

# **KITCHENER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION (KRA)**

## **Provincial Team Player Expectations for 2016/2017**

The Kitchener Ringette Association Provincial teams provide an opportunity for those players who want to play ringette at a higher level. As such, there is an expected level of commitment of time, energy and money associated with Provincial teams

The purpose of this document is to provide information to players and parents/guardians regarding team expectations, commitments and costs before deciding to tryout and play at the Provincial level. Please read this entire document (parent and player) prior to attending the tryout sessions

Provincial players are expected to make ringette their primary activity during the winter ringette season. Players are expected to attend all team activities including practices, league games, tournaments, play-offs, provincials, off-ice training sessions, fund-raising opportunities and all other organized team events.

The occasional absence due to illness, injury, family or school event is unavoidable, but all absences must be reported to the Head Coach in writing (via email), in advance of the absence. If repeated absences occur, the Head Coach has the right to raise a concern with the Kitchener Ringette Association, Provincial Convenor. Competitive players are expected to attend Provincial Championships, National Ringette Championships or Eastern Canadian Championships if their team qualifies.

For the 2016/2017 season the Kitchener Ringette Association intends to host the following Provincial Teams: U12 Petite Provincial, U14A, U16A and U19A

Coaches may set other expectations for the players such as home drills, additional practices or sleep times as examples. It is expected that the parents of the players support the coach in the spirit of the expectation as long as it is reasonable and is intended to help team/player performance & morale. Anything that may be considered intrusive by the parents but necessary in the coach's mind should be discussed with the Provincial Convenor prior to distribution to the team.

Thank you for attending the Kitchener Ringette Association Provincial tryouts. If you have any questions regarding the attached, please feel free to contact us.

## **Quick Facts – for the 2016/2017 A/AA Teams – U12PP, U14A, U16A and U19A Commitment – Player and Parents/Family**

- Number of practices per season: 42 to 48 (1.5 times per week avg). Common for some AA teams to purchase additional practices depending on coaches expectations.
- Practice schedule: Variable – could be any weeknight (5 pm to 9 pm) or weekends (6:30 am to 9 pm), Or weekdays early Morning (6:30am until 7:30am)
- Practice or home game arenas: Lions, Sportsworld, Activa, The Aud
- Number of regular season games: 20 – 22
- Distance to regular season games: Variable – could be as far as Forest Ontario (Approx 2 hours)
- Number of Tournaments in the WORL Region: 2-4
- Number of Out of Town Tournaments 2-3 (Typically involve Hotel Stay's)
- Dryland – number of sessions: usually once per week usually – depends on coach
- Power Skating: At the coaches discretion, can range from 8 to 10 weeks. Not common for U16 or U19 but can occur pending needs. Often by outside contractor.
- Attendance expectations: All team events unless sick, injured or there is another legitimate reason for an absence, communicated to Head Coach in advance of absence
- Parent Volunteering – Fundraising and support for out of town Tournaments. Pending need by KRA possible Bingo Volunteering. All Parents must volunteer for KRA Golden Ring Tournament regardless if players team is participating.
- Minor official game duties: Parents to provide one shot clock operator each home game
- Dates of all tournaments: Set by the Head Coach by End of August for U14A, U16A, U19A, Set by Head Coach by end of September for U12PP
- Location of U12PP Event (2016-2017 season): Forest, Ontario
  - Dates of U12PP Event (2016-2017 season) March 2-5 2017,
- Location of A Provincials (2016-2017 season): Pickering, Ontario
  - Dates of Provincials (2016-2017 season) March 16-19, 2017
- Location and Dates of Eastern Canadian Championships: unknown
- Location and Dates of Nationals Championships will be: Leduc, Alberta from March 27 – April 1, 2017

## **Quick Facts – for the 2016/2017 A Teams – U12PP, U14A, U16A, 19A Costs – Per Player**

Tryout Fee \$60 (\$15 per Tryout, typically 4 tryouts)

Registration Fee: Early Bird (same for all Kitchener Ringette players, paid before June 30th): \$435

Regular (paid after June 30): \$485

Provincial KRA Fee (AKA Rep Fee) \$250

Team Fees – \$500 to \$800

The player's portion of the following costs, assuming an average of 14 players per team, and assuming that the team does NO fundraising activities. Note – these fees are collected by the team Manager based on the approved budget set at the beginning of the season

- Tournament fees (4 tournaments plus Provincials) Any costs for Tournaments such as Easterns or Nationals have not been accounted for
- Independent (non-parent) Coaches – hotel rooms and travel (variable depending on number of coaches)
- Additional ice time over and above allocation given to each KRA team
- Team parties and coach gifts, costumes for Provincials
- Administrative (Team supplies, group food sharing etc.)
- Dryland Off-ice training
- Power Skating
- Other – as agreed by Bench staff, parents and players.

Travel Costs –

Hotel rooms for out of town tournaments (1 to 2) – parents book and stay in a room with their player 2-3 nights @ \$150 per night per room: \$450 to \$900

Hotel rooms for Provincials – parents book and stay in a room with their player 4 nights @ \$150 per night per room: \$600

Meals while at out of town events: Variable, based on parent preferences and coach restrictions.

Car Fees: Variable depending on vehicle and ride sharing

Team clothing – KRA on-ice ringette pants \$110 (Mosspro Pants with leg mark and embroidery by Ringette Store)

Team clothing – KRA off-ice jacket \$120

Team clothing – warm up T-shirt \$25 or warm up Hoodie \$40

Individual Training – Variable depending on player/parent. Some KRA clinics are no cost to KRA players other have a small fee of \$20 per session. Example Training: Power Skating, Goalie Clinics, Shooting Clinics

Total cost per player/family \$2,720 (approximate based on average of above and which Tournaments the teams qualify for)

\*\* Note most teams choose to try to reduce these costs with fundraising or sponsorship.