



## Edmonton Ringette Tournament Policy

### Number of Tournaments

Attendance at an excessive number of tournaments during a season has a number of negative affects including, but not limited to:

- Negatively altering the competition to practice ratio as recommended in the LTAD Framework;
- causing leagues and teams problems relating to rescheduling ice times;
- putting increased financial and time strains on parents;
- reducing time for athletes to engage in alternate activities; and
- potentially limiting access to tournaments by other teams.

As such:

- i. Depending on division, each team may attend a MAXIMUM of:
  - **Active Start:**
    - TWO tournaments a season with no out of town travel. This INCLUDES the Silver Ring.
  - **U10 Step 1 and U10 Step 2:**
    - THREE tournaments a season, with max 1 travel tournament. This includes the Silver Ring.
  - **U10 Step 3 :**
    - THREE tournaments a season, with max 2 travel tournaments. This includes the Silver Ring.
  - **U12:**
    - FOUR tournaments a season with max 2 travel tournaments. This includes the Silver Ring.
  - **U14:**
    - FIVE tournaments a season with max 3 travel tournaments. This includes the Silver Ring.
  - **U16 and U19:**
    - SIX tournaments (including the Silver Ring) with max 4 out of town and can travel out of province.
- ii. Conditions which may prevent compliance with the above must be brought to the attention of the Executive by the coach or team manager.
- iii. Tournaments which take place prior to the start of BGL league play (Session 1) are also excluded from this total.
- iv. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary action which may include removal of practice ice or suspension of coach(es).
- v. Exceptions can be made with board approval please email [admin2@edmontonringette.com](mailto:admin2@edmontonringette.com) and CC your division director.



### **Additional Details**

- i. Tournaments, especially out of town, have significant financial expectations. All parents must agree.
- ii. Prior to applying to tournaments, team managers must share the expected costs (including registration fees/hotel costs/travel costs) with all parents and
  - a. have agreement to proceed with applications.
- iii. **Only 2 tournaments are allowed to take place during Session 2 of BGL league play** and these dates must be given to ice allocator prior to Second Session scheduling blackout request deadline as outlined in BGL Critical Dates.
- iv. If a division is not included in the Silver Ring Tournament for a particular year, the EFCLRA board has agreed to cover the cost of participating in another tournament of the team's preference. The reimbursement is limited to the amount equivalent to the Silver Ring Tournament fee for their division.

### **Definitions**

- i. **Out of Town:** Teams required to travel more than 100km or are required to stay overnight in a hotel.