

ELORA FERGUS RINGETTE

Provincial Ringette

2026-2027



What is Provincial Ringette?

- AA/A divisions are available for U14 to U19 players and are the highest levels of competition for youth ringette.
 - 12A Ringette is no longer considered a provincial team level.
 - As per Ringette Ontario direction, there are no tryouts for 12A, player sort outs are allowed in September.
 - This is meant to reduce ringette commitments over the summer for younger ages.



What does it involve?

- Higher intensity practices and games
- Increased travel
- Longer season commitments
- Tryouts to earn a roster spot
- Greater time and financial commitment
- Competitive teams compete against other associations across Ontario and may attend provincial championships.
- If you are new to competitive play, don't worry — many families are navigating this process for the first time.



What is the commitment level like?

- In most cases, the commitment level for AA/A teams is more demanding than B/C teams, both in terms of time and financial commitments.
- Coaches often go over this at tryouts and will require the families of the final team roster to sign some sort of contract indicating your commitment level.
- All AA/A level teams play in the Great Lakes Ringette League (GLRL.ca).



What is the commitment level like?

- There are fewer AA teams, so the travel distance is greater and more frequent.
- A teams travel similar distances as AA but will have more opportunity for closer-to-home games.
- AA/A level teams tend to enter more tournaments at farther distances which could increase the financial burden on families.



Who can try out for AA/A Teams?

To be eligible to tryout, players must:

1. Have submitted a player intent form with Ringette Ontario by the March 16th deadline.
2. Be registered with an association before tryouts start.
 - Registration for 25/26 season applies.
 - If a non-player in 25-26 wishes to try out, they will need to register with their home association to attend try-outs in 26-27.
3. Tryout in their age division.
 - As of 2026, underage players will not be permitted on U14A/AA, U16A/AA or U19A/AA teams except to ensure team viability (RO approval is required).



What is the process?

- There are very specific rules that must be followed during the tryout process for associations, coaches, families and players.
 - [RO 2026-27 U14-U19 Team Formation Policy](#)
 - [RO U14-U19 Team Formation Procedures Manual](#)
- Ringette Ontario will be monitoring all tryouts, and EFRA will follow their rules and regulations.
- After players submit their intent form with Ringette Ontario, associations will review to determine whether they will host any AA or A teams.



Key Terms

- **Home Association:**

- The local association to which the player is eligible to play by residency. (Example: I live in Elora Fergus, so my home association is Elora Fergus)

- **Current Association:**

- The association to which a player has been released for level of play for the current season will then be considered the player's "Current Association". (Example: Elora Fergus player played for Guelph U14A this season, so they are now current to Guelph)



Register for Tryouts

- Players MUST go to tryouts at their home and/or current association if they offer the age and level for which the athlete intends to tryout. **A bona fide effort must be given by the athlete at each tryout.**
- Please see each associations website for more details. Some dates are 'Open' tryouts, some are 'Invite Only'.
- Skaters may attend tryouts at 2 AA clubs. Skaters may attend tryouts at 3 A clubs. Goalies can attend tryouts at 3 AA clubs.
- Associations will post information about tryouts, cost, and link to register on their websites.
- Register and/or pay for your tryouts with **EACH** association you intend to tryout for.
- Associations will use RAMP for tryout registration will have it under "Registration" or a dedicated 'Tryouts' page on their website.



Attending Tryouts

- ‘Open tryouts’ mean that any athlete who has completed their intent to tryout, registered and paid can attend that tryout.
 - Your player will not be allowed on the ice if payment isn’t made and registration completed.
- If you cannot make a tryout because of family commitments, injury, sickness or conflicts etc., let the tryout lead or coach know ASAP.
- If there are tryouts on the same night for 2 or more associations, you must attend the tryouts that are first in your pathway (home and/or current).
- Attendance is tracked at each tryout with Ringette Ontario
 - This is to ensure that player movement rules are being followed
 - This form is not made public by Ringette Ontario



Tryout Results

- Typically, after 2 tryouts, the first round of releases are made. However, releases can be made after the first tryout. Some teams can be formed after 2 tryouts – depending on numbers and talent of players.
- Decisions will be communicated by email.
 - If releases are being made you may receive notice that you have been released (see Roster Spot not Offered) or that you are invited back to Invite Only tryouts, or you may receive an offer from the team (see Roster Spot Offered)
- **Invite only tryouts** are used when teams need to make further cuts after 1 or 2 tryouts
 - Sometimes all remaining players will be invited back, while other tryouts will only invite back athletes they need to see again.
 - In some cases, the top athletes may not be invited back as they already have made the team and do not need to be seen again.



Roster Spot Not Offered Letter

- If you receive a ***roster spot not offered*** letter through email, unfortunately you were not successful at that association's tryouts
- The ***roster spot not offered*** letter is the official evidence that you are released.



Roster Spot Offered

- If you receive a “**Roster Spot Offered**” letter from the coach or association, usually through email – your journey is almost done!
- You will be given up to 48 hours to accept or decline the offer
- If you accept the offer, you are now on a provincial level team!
- You must accept the offer – no response means you decline the offer.
- Most associations ask you to keep your Roster Spot Offer confidential until team rosters are announced



Roster spot offered - DECLINED

- If you decline the roster spot offered, you return to your home association and start the player movement process at the next level down.
- **For Example:** If a Tillsonburg player declines an offer to play on U16AA in London and did not make AA at another association, they must start the A level process at Tillsonburg and attend A tryouts at their Home and Current association, and then up to 3 associations in total (Home, Current and ??)



Conditional Roster spot offered – not home or current

- If a player attends tryouts at multiple clubs, the home club has the first right of refusal. If the home club does not offer the player a roster spot, the current club has the next right of refusal, if a roster spot is not offered the player may then accept an offer at another club, if applicable. If no roster spot offers are received at that level, the player may then try out for the next lower level.
- Players who attend tryouts at clubs other than those with the first right of refusal (home/current), are eligible to receive a conditional roster spot offer. Conditional Roster Spot Offers must be sent in writing, via email. Players who receive a conditional offer have 48 hours to respond, in writing to accept or decline the offer. Failure to respond within 48 hours will be considered a declined offer. By accepting a conditional offer, the player is committing to accepting a roster spot on the team if their home and/or current club(s) do not offer them a roster spot.
- **For Example:** An Elora Fergus player who played in Guelph last season attends tryouts for U16A in Elora Fergus, Guelph and Waterloo. Waterloo can send a conditional roster spot offer and the player can accept. If Elora Fergus and Guelph release this player, they will be on the Waterloo team. If the player is offered from Elora Fergus and Guelph as well, they will play in Elora Fergus since that is their home association.



Accepting spot – not home or current

- If you accept an offer for a team with an association other than your HOME association, you have a little more work to do
- Once you have accepted a roster spot OUTSIDE of your home association, you will be required to fill out the [Athlete Release](#) form from Ringette Ontario
- Once you fill out your information, email it to your Home Association's president or registrar and they will help you through this process – there are many signatures needed!
- This form must be sent to RO with all signatures by November 15th.



Questions?

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