

ERC Policy re: Open A Elite Ice Team

The intent of the Edmonton Ringette Club (“ERC”) is to form an ERC Alumni Open A U25 team (“Elite Ice”) to enable Elite U19AA players after their last year to play Open A and continue to enjoy companionship and competitive ringette without the commitment required in the NRL.

The ERC will provide:

- jerseys (ownership retained by ERC)
- rings (ownership retained by ERC)
- one set of shot clocks (ownership retained by ERC)
- adult ice sourced by ERC and will submit ice to NAWRA (ERC ice allocator)
- online registration (ERC registrar / webmaster)
- registration of the team to RAB (ERC registrar)
- \$1000.00 deposit with NAWRA to ensure compliance with rules

The ERC is running the Open A Elite Ice Team as a break even program. The rationale for this is that it is not a AA program and their travel costs are minimal as compared to the other ERC teams. The registration fees shall cover the cost of the ice, team registration and player/coach fees, referee fees, as well as a jersey fund.

Team Selection

Ideally, the Open A team would have 18-21 full-time players including goalies and a minimum 15 full-time skaters and 1 goalie. *If necessary, the ERC may determine that evaluations are necessary to select the team and the ERC may implement an age limit younger than 25 years of age.* The final team roster will need approval of the ERC Board of Directors. As indicated above, the preference is for players just graduating from ERC U19AA. As well, preferred players would be those no longer playing WAM!

Team and Player Requirements

The Open A Elite Ice Team and players shall:

- comply with all applicable ERC policies except for the apparel policy
- comply with all RAB bylaws and policies
- have a team bank account
- appoint a team manager and treasurer who will act as liaisons with the ERC board
- have its team manager register the team with NAWRA
- be responsible for and pay any fines assessed or any deposit paid by ERC that is forfeited; payment in respect to the latter shall be paid immediately to the ERC by the team;
- obtain prior board approval for any use of the Elite or ERC logo
- provide uniform deposits of \$200 per player per season (cheque to be post-dated to February 1 and payable to the Edmonton Ringette Club)
- provide a Code of Conduct signed by each player
- be fully responsible for all costs associated with games and events outside the approved league schedule

The ERC recommends that the team have a coach.

Open A team attendance is welcome but not required at AGM.

Equipment and Apparel

- Game pants should be plain black pants or current or old Elite pants. The Open A team players have the option of purchasing current Elite game pants if they wish.
- Athletes should have black helmets in addition to full equipment as required by Ringette Canada.
- The ERC recommends shoulder pads but understands that these are optional at Open.

Sponsors and Fundraising

The Open A team will not participate in club fundraising (bingos, casinos, raffles) or Wood fundraising except that its players may participate in the grocery card program.

The team may obtain a sponsor (depending on the amount possibly to be recognized with a shoulder patch on the jerseys). The cost of the patch and application and removal of same shall be at the cost of the team or sponsor. Such sponsor and patch design shall first require board approval.

The team may conduct its own fundraising such as bottle drives, however, any fundraising that requires an AGLC license shall be first approved by the ERC board.

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