

Edmonton Ringette Club Information - 2025/26



ERC EVALUATION REGISTRATIONS

Please register for evaluations at: http://edmontonringetteclub.rampregistrations.com

U14 Division

Tryout registration opens on June 15, 2025, and is \$125.

Registration for U14AA with the ERC closes on August 15, 2025. For registration after this date, please contact the technical director at technical director@edmontonringetteclub.com.

U16 and U19 Divisions

Early bird tryout registration from June 15 - July 15, 2025 is \$125.

Regular tryout registration from July 16 - August 22, 2025 is \$175.

Registration for evaluations closes on August 22, 2025. For registration after this date (not guaranteed), please contact the technical director at technical director@edmontonringetteclub.com.

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Our evaluations schedule is also posted on the <u>Edmonton Ringette Club website</u>, and will also be emailed to registrants prior to the start of tryouts.

U14 AA Aug. 25-30, 2025 (included ERC skates and Centralized tryout skates)

U16 AA Aug. 25-28, 2025 U19 AA Aug. 25-28, 2025 WAM Aug 23-28, 2025

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees for the 2025/26 season for all AA teams (U14AA, U16AA, U19AA) are \$1,200 for skaters and \$600 for goalies. We have a matching fund for families who qualify for KidSport and/or Jumpstart to support our members.

EVALUATION DETAILS AND FORMAT

Separate tryouts will be held for U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, and WAM, with the U14AA players also participating in centralized tryouts with other Northern Alberta associations.

Out of respect for our tryout process, athletes should only register for evaluations if they intend to play with the Edmonton Ringette Club.

Please arrive a minimum of 30 minutes before each evaluation skate to check in and receive an evaluation jersey. Please return the jersey after each ice time.

If a player will miss tryouts because of illness, injury, or family emergency, please email the head coach directly and refer to the Player Injury Policy. If you are not able to attend a tryout for any other reason, please text the head coach as soon as possible so adjustments to the line up can be made.

U14 Division

This season, ringette associations in the Capital Region are piloting a new tryout process for U14AA.

If you would like to play U14AA with the ERC (and are a former ERC player, an Edmonton resident, or reside in an area without a host AA association), you can register using the above evaluations registration link.

All U14 aged players registered for ERC AA evaluations are then asked to attend UAA (Universal Athlete Assessment) skates with Edmonton Federation Ringette on Aug. 23 and 24, 2025. More information will be provided upon registration.

ERC will run evaluation skates on August 25 and 26. From there, it will select AA-ready players to be invited to Centralized Evaluations from August 28-30. Athletes chosen to move forward with the Centralized Evaluation will participate in 3 additional skates..

After Centralized Skate 1, ERC Coaches can "protect" players from ERC evaluations that they have selected for their team.

After Centralized Skates 2 and 3, ERC Coaches will receive a list of available players who tried out for another Host Association and who have indicated a willingness to play for the ERC, who were not 'protected' by their Host Association.

ERC Coaches will build their final rosters based on their protected players and the available unprotected player pool.

U16 and U19 Divisions

In the U16 and U19 divisions, there will be 4 evaluation skates, and all registrants are guaranteed participation in the first 2 evaluation skates. The 4th evaluation skate may include an exhibition game against another AA association.

Player releases may occur after both the 2nd and 3rd evaluation skates. The names of players advancing to the 3rd and 4th evaluation skates will be posted on our evaluations page by 3:00pm on the day of those skates.

DRESSING ROOM GUIDELINES

All athletes will have access to the common areas of the change rooms

No parents are allowed inside of the dressing rooms, if players require assistance with their skates or other equipment the parents can help them in the hallway/lobby.

We ask athletes to wear a base layer (shorts, leggings, sports bra etc) while in the common areas of the change rooms at all times.

Cell phone use inside the dressing room is prohibited, if you need to use your phone please step into the hallway.

Thank you for helping us foster a safe and inclusive environment for all of the players.

TEAM FORMATION & ATHLETE SELECTION

Team rosters will consist of 13 - 15 skaters, and 1 - 2 goalies, unless there are extenuating circumstances that would justify a larger or smaller team roster.

Players will participate in drills and gameplay, and will be evaluated on their skating skills, ring skills, game sense, competitive drive, and sportsmanship.

Please see our Evaluations Considerations document for what our Evaluators and Coaches are considering.

Goalies will participate in drills and gameplay and will be evaluated on their mobility, ring distribution, tracking, angles, positioning, competitive drive, and sportsmanship. There *may* be a separate Goalie evaluation scheduled, depending on the number of goalies trying out for a division.

Independent evaluators with experience and knowledge about competitive ringette will assess players and goalies. Players will be cross evaluated by different evaluators, and will provide evaluation scores as a resource for the Head Coach to inform his/her selection decisions.

