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# **Eastern Ontario AA Ringette Association**

## **Town Hall**



# Ringette Ontario

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# U19AA Program Overview - Phyllis Bergmans

- Why are we changing to a Region-wide U19 AA Program? To strengthen to Eastern Region Program to allow consistent competition provincially and nationally.
- Working Group: Phyllis Bergmans, Peggy Pratt, Allison Madeley, Rob Cram, Barry Gorham, Brent Dobson, Dave Mainwood, Elizabeth Plamondon, Dave Berthelot, Kristy Biddle, Nancy Gehlen , Stephanie Barozzi , Celine Leduc.
- ERRA Board/Presidents' approval received.
- What does an AA team look like?
  - Up to 15 skaters, 2 goalies
  - 3-4 ice times per week
  - 4-6 tournaments per season
- 2024/25 season - 2 teams.
- Ice Schedule - centralized practice + practices with other teams throughout Region; game ice throughout Region - need for cooperation with all ice schedulers.
- Question from google form: What night will practices be so university students can plan their schedule?

# U19 Program Overview

- The number of U19 competitive teams in the Region is not anticipated to change.
  - An association is not prohibited from having two U19A teams but it's not encouraged to ensure level of play is not compromised.
  - A Working Group lead will be identified to provide input and focus on the impacts to the U19A program and model. Coordination and communication between the AA teams and the Region wide A teams will be essential for the future success of both divisions.
    - This lead person will arrange to meet with competitive directors before the summer.
    - Help to create the U19A program to mirror the former AA program and ensure consistency across the Region.
  - U19B teams will still exist in their own division - no changes to this division.
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# Google Form Question

How do you see this impacting the A level? Will you give the A players the chance to develop to make AA teams in future years, by not allowing associations to host teams that do not have the skill/ ice time to support A level teams? (I.E will you be encouraging associations to look at their out of association policies to ensure the strongest players are making A teams)

- We will continue working with the associations to encourage a consistent policy across all associations.



# New Association - Brent Dobson

- Support and guidance from RO on the creation of a new AA Ringette Association.
    - ERRA cannot host teams, so was not an option to fall under this Association.
  - Secured the services of SportLaw to advise and assist in the Incorporation activities, and the creation of Bylaws and Policies.
  - Estimate the new Association will be incorporated June/July, with first AGM to be held in September.
  - First incorporators: Phyllis Bergmans, Peggy Pratt, Adam McDonald.
  - First Board composition will be aligned with new Bylaws, and will consist of non-parent and parent (participants).
  - New RAMP website to be launched ASAP - will be primary source for information sharing
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# Coach Selection - Kristy Biddle

## Committee Members:

- Sheri Markle, John Mezenberg, Jackie Banning, Kristy Biddle

## Selection Committee Overview:

- Committee members were carefully chosen from regions across the province to ensure impartiality and fairness in the selection process.
- The inclusion of members from various regions mitigated any potential bias that could have arisen from a solely Eastern Region-based committee.

## Key Steps in the Selection Process:

1. Application Review:
  - Received applications from prospective coaches, both head coaches and assistant coach applicants.
  - Evaluated each application based on predetermined criteria including coaching experience, qualifications, alignment with team goals and letters of reference.
2. Interview Process:
  - Conducted thorough interviews with all candidates.
  - Assessed coaching philosophies, strategies, season plan and compatibility with team dynamics.

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## Key Steps in the Selection Process continue:

### Final Deliberations:

- a. Committee members convened to discuss and compare candidates' strengths, weaknesses, and suitability for the U19AA coaching position.

### Consensus Decision & Report:

- b. Through collaborative discussion and deliberation, a unanimous decision was reached on the selection of the two (2) most qualified candidates.
- c. The committee produced a 8-page report that made further recommendations on Assistant Coach placements and discusses findings, observations and recommendations to the successful head coaches.

### Next Steps:

- Call out for goalie coaches
- Will follow similar approach depending on number of applicants.



# Coach Selection - Kristy Biddle

Celine Leduc <b>Head Coach</b>	Dave Mainwood <b>Head Coach</b>
Hanya Wyatt <b>Assistant Coach</b>	Elizabeth Plamondon <b>Assistant Coach</b>
Brent Dobson <b>Assistant Coach</b>	Alyssa Mainwood <b>Assistant Coach</b>
TBD <b>Goalie Coach</b>	TBD <b>Goalie Coach</b>

# U19AA Liaison Role - Allison Madeley

For 2006 born athletes: Options for all at-calibre athletes to play

- U19AA
- U19A
- University of Ottawa GeeGees
- Carleton University Ravens
- Nepean NRL
- Gatineau NRL
- 18+ A/AA

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# Tryouts & Team Forming - Rob Cram

*Question from Google Form: Will there will be pre-tryout conditioning sessions?*

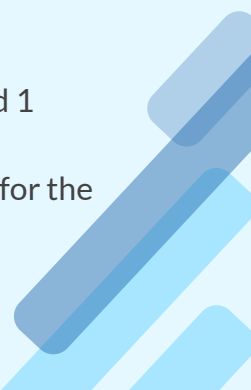
Yes, we are working towards getting approximately 4-6 conditioning sessions in the weeks prior to the tryouts.

*Question from Google Form: Will there be a focus on placing 1st and 2nd year players to over 3rd year players to assist with the success of future years of the program?*

We are looking to place the top 28-30 skaters and top 4 goalies in the region on the teams, regardless of age or previous association.



# Tryouts & Team Forming - Rob Cram

- **Summer Fitness**
    - Tryouts will be intense, prepare for them in the gym & on the ice.
  - **Tryouts Schedules**
    - Will be disseminated soon - Tryouts will occur the final week of August into the Labour long weekend.
  - **Tryout Format**
    - Each player is guaranteed two icetimes and two tryout jerseys (\$200).
    - 3-4 experienced assessors to assess each position (G, C, F, D).
    - Upon selection to the 4th tryout a \$500 deposit is required to continue in the tryout process.
  - **Team Forming**
    - Teams will be balanced by a select group of assessors and experienced coaches; 10 players and 1 goalie will be placed on each team.
    - Head Coaches will then draft the remaining 4-5 players per roster and an additional 5 players for the spares/call-up list.
    - Friend requests will not be entertained.
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# Logo, Jerseys, and Apparel

## Elizabeth Plamondon

Eastern Ontario AA Ringette Association Logo in design stage

### Game Jerseys

- Custom designed game jerseys - Home Town Rivalry - fresh new look, colours and branding.

### Apparel program

- Gadar Promotions - player & fan apparel, convenient online ordering.
- Program apparel consistent between teams to minimize repeated parent expenditures year over year.

# Sponsorships

Game Jersey Sponsor: B.G. Gorham Construction

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# Questions

Please limit your questions to information that has not been provided either in the program communication or tonight's presentation.

