competitive team, in their appropriate age group.

Players from outside of Dorchester may also try out for a Provincial team in our Association if their own Association is not hosting the same level of play or if that player does not make their own Association's team. There will be the possibility of seeing players from Tillsonburg, London, St. Mary's and St. Thomas at tryouts.

You must go to your own association's tryouts if the level they are offering is the level you want. You may choose to attend other tryouts as well as long as you attend your association at the same time. If your association does not have the level you put your intent for, you must go to the next closest association. The closest association for Dorchester players can be found at this link:

<http://www.wrra.ca/cassoc/18dorc.php>

Do I have to register before I know if my player made a team?

The 2021/2022 season is different from other years because all tryouts are happening in the fall. In order to be allowed to step on the ice for any tryout, ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THEIR HOME ASSOCIATION and pay the REGIONAL FEES. As an association, we are charged for every player registered to cover insurance and other administrative fees.

If you are offered a spot on a Dorchester provincial team, the outstanding fee will be collected at that time.

If you make a team in another association and are released from Dorchester, all of your information will be transferred to the other association and a refund will be issued, minus the insurance fee (around \$55).

What do I need to bring to a tryout?

This year much of the paperwork has been reduced. You should have proof of registration with your home association if you are travelling to another center and your intent must be filed and visible on the WRRRA tracking spreadsheet. Your home association will already have that information so no proof will be needed.

YOU NO LONGER NEED TO BRING A PLAYER RELEASE FORM TO A TRYOUT IF TRYING OUT FOR ANOTHER ASSOCIATION. These forms will be filled out only once a roster spot is offered and need to be signed by the Association Presidents.

Each association usually charges a fee for the tryouts and ranges from \$10-\$20 per tryout. Exact change is always greatly appreciated.

What is a Pre-Skate and do I need to attend?

Pre-Skates are an opportunity for players to get on the ice prior to tryouts. Players are not being evaluated and these are not tryouts. These are optional for players and have a cost of \$15 per skate. Usually, two pre-skates per age group are scheduled to allow for players to get on the ice and practice.

I put my intent in for AA, but want to try out for A, can I still do this?

Once your intent is in for an AA team, your player can attend AA tryouts. If the player is not offered a position at the AA level, the player is automatically allowed to tryout for A level tryouts. If the player changed their mind and do not want to attend AA tryouts, they are still eligible to go to A tryouts without going to AA tryouts. However, the region does look at intents in order to approve teams for the associations to host and associations use intents to plan their tryouts. Parents should put an intent in for the level in which they want the player to play. If you wish to change your intent on the tracking form, you can do so by contacting Peter Westlake at peter.west@live.ca.

Will the Team Be Traveling All Over Ontario to Play for Regular League Games?

All provincial teams now belong to the Great Lakes Ringette League. This league covers a large area from Richmond Hill to Niagara Falls to Chatham. There will be travel throughout southwestern Ontario.

At the U12A age group, league play will be divided into East and West, with the furthest games being Mississauga or Burlington to Chatham and Forest. It will depend on the number of teams in the age group before boundaries can be made. For all other age groups, an east and west division WILL NOT occur. However, the league will do its best to schedule doubleheaders, to reduce the amount of travel.

When will league play start? Will there be tournaments?

All tryouts will be completed by October 27, 2021. It is hoped that league play will start the first week of November for AA and U12A, and by the second week of November for all other A level teams.

At this time, Ringette Ontario has said tournament play can happen starting January 2022. Provincial events are also planned for U14A/AA and above in March. More information about U12A and specifics dates will be available at the end of September. Of course, these can be cancelled at any time depending on provincial rules around Covid-19.

If I have further questions, who should I contact?

We are fortunate here in Dorchester to have key representation on both the WRRRA Provincial Committee and GLRL board. Shelley Handley is our DRA WRRRA rep and WRRL rep. Please feel free to contact her at any time through email at drameetingrep@gmail.com.

Brent Jackson, President, can also be contacted with questions presidentdra@gmail.com.

The following websites may also be helpful:

Western Region Ringette - Provincial Standing Committee: <http://www.wrra.ca/alweb/index.php>

Great Lakes Ringette League: <https://glrl.ca/>