



## MINISTRY OF ONTARIO CONCUSSION POLICY REQUIREMENTS

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Dear Ringette Ontario Members,

Please be informed of the new policy from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport regarding Rowan's Law. The final regulation is currently available for print or download on [ringetteontario.com](http://ringetteontario.com), as well as [Ontario.ca/concussions](http://Ontario.ca/concussions).

As a high-level overview:

- As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Ringette Ontario associations/teams **must not register athletes** under the age of 26 years of age (\*\*with the exception of University/College/Post-Secondary) in Ringette activities unless they receive confirmation from the athlete and their parents/guardian (if under 18 years of age) that they have reviewed the Minister approved Concussion Awareness Resources within the previous 12-months.
- Between July 1<sup>st</sup>, but no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Ringette Ontario associations/teams **must not permit** individuals to serve as **coaches, officials and team trainers** in Ringette activities that includes any athlete under 26 years of age\*\*, unless the individual gives Ringette Ontario association/teams confirmation in the calendar year, but before the first time they serve in that position in the year, that they have reviewed the Minister approved Concussion Awareness Resources within 12 months before the confirmation is given.

### General Concussion Code of Conduct:

Item	Description of commitment or acknowledgement	Individuals required to make the commitment or give the acknowledgement
1.	Commitment to fair play and respect for all	Athletes, parents and guardians of athletes who are under 18 years of age, coaches and team trainers
2.	Commitment to concussion recognition and reporting, including self-reporting of possible concussion and reporting to a designated person when an individual, suspects that another individual may have sustained a concussion	Athletes, parents and guardians of athletes who are under 18 years of age, coaches and team trainers
3.	Commitment to supporting the return-to-sport process	Athletes, parents and guardians of athletes who are under 18 years of age, coaches and team trainers

4.	Commitment to sharing any pertinent information regarding incidents of a removal from sport with the athlete's school and any other sport organization with which the athlete has registered	Athletes, parents and guardians of athletes who are under 18 years of age
5.	Commitment to providing opportunities before and after each training, practice and competition to enable athletes to discuss potential issues related to concussions	Coaches
6.	Commitment to zero-tolerance for prohibited play that is considered high-risk for causing concussions	Athletes, parents and guardians of athletes who are under 18 years of age, and coaches
7.	Acknowledgement of mandatory expulsion from competition for violating zero-tolerance for prohibited play that is considered high-risk for causing concussions	Athletes, parents and guardians of athletes who are under 18 years of age, and coaches
8.	Acknowledgement of escalating consequences for those who repeatedly violate the concussion code of conduct	Athletes, parents and guardians of athletes who are under 18 years of age, and coaches

[Ringette Ontario's Athlete Code of Conduct](#)

[Ringette Ontario's Coach Code of Conduct](#)

If you have any questions regarding the policy, legislation, or outline of dates, please contact Annie Goncin, Operations Coordinator at [operations@ontario-ringette.com](mailto:operations@ontario-ringette.com).

Thank you.



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