



## **RINGETTE ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

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### **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this Policy is to govern the admission and denial of Membership within Ringette Ontario (RO) and the responsibilities of accepted Members to stay in good standing.
2. Membership is required to participate and/or compete in any Ringette Ontario or Ringette Canada competitions and/or events.

### **APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY**

3. This policy applies to all Ringette Ontario Members and potential Members.

### **CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP**

4. The Corporation has the following categories of Member:
  - a) Quality Ringette Provider – A voting member. A Club that completes and remits all documents requirements in the registration package and is approved by Ringette Ontario.
  - b) Adult Affiliate Team – A non-voting member. Any 18+ Club/team that completes and remits documentation that meets the requirements to be an affiliate team and is approved by Ringette Ontario.
  - c) Sanctioned League – A non-voting member. A league that completes and remits all required documents and is approved by Ringette Ontario.

### **APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

5. Application for Membership is defined below and in Ringette Ontario's By-laws.

### **ADMISSION OF MEMBERS**

6. No individual or entity will be admitted as a Member of Ringette Ontario unless:
  - a. The candidate Member has made an application for Membership in a manner prescribed by Ringette Ontario.
  - b. The candidate Member has been approved by majority vote as a Member by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board.
  - c. If, at the time of applying for Membership the candidate Member is currently a Member, the candidate Member is a Member in good standing.
  - d. If the candidate Member was at any time previously a Member, the candidate Member was a Member in good standing at the time of ceasing to be a Member; and
  - e. The candidate Member has submitted the appropriate materials according to the level of membership they are applying for.

### **EXPIRATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

7. All Memberships within Ringette Ontario will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

### **RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

8. Membership within Ringette Ontario does not renew automatically.
9. No Ringette Ontario Member will be renewed as a Member of Ringette Ontario unless:
  - a. The renewing Member has made an application for Membership renewal in a manner prescribed by Ringette Ontario.
  - b. The renewing Member is a Member in good standing; and

- c. The renewing Member has submitted the appropriate materials according to the level of membership they are applying for.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

10. The membership year of Ringette Ontario is July 1 – June 30th.
11. Membership fees will be determined annually by the Board upon the recommendation by the Executive Director and are to be paid annually in conjunction with the Membership Application Submission.

### **MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPANT FEES**

12. Membership Participant fees will be determined annually by the Board upon the recommendation by the Executive Director
13. Failure to pay any outstanding Membership fees by June 30th will result in expulsion from Ringette Ontario.

### **GOOD STANDING**

14. A Member of Ringette Ontario will be in good standing provided that the Member:
  - a. Has not ceased to be a Member.
  - b. Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other restrictions or sanctions imposed.
  - c. Has completed and remitted all documents as required by Ringette Ontario.
  - d. Has complied with the By-laws, policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of Ringette Ontario
  - e. Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by Ringette Ontario, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
  - f. Has paid all required membership dues or debts to Ringette Ontario, if any.
15. Members who cease to be in good standing may have privileges suspended and will not be entitled to vote at meetings of Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of Membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing as set out above.

### **WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

16. Withdrawal and termination of membership is defined in the Ringette Ontario By-laws.
17. A Member may resign from Ringette Ontario by giving a written notice to the Board. The Member's resignation will become effective the date on which the request is approved by the Board.
18. A Member may not resign from Ringette Ontario when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action.
19. A Member will be expelled from Ringette Ontario for failing to pay Membership dues or monies owed to Ringette Ontario by the deadline dates prescribed by Ringette Ontario.
20. In addition to expulsion for failure to pay Membership dues, a Member may be suspended or expelled from Ringette Ontario in accordance with Ringette Ontario's policies and procedures relating to discipline of Members.

### **EFFECTIVE PERIOD**

21. This policy is effective from May 1, 2024 – April 31, 2027, and will be revised before its expiration date.