

GUELPH RINGETTE ASSOCIATION TRYOUT POLICY

A-AA Tryout Selection Process

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OVERVIEW

The primary goal of this policy is:

This policy will provide basic information to Guelph Ringette Association (GRA) to facilitate a fair and transparent tryout selection process for A-AA teams. It will also foster the long-term interests of the GRA and provide opportunities for qualified GRA players to play at the AA/A level, while also balancing the best interests of players and the future of our sport.

Player Tracking

Players wishing to try out for a Provincial level team are required to register their intent on Western Region Ringette Association's website. The compiled intent information will be made available on the WRRRA's website and provides associations and WRRRA with important information to determine the level of playing interest in their area and how many teams could/should be formed at each level.

Head Coach Selection

Coaching applications for A/AA teams received prior to the application deadline will be considered. In some circumstances a request may be made for additional applications and/or GRA is required to source a coach with applicable qualifications/experience. A Coach and Player Development Committee (CPDC) Selection Panel is created to interview potential coaches and CPDC ensures the interview panel does not have any conflict(s) of interest. The selection committee will present their recommendations to the CPDC for approval and will inform the GRA Board of Directors. The successful coaching candidate and once they have accepted, the committee contacts the remaining applicants.

Player Roster Size:

CPDC will determine the roster size for all teams based on the best interest of the GRA, players and the sport of ringette.

DEFINITIONS:

Home Player: A player that is a resident of Guelph and surrounding area that started ringette first for GRA or an out of town player that has played for GRA for 3 consecutive seasons with release.

Current Player: An out of town player who needed a release from their home association in the previous season, has played less than 3 consecutive years in Guelph but is currently playing in Guelph or played in Guelph the previous year.

Out of Town Players: An out of town player is a player whose home association is not GRA and did not play for GRA in the previous season.

Conflict of Interest: Any members of GRA, including but not limited to family members, parents, players, volunteers, coaches will not participate in GRA's tryout process, in any capacity, in which a GRA member or out of town player is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made. For example, no parent can be involved in team selections or evaluations for the level of play which their player is trying out for (as an of-age or underage player).

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WESTERN REGION TEAM DECLARATION CHARTS (EXCLUDES GOALIES)

Team Composition Chart – A Teams

Team Composition Chart – A Teams

U12A U14A U16A U19A

| Roster Size | Home or Current Players | Home or Current Players | Home or Current Players | Home or Current Players |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 10 | 8* | 7* | 6* | 5* |
| 11 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| 12 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| 13 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 7 |
| 15 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| 16 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 8 |
| 17 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 18 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 9 |

*Minimum number unless approved by Evaluation Committee

Team Composition Chart – AA Teams

U14AA U16AA U19AA

| Roster Size | Home or Current Players | Home or Current Players | Home or Current Players |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 10 | 6* | 5* | 5* |
| 11 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| 12 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| 13 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| 14 | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| 15 | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| 16 | 9 | 8 | 6 |
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GRA GOALIE POLICY:

If there are only 2 goalies within a division but multiple teams (example, AA and A), the AA team will have first rights to sign one goalie to their team roster post-tryouts. The other goalie will be assigned to the A team post-tryouts. Exceptions may be made if a second qualified goalie is secured at either level or if releasing the other goalie from the AA team is not in the overall interests of the Association. .

UNDER-AGE PLAYERS:

It is recommended that players be assigned to teams within their own age group. However, both Ringette Canada and Ringette Ontario have both recognized that there are some players who have the ability to play up in an older age division. One of the fundamental reasons that age division names were changed to "U" names (vs. Bunny, Petite, Tween, etc.) was to allow fluidity between the divisions, especially at the younger levels. This was done so that if an athlete was not only skilled, but physically, mentally and socially ready to move out of age group to play with older players, this can be done. Additionally, there are also circumstances where players of A/AA caliber do not have an of-caliber GRA team within their own age division to play on. Where under-age players attend tryouts for older divisional GRA A/AA teams, and it is determined by the evaluators that they have the ringette skills as well as the mental and social aptitude to play up at that older age division, these players may be considered. Any under-age players must be approved by GRA's CPDC before being made a formal team offer.

*All underage player decisions are subject to approval by Western Region Ringette Association's Member Services Coordinator.

Ringette Canada defines age divisions as follows:

- 18+ years of age and over as of December 31st of the playing season;
- U19 – Under 19 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
- U16 – Under 16 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
- U14 – Under 14 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
- U12 – Under 12 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
- U10 (Fun 3) – Under 10 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season
- Fun 2 – Under 8 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season; and
- Fun 1 – Under 6 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season.

U12, U14, U16, U19 & 18+ OUT OF TOWN PLAYERS

Out of Town Players will be evaluated and will be offered spots on teams in a manner consistent with the A/AA Team Composition charts above. If offering a spot to an Out of Town Player would result in a home association player being released from that level of play, then the following guidelines apply:

- *Out of Town Player with no prior release (first year in Guelph) would only be offered a spot if the Out of Town Player was in the top 1/2 of player rankings*
- *Out of Town Current Player with 1 year prior release or more (would be 2nd or 3rd year in Guelph) would only be offered a spot if the Out of Town Current Player was in the top 3/4 of player rankings*

NOTE: Team composition decisions will be made by non-conflicting CPDC member evaluators. An

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out of town player will need more than 51% of all evaluators to agree prior to an offer.

PLAYER RELEASES

A player must be registered with their home association and is obligated to attend a GRA tryout if one is offered at their desired level of play. A player must be released from GRA to play out of town on a team of equal caliber. If a player is made an offer by GRA but does not accept, the player cannot accept an out of town offer on a team of equal caliber.

As updated by Ringette Ontario in 2021, a Player Tryout form is no longer required to tryout in another association. A player may attend as many tryouts as they wish between associations and is encouraged if numbers at tryouts are low.

Once an out of town player accepts a roster spot, a Tryout Release Form must be completed (signed by appropriate association parties and filed with WRRRA). It is critical that all parties understand and treat the Player Tryout and Release Form like a contract. Once signed the parties are bound by the agreement. It is understood that once this form has been signed by all parties, the team has committed a roster spot to the player and the player is committed to the team.