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## 1.0 Purpose

The first priority for all ringette players in the Oshawa catchment area is to Oshawa Ringette. This document outlines the requirement for a player release to play for other ringette organizations. A ringette associations existence is founded on the ability to ice players at all levels of play. As a team sport, the viability of the level of play has a dependency on ensuring there are sufficient players, at the determined skill level. As such, Oshawa Ringette has a requirement to ensure the ongoing viability of its membership and will review any release of its membership per the policy outlined in this document.

## 2.0 Scope

All Oshawa Ringette Membership

## 3.0 Definitions

- Oshawa Ringette Catchment Area – Includes the City of Oshawa, Clarington, Port Perry and areas further east that do not interfere with other existing ringette associations. The town of Whitby makes the western border.
- Home Association – The association of residence of the player. Any player in the Oshawa Ringette Catchment Area has a home association of Oshawa.
- Current Association – The association that the player is currently playing in. In cases where the Oshawa resident players home association and current association are not the same, the current association will be priority for one playing season. Following the season, the player returns to their home association.
- Host Association – the association that is managing the event or team.
- Viability – the ability for the association to ice a team at a level of play.
- Team – A team at the provincial level of play will have no less than 10 skaters and 1 goalie. They all must meet the requirements of provincial level of play, as defined by Ringette Ontario. The viability of a regional team is at the discretion of the OSRA Board.

## 4.0 References

- OSRA-PRE-003: Oshawa Tryout Process
- M-F-07: Player Tryout/Release Form
- M-F-02: Player Agreement – Standard form (for 2-Team Players)
- Ringette Ontario Appeal Policy
- Ringette Ontario Appeal Request Form

## 5.0 Responsibilities

- OSRA President
  - Correspond with Central Region Board and association presidents.
  - Enact process for any grievances that come to the OSRA
  - Enforce any direction provided by appeal process, if required.
- OSRA Tryout Convenor
  - Work with the player/family on direction of this policy
  - Provide any information required on an appeal process, if required



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- OSRA Player utilizing policy
  - Provide all information and intent forward as outlