

Volunteer Code of Conduct

An individual who accepts the role of VOLUNTEER within the context of the activities of the sport of Ringette, agrees to accept and abide by the responsibilities as outlined below. Ringette BC will uphold all language contained in the British Columbia Universal Code of Conduct (BC UCC). A copy of the code is hosted [here](#). Ringette BC has pledged to the True Sport Principles. All Ringette BC events, competitions and ringette related activities are designated True Sport Events. As a Ringette BC official I will actively promote and uphold the True Sport Principles.

The True Sport Principles are:

- ⦿ GO FOR IT!
Rise to the Challenge – always strive for excellence. Discover how good you can be.
- ⦿ PLAY FAIR
Play honestly – obey both the letter and the spirit of the rules. Winning is only meaningful when competition is fair.
- ⦿ RESPECT OTHERS
Show respect for everyone involved in creating your sporting experience, both on and off the field. Win with dignity and lose with grace.
- ⦿ KEEP IT FUN
Find the joy of sport. Keep a positive attitude both on and off the field.
- ⦿ STAY HEALTHY
Place physical and mental health above all other considerations – avoid unsafe activities. Respect your body and keep in shape.
- ⦿ INCLUDE EVERYONE
Share sport with others. Ensure everyone has a place to play.
- ⦿ GIVE BACK
Find ways to show your appreciation for the community that supports your sport and helps make it possible.

The activities of a volunteer are critical to the success of the sport. In carrying out the assigned responsibilities, you are expected to:

1. Refrain from using tobacco or cannabis products within the venue and/or competition area, and only in designated areas; if such are provided.
2. Refrain from entering the competition area and/or venue under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or other recreational drugs. Do not to encourage athletes to consume or provide athletes with drugs (notwithstanding prescription medications), alcohol or intoxicants.
3. Be prepared to do the job assigned to you and to arrive on time.
4. Work in a spirit of cooperation and in a professional manner with other volunteers/officials and do not interfere with their duties and responsibilities.
5. Act in a manner that will bring credit to the Ringette community; both inside and outside the competition venue.
6. Be courteous to fellow volunteers, officials, athletes, coaches, spectators and the general public.
7. Refrain from the use of threatening, obscene, abusive or vulgar language towards fellow volunteers, officials, athletes, coaches, spectators and the general public.
8. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity regardless of a person's culture, color, ancestry, nationality, age, political beliefs, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, gender or sexual orientation.
9. Refrain from public criticism of fellow volunteers, coaches, officials or athletes.
10. Refrain from any behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse. Any individual engaging in any unwelcome verbal or physical conduct will be subject to disciplinary sanctions.
11. Foster a safe sport culture and adhere to the Responsible Coaching Movement and the Rule of Two.

12. Adhere to all COVID-19 related changes and health regulations of the facility and will ensure to follow the rules and regulations of Ringette BC, the local Ringette Association, and the regional league and the facility rules.

Individuals volunteering at Ringette BC, League or Club Association events are advised that, by doing so agree and will adhere to this and other policies, rules, regulations, by-laws and constitutions of Ringette BC, Ringette Canada and the League and/or Club Association to which they are a member.

I accept that should I be found to have breached this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to disciplinary sanctions levied by Ringette BC, the League or local Club Association.

Name of Volunteer

Signature

Date

Witnessed By