



MDRA Policy on Player Registration, Fees and Refunds (July 2021)

The Metcalfe and District Ringette Association (MDRA) strives to provide quality Ringette programs for as many players as possible while balancing the needs of individual players against the needs for effective teams and a positive coaching environment. This policy will guide the process of registering players into the association each year. The MDRA Executive may, at its discretion, over-ride the policy with a majority vote. Any decisions to over-ride this policy must be documented in the minutes of the MDRA Executive meeting.

Definitions

“Divisions” refers to the age categories as recognized by Ringette Canada (e.g. Fun 1, U12, U14, etc.).

“Levels” refers to the level of play within a division (e.g. C1, B, A, etc.).

“NCRRL” refers to the National Capital Region Ringette League, the league that MDRA is a member of.

“ERRA” refers to the Eastern Region Ringette Association, the provincial region that MDRA and the NCRRL are members of.

“RO” refers to Ringette Ontario.

The following guides the registration process:

1. MDRA is committed to respecting the boundaries of other Ringette associations. If a player lives within the boundaries of another association they must register with that association unless the other association agrees to a player release. The MDRA area includes the former Township of Osgoode and the Township of Russell. Areas south, east and west are not part of an association and MDRA will accept players from these areas. A Player will be considered for release to play in other associations according to MDRA, NCRRL, ERRA and RO policies. Fun 1 (formally bunny) players may register

out-of-association; however, they will be required to register with their home association when playing Fun 2 and above.

2. Registration into the MDRA is on a season-by-season basis and all players must register each season.
3. The MDRA registration deadline is June 30th each year (or another date set by the executive). After this date, all registrations are placed on a waiting list. MDRA will notify players that they have been placed on a team as these decisions are made. This may be as late as mid-September.
4. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Any MDRA representative accepting registrations must note the date and time a registration is received. Players who were registered in the previous season will be placed on teams before new players, when registered before the deadline.
5. A registration is not complete until all the necessary forms are properly completed and submitted, and payment is received.
6. The maximum number of registrations for the Fun 1 (formally Bunnies) program is 40, however the MDRA Executive reserves the right to modify this depending on the circumstances of the program in a particular year.
7. With the exception of the Fun 1 Program, registrations for a particular division are placed on a waiting list until 12 registrations have been received for that division. With the 12th registration, all the players registered are placed on to a team at that division. The maximum number of players for a team is 14. The 15th player at a division is placed on a waiting list. When there are 11 players on the waiting list, and the 12th registers, then a second team is recognized and all the players on the waiting list are accepted onto a team. Exactly which players play on which team may depend on seeding sessions as determined by the MDRA Executive.
8. MDRA cannot guarantee a particular division or level of Ringette will be offered. The divisions and levels offered in a particular season depend on the registrations received and the abilities of the players who have registered.
9. MDRA reserves the right to offer players to play in a higher division than their age dictates.
10. MDRA reserves the right to refuse the registration of a player for reasons that

include, but are not limited to: insufficient players at a level, monies owed to the MDRA by the family of the player, or past player behaviour.

11. If a registering player intends to try out for a team with another association because a particular division or level of play is not offered at MDRA, the player must register with MDRA to reserve their place on the waiting list or on an MDRA team in the event the player does not make a team with the other association.
12. If a registration payment cheque is returned as non-sufficient funds (NSF) before October 1st of the season, that player will not be entitled to “go on the ice” until payment is received, including the NSF administration fee of \$25.00. On or after October 1st, the player will have fifteen days to remit payment and the NSF administration fee. If the fees are not received, the player will not be allowed to participate in MDRA activities, including practices and games.

MDRA will not provide registration refunds:

- a) The MDRA reserves the right to deal with refunds on a case by case basis for players who withdraw for medical reasons or for extenuating circumstances.
- b) Should the city cancel facility usage, refunded monies will be divided amongst registered players.

End of policy