



FORT SASKATCHEWAN RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

TITLE: OPEN RINGETTE

POLICY #: 8900

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1.0 Purpose

To outline the Fort Saskatchewan Ringette Association's (FSRA) rules concerning the formation and operation of Open Ringette Teams.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to Competitive and Recreational Ringette Teams. It applies to all league, exhibition, tournament, play down, and Provincial Championship games unless specifically stated otherwise in this policy.

It does not apply to National Ringette League Teams as they are governed by their own framework under the National Ringette League.

3.0 Terms

Open Ringette Team – A ringette team that does not have an age restriction and is open to young adults (18 and over) seeking a higher level of competition.

Competitive Ringette – A division of Open Ringette that favors competition and the desire to win. It is available in three skill levels: Open A, Open B, and Open C. All three divisions are entitled to attend the Ringette Alberta Provincial Championships, but only Open A can attend the Western Canadian Ringette Championships.

Recreational Ringette – A division of Open Ringette that favors social interaction through a recreational environment. It is not able to attend Provincial Championships.

Playdowns – A tournament held to determine which teams are eligible to enter the Provincial Championships.

4.0 Policy

4.1 If registration is sufficient, the FSRA will host Open Ringette Teams. These teams shall receive the same level of support as FSRA Community Teams.

4.2 Open Ringette Teams registered with the FSRA are expected to abide by the FSRA's Policies and Procedures unless otherwise stated by this policy.



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- 4.3 Regardless of how many games the Open Ringette Team intends to play, all teams participating in an FSRA sanctioned event should be registered with the FSRA.
- 4.4 All members of team staff that will be on the Open Ringette Team's player bench must be registered on that team as staff members. Players in Competitive teams may also be assistant coaches, and players in Open B and C teams can even be that team's head coach. Player coaches must assume the same level of responsibility as non-player coaches.
- 4.5 Competitive team participants must be registered as a full-time player on only one team at a time. However, participants are free to substitute on any team of the same level or higher, provided they abide by the Association Affiliation Policy (#2300).
- 4.6 Recreational team participants can play on any team at any time, provided they are registered as a Recreational player. Recreational players under the age of 18 must abide by the Association Affiliation Policy (#2300). They can affiliate to only one team, either Recreational or Competitive, at a higher level.
- 4.7 Teams wishing to participate in Provincial Championships must participate in Playdowns; as defined jointly by Ringette Alberta and the applicable Leagues. Teams must submit their commitment to attend to Ringette Alberta by the specified deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- 4.8 Teams shall compete in Playdowns and Provincial Championships at the same level of competitive play in which they participated during League play.