

MDRA Player and Team Policy
Out of Association (OOA) Players

The Metcalfe & District Ringette Association recognizes its responsibility to players residing within the association’s boundaries as being paramount. It also recognizes its responsibility to ensure all players, whether from home or outside associations, can play at their skill level.

Number of OOA Players
U14-U19

The following table outlines OOA participation for teams U14 to U19

Team	Maximum OOA Players	OOA Placement Requirements See note 1	Maximum OOA Goalies See note 4
U14A	3 – Exception – see note 3	Top 80% of final roster	1
U14AA	4 – Exception – see note 3	No restrictions	1
U16A	3	Top 80% of final roster	1
U16AA	4	No restrictions	1
U19A	3	Top 80% of final roster	1
U19AA	4	No restrictions	1

Notes -

1. OOA players cannot displace MDRA player(s) of comparable/equal calibre. Any decisions may be subject to final approval by the executive when considering where there is doubt with regards to determining if an OOA player is of comparable/equal calibre.
2. For the purposes of tryouts any OOA player from the just completed season will be considered an association player as per Ringette Ontario (RO)/Eastern Region Ringette Association (ERRA) regulation. Once players have played for MDRA for three consecutive seasons they become permanent MDRA players and will be subject to the same policies as other MDRA players.

3. The exception would be players from associations not fielding 14AA or 14A teams, players from those associations could be considered if they are clearly of calibre and within the top 80% of the final TRF
4. The goal is to have at two goalies for each A/AA team. Priority will be given to a Metcalfe goalie over an OOA goalie if they are of equal calibre. An OOA goalie can be added under the following criteria:
 - a. If a single MDRA goalie is deemed to be of calibre for that level, they must be provided with the initial spot
 - b. If an OOA goalie is deemed to be of calibre by the evaluator, they may be added to the team where there is no second MDRA goalie attending the try-out.
 - c. Where an OOA goalie is competing with two or more MDRA goalies, an OOA goalie may be selected where they is assessed to be better than the MDRA goalies. If the OOA goalie is deemed to be as good as a MDRA goalie but not better, the second MDRA goalie will be added that is of calibre
 - d. 2 OOA goalies could only be added to a single team only when all evaluators in consultation with the executive committee members overseeing tryouts and the age convenor determine that no MDRA goalie is at level and playing at that level would be considered detrimental to the goalie's development.

Exceptions to the above OOA player or goalie limits can be made wherein a particular age group where insufficient numbers of MDRA players at the calibre of play attend tryouts. If a team of calibre level players could not be formed within these prescribed limits and additional OOA calibre level players are available, special exemptions could be made for that team and that year alone. That decision would be made by the pre-identified Board executive members overseeing the tryouts, along with the convenor and designated coaches. This decision would be made with the input and advice of the assembled evaluators. The criteria to be considered for said decision is defined below. The decision and reasoning for the decision will be brought before the board at large at the first reasonable opportunity no later than the next monthly meeting.

Case by Case Exceptions/Joint-Teams

If a deviation from the policy should be considered on a given team for players or goalies, a motion can be made for consideration on a case by case basis, with strong consideration being given to carrying a larger roster to ensure that MDRA players are not being excluded inappropriately. The following factor should be considered on such a motion, the number and skill level of MDRA players trying out for that team.