Non-resident players at all levels will be considered for selection to ERC teams. All players are subject to Ringette Alberta Policies with regards to player movement and releases, and all applicable principles outlined within those policies.

The final team rosters will be selected by the Head Coach, and submitted to the ERC Board for approval. Rosters will be announced within approximately 24 hours of the final evaluation skate.

TIME COMMITMENT

Players can expect to attend team events approximately 4-5 times per week. This will include, practices, games, approximately 5 tournaments per season plus provincials and westerns/nationals, dryland, mental performance training, sports nutrition sessions, and team building activities.

The ERC understands athletes should prioritize family and school over ringette and encourages multi-sport athletes, particularly at the U14 level. That said, the ERC is a competitive AA ringette program and players are required to have a commitment appropriate to this level of competition. Please discuss any potential scheduling conflicts with the head coach prior to evaluations.

TEAM STAFF

Please see our Coach Selection Policy.

TEAM VS CLUB FUNDRAISING

The ERC is a small organization and we try to keep our fees as low as possible. It is important that our membership contributes to fundraising efforts at both the team and club level. These activities raise important funds for the teams and the ERC but also are a great way to support team building and allow families to get to know each other.

The amount and type of team fundraising is determined by the team staff.

Examples of team fundraising:

- Bottle drives
- Raffle draws or baskets
- Pub nights
- Sponsorship
- Product selling

The ERC general club fundraising:

- Casino (December 3 and 4, 2025)
- Bingos (approximately 2-3 per team per year)
- Wood Tournament (November 28-30, 2025) & Silent Auction 50/50 Raffle

VOLUNTEERING

ERC is a not-for-profit sport organization and we rely on volunteers to run the organization and ensure quality programming is provided.

Our membership is asked to hold volunteer positions at both the Club level and team level.

Team roles include: Wood Tournament Committee, Treasurer, Fundraising, Travel and Food Coordinators; Video Coordination, Social media rep. etc.

Club roles include: Wood tournament committee lead, website and social media, newsletter, banquets, etc.

FOOD AT TOURNAMENTS

The ERC teams plan team meals at away tournaments. These meals are a way to provide healthy nutrition and to save on costs. The team manager with consultation with the head coach will support parent volunteers in developing a plan for each tournament weekend. Parent volunteers will buy and prepare food for each tournament weekend. Generally, the ERC Travel Committee arranges accommodations for tournaments where most or all ERC teams are attending, with kitchenettes or group rooms to allow easy meal preparation by parent volunteers.

TEAM BUDGETS

Additional team fund requirements depend on a number of factors depending on the composition of the team budgets. Factors include number/location of tournaments, dryland activities, supplemental training, team building activities and team fundraising efforts.

The Team Treasurer, in consultation with the Head Coach and Manager, will draft a team budget for presentation to and discussion with families.

PLAYER APPAREL/EQUIPMENT/FAN WEAR

The ERC will be lending 2 practice jerseys and 2 game jerseys for each player and goalie.

PRACTICE and GAME pants can be rented or purchased.

U14/U16/U19 players will require a black helmet, and black gloves are recommended. WAM players will require a blue helmet.

New U14/U16/U19 ERC players are provided a jacket and equipment bag. New coaches/managers will receive a jacket OR backpack.

Required player apparel (warm up shirt x2, sweatshirt and 2 name bars) will be purchased through the ERC's online store.

The total cost for the required ERC apparel is approximately \$125 - \$150. Name bars are \$20 each plus an additional \$10 to have the name bars professionally installed and removed.

The ERC will operate an online store providing players, coaches, and fans an opportunity to purchase additional ERC apparel items and fanwear.

GOALIE DEVELOPMENT

In addition to reduced goalie registration fees, ERC offers a goalie equipment subsidy, will cover the cost of group goalie training of all ERC goalies in U14-U19 for all programming contracted by the ERC (eg. 5-Count), and will reimburse each team in U14-U19 up to \$1500/season for individual outside training, or to hire a specialized goalie instructor for in-practice training.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is an event all members are required to attend to ensure members are aware of important ERC initiatives and governance requirements. The AGM is typically early to mid October and the Board will provide members the date at least 21 days in advance, once ice schedules are finalized.

The club is a small association so participation on the board, or in the other volunteer roles, is vital to ongoing operation and success. Our membership contains people with many different skill sets and we'd encourage you to consider volunteering for a Board position. The current Board will help you learn and transition into the role!

ERC POLICIES

The ERC has adopted a comprehensive set of policies that align with Ringette Alberta's policy requirements. The ERC is governed by by-laws, and has adopted other operating policies including evaluation, travel, and team formation. See www.edmontonringetteclub.com for additional details.

On behalf of the ERC thank you for attending evaluations and wish the very best of luck to each athlete and the upcoming ringette season.

Sincerely,

The ERC Board