

	Lacombe Ringette Association Goaltender Policy	
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Purpose

For Lacombe Ringette Association to have, monitor, and enforce, a Policy that contributes to the development of a broad base of goaltenders in Children's Ringette. The intent of this policy is to help alleviate the problem of a shortage of goaltenders at the older age groups due to the natural attrition that occurs as athletes age.

Applicability

All Participants registered under Lacombe Ringette Association.

Definitions

1. These terms will have these meanings in this policy:
 - a. Children's Ringette: Active Start, U10, U12 (below the A level)
 - b. Full Time Goaltender – An athlete who does not play any other position aside from goal
 - c. Part time Goaltender – An athlete who plays goal and any other position(s) on a regular basis.

Principles

1. Ringette Alberta is unable to effectively monitor local compliance with a provincial goaltender development policy.
2. Group Members have a responsibility to ensure that short-term coaching decisions related to which individuals play goal do not negatively impact the long-term availability of goaltenders, the viability of future teams, and cause over-reliance on affiliate goaltenders.
3. Development of goaltenders is predicated on individuals having the opportunity to practice and play the position on a regular basis

Requirements

1. Any individual may choose to be a full-time goaltender (see definitions) at any time. A full-time goaltender is not necessarily entitled to play goal in every game.
2. While not playing goal, individuals may choose to play a different position but are not required to. This individual would be considered a Part Time Goaltender (see definitions).
3. In Children's Ringette, no individual may play goal more than:
 - a. At Active Start and U10, 25% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 25% after December 31st
 - b. At U12 below the A level, 75% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 75% after December 31st