



Guelph Ringette Association Tryout Policy

A-AA Tryout Selection Process

Prepared by Coach and Player Development Committee

Reviewed by GRA Executive

March 2019 (reviewed in 3-5 years or as needed)

*amended from April 2009

The primary goal of this policy is:

To satisfy the long-term interests of the GRA and to provide opportunities for qualified GRA players to play at the AA/A level, while also ensuring the best interest for all Ringette Ontario players and the future growth of our sport is taken into consideration. The intent of this policy is to provide basic information to GRA to facilitate an open and fair process in the selection of A-AA Teams.

Player Tracking

Players wishing to try out for a Provincial level team are asked to complete the online **Intent-to-Tryout Form** located on the Western Region Website (usually in March). The compiled information will be made available on the Western Region website. This will help determine how many teams could/should be iced at each level and will also help in assessing the ability of each association to host a team. The idea is to provide a usable record of players in our Region who wish to play at the Provincial level. It provides Associations with important information for determining the level of interest in their area.

Head Coach Selection

Applications are received by a required deadline and only those applications received by this date will be considered unless no other applicants apply and the ad is reposted. A selection committee is established with no members with a conflict of interest (COI-non player involvement in that year). Standard Interviews will follow. The selection committee will present their recommendations to the CPDC for approval. The successful candidate will be notified. Once accepted the committee will contact all other applicants.

Player Roster Size:

CPDC will determine the roster size for all teams based on the best interest of the GRA.

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 years with release.

Current Player: an out of town player who needed a release and 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: Out of town players must meet the criteria of the roster size given by the chart shown below. Consideration is given to local regional centres without a team at that level of play.

Conflict of Interest: Any GRA team situations will not have a conflict of interest with that team. That is they will not be related in any way to any player that is in consideration of that team. A CPDC member may be able to express their opinion but not be able to vote.

Guelph Ringette Association Team Declaration Charts (excludes goalies)

Team Composition Chart – A Teams

Level	U12PP		U14A		U16A		U19A	
Roster Size	Home/ Current Players	Max # of out of town players**	Home/ Current Players	Max # of out of town players**	Home/ Current Players	Max # of out of town players**	Home/ Current Players	Max # of out of town players**
10	7	3	7*	3	6*	4	5*	5
11	8	3	8	3	6	5	6	5
12	9	3	9	3	7	5	6	6
13	10	3	10	3	8	5	7	6
14	11	3	11	3	8	6	7	7
15	12	3	12	3	9	6	8	7

*Minimum number

**see more information below

Team Composition Chart – AA Teams

AA	U14AA		U16AA		U19AA	
Roster Size	Home/ Current Players	Max # of out of town players**	Home/ Current Players	Max # of out of town players**	Home/ Current Players	Max # of out of town players**
10	7*	3	6*	4	5*	5
11	8	3	6	5	6	5
12	9	3	7	5	6	6
13	10	3	8	5	7	6
14	11	3	8	6	7	7
15	12	3	9	6	8	7

*Minimum number

**see details below

GRA GOALIE POLICY:

If there are only 2 goalies within a division but multiple teams (Example AA and A), the first team will sign one goalie to the roster and the other goalie will play for the other team unless the other team secures a qualified goalie. Development opportunities will be provided for all goalies.

UNDER-AGE PLAYERS:

Players shall play within their own age division. Effort will be made first to find other players from the correct age group before looking at under-age players. **Underage players cannot displace of-age players who are of provincial calibre (based on the CPDC member evaluator rankings).** Where player numbers warrant, the CPDC may consider under-age players moving up if a team would not be formed without that assistance.

Provincial Petite (U12) **

U12 Provincial Petite will follow the same guidelines as the U14 division.

Tween (U14) **

Players will be evaluated and a maximum as defined in the above declaration chart may be selected from outside the association unless additional players are required to complete the roster. See additional information below. Players shall play within their own age division. Where player numbers warrant, the CPDC may consider under-age players moving up.

Out of Town Player with no prior release (would be first year in Guelph) – top 1/2

Out of Town/Current player with 1 year prior release (would be 2nd year in Guelph) – top 2/3

Out of Town/Current player with 2 year prior release (would be 3rd year in Guelph) – top 3/4

NOTE: who is considered in the percentages above and below will be made by the non-conflicting CPDC member evaluators. An out of town player will need more than 51% of evaluators to agree that they are in that percentage and the coach is excluded from that decision.

Junior (U16) **

Players will be evaluated and a maximum as defined in the above declaration chart may be selected from outside the association unless additional players are required to complete the roster. See additional information below. Players shall play within their own age division. Where player numbers warrant, the CPDC may consider under-age players moving up.

Out of Town Player with no prior release (would be first year in Guelph) – top 2/3

Out of Town/ Current player with 1 year prior release (would be 2nd year in Guelph) – top 3/4

Out of Town/ Current player with 2 year prior release (would be 3rd year in Guelph) -top ¾

NOTE: who is considered in the percentages above and below will be made by the non-conflicting CPDC member evaluators. An out of town player will need more than 51% of evaluators to agree that they are in that percentage and the coach is excluded from that decision.

Belle (U19) **

Players will be evaluated by the team selection committee and based on the player's individual skills, team skills and coach ability. Should evaluations of an out of association player and a Guelph player be considered equal the Guelph player will be chosen to complete the roster. A maximum as defined in the above declaration chart may be selected from outside the association unless additional players are required to complete the roster. Players shall play within their own age division. Where player numbers warrant, the CPDC may consider under-age players moving up.

Player Tryout and Release Form for Tryouts and Final Release

A player must be registered with their home association and the top "tryout" portion of the Player Tryout and Release Form must be completed and signed by the President or delegate before they can skate on another association's ice. A player must have an **original** Player Tryout and Release Form for each host association if a player is attending multiple tryouts. Through this process it is the responsibility of the player to be sure that their home association knows where they are trying out. The home association President must sign the top "tryout" portion of the Player Tryout and release Form when requested by a home association player/parent. A player may attend as many tryouts as they wish and is encouraged if numbers at tryouts are low.

Once an out of town player accepts a roster spot – the form must be fully completed and handed to the president of the association to hand to the region. 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. The team is committed to the player and the player is committed to the team.