

2026/2027

# Ringette Provincial Teams Tryouts

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What Kitchener Ringette families need to know.

# Topics Covered

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What is Provincial Ringette?

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AA/A levels of ringette are the most competitive levels of ringette. Players must tryout for a place on the team.

These teams are from U14-U19 age groups (U12 is part of the regional program)

## What is the Commitment Requirement at each level?

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- In most cases, the commitment level is higher than B and C level of play, both in time (on-ice and off-ice practices) and financially.
- Coaches often go over this at tryouts and may require the families of the final team roster to sign an agreement indicating their commitment level.
- All AA/A levels play in the [Great Lakes Ringette League](#). This region covers the area from Chatham to Mississauga to Oshawa to Barrie and everywhere in between (South Western Ontario and GTA)

## What is the Commitment Requirement at each level?

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- There are fewer AA teams, so the travel distance is greater and more frequent. Weekend 'hub style' mini-tournaments may also be held.
- A teams may still travel the same distances, but have more opportunity for closer to home games.
- AA/A level teams tend to enter tournaments at farther distances which could increase the financial burden on families.
- AA/A level teams may also qualify to attend the Ontario Provincial Championships, as well the Eastern Ringette Championships (A level teams & 14AA), or National Ringette Championships (16AA & 19AA)

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Who can tryout?

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Any ringette player, that is currently registered with an association, is eligible to tryout.

If the player's home (or current) club offers the appropriate level, they must try out there.

Players must try out at their current age level U14/16/19 (no under/over age players permitted on Provincial level teams).

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What is the process?

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Ringette Ontario has released a new process for 2026/2027. It has very specific rules that must be followed during the tryout process for associations and coaches.

More details on the process can be found on [Ringette Ontario's website](#), under 'Team Formation'

# Tryout Process for Families

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- **Intent Submission**
- Fill out the Ringette Ontario form for your player. The document will be available from February 23rd, 2026 to March 16th, 2026 on the RO website

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- **Register / Pay for Tryouts**
- Once team details are finalized, KRA will post tryout schedules and fees on our website. [www.kitchenerringette.com](http://www.kitchenerringette.com)

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- **Attend Tryouts**
- Players may try out for multiple associations (fees apply per association), but are limited to 2 for AA and 3 for A. If their home or current association is hosting a team, players must try out for that team.

# Key Dates

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February 23 to March 16

- Intent form is active on RO website
- Tryout schedules and registration will be posted as they are available.

April 24 to May 8

- AA Tryouts
- Once team details are finalized, KRA will post tryout schedules and fees on our website. [www.kitchenerringette.com](http://www.kitchenerringette.com)

May 15 to May 29

- A Tryouts
- Once team details are finalized, KRA will post tryout schedules and fees on our website. [www.kitchenerringette.com](http://www.kitchenerringette.com)

# Is the intent level I choose for tryouts important?

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- YES, it is very important. Associations and Ringette Ontario look at player intents as one of the factors to determine whether they should be hosting AA or A level teams based on player interest. If your player has no interest in playing at the AA level, they should choose A.

# Key Terms to Understand

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- **Home Association**: The local association to which the player is eligible to play by residency. (Example: I live in Kitchener, so my home association is Kitchener)
- **Current Association** The association to which a player has been released for level of play for the current season will then be considered the player's "Current Association". (Example: Kitchener player played for Waterloo U19A for the 2025-2026 season, so they are now current to Waterloo)

## Where Can I Try Out?

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- Players MUST go to tryouts at their home or current association if they offer the age and level the athlete intends to tryout for
- A bona fide effort must be given by the athlete at each tryout
- If the player's home association does not offer the desired level of play, your player may attend tryouts at other associations offering that level of play.
- Players can attend tryouts for up to two AA teams, and three A teams.

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# Other Information

# How do Tryouts Work?

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## Step 1: Register and Payment

- Register and/or pay for your tryouts with EACH association you intend to tryout for. Some associations will offer packages, some will require payment on the day of the tryout. Please see each associations website for more details.
- For Kitchener Ringette Association tryouts, you must register before attending tryouts via our website and submit payment online either by credit card or e-transfer. We do not accept cash at the door.

# How do Tryouts Work?

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## Step 2: Tryout Attendance (Open Tryouts)

- Open tryouts mean that any athlete that has completed their intent to tryout and has registered and/or paid can attend the tryout
- Associations requiring payment ahead of time may not let you on the ice if you haven't made payment, as they have made plans and preparations based on the number of players that have registered
- If you cannot make a tryout because of family commitments or conflicts etc., let the coach or association know ASAP.
- If there are tryouts on the same night for 2 or more associations, you must attend the tryouts that are first in your pathway (home, current)

# How do Tryouts Work?

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## Step 2: Tryout Attendance (Open Tryouts) – Continued...

- Attendance is tracked at each tryout and is submitted to Ringette Ontario within 24 - 48 hours of the tryout date
- Ringette Ontario tracks this information to ensure that player movement rules are being followed

# How do Tryouts Work?

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## Step 3: The Results

- Typically, after 2 tryouts, the first round of releases are made. However, coaches can make releases after the first tryouts. Information specific to each tryout is usually shared on the first night in a parent meeting.
- In Kitchener, decisions are made by the coaches, in consultation with a small committee whose role is to ensure the coaches are following the Ringette Ontario Tryout Process.
- Decisions are usually communicated via email and include a release (**Roster Spot not Offered**), an invitation to an **invitation only** tryout, or an offer from the team (**Roster Spot Offered**).

# How do Tryouts Work?

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## Step 3: The Results – Continued...

- Some teams will be formed just after 2 tryouts - this depends on numbers of players trying out and talent. In Kitchener we typically have 3-4 tryouts. 1-2 Open, and 1-2 Invite only
- ***Invite only tryouts*** are used when teams need to make further releases after 1 or 2 tryouts. Some coaches will invite back all remaining players, while others will only invite back athletes they need to see again. As an example, the top athletes may not be invited back because they do not need to be seen again.
- In Kitchener, the list of players invited to the next tryout is posted to our website, prior to the next tryout date.

# Sorry, you did not make the team

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## Roster Spot Not Offered Letter

- If you receive a *roster spot not offered* letter through email, unfortunately you were not successful at that association's tryouts
- This means, however, that you are now eligible to receive offers from another association
- The *roster spot not offered* letter is usually required before another association can offer your player a spot on their team

# Congratulations you made the team!

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## **Roster Spot Offered**

- The Roster Spot Offered form is used to offer your player a spot on the team. If this form is offered to you from your home association, you are almost done the tryout process!
- Once this form is received, usually through email, you will be given 48 hours to accept or reject the offer
- If you accept, you are now on a provincial level team!

# Congratulations you made the team!

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## Roster Spot Offered – REJECT

- If you **reject** the spot, your **ONLY** option for the upcoming season is to return to your home association and play at the next available level.
- **For Example:** If a Tillsonburg player rejects an offer to play on U16AA in London, they must return to Tillsonburg and play A or B/C there. The athlete may play on any team the association feels would be the best fit and/or is offered by the player's home association.
- This is why it is important to only attend tryouts for a team you actually want to play on.

# VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- If you make a team with an association other than your HOME association, you have a little more work to do.
- Once you have accepted a roster spot OUTSIDE of your home association, you will be required to fill out the **Player Release Form** from Ringette Ontario before your player is able to step on the other association's ice for team practices.
- Your association's president or registrar will help you through this process

# QUESTIONS?

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If you have any addition questions, please email our Provincial  
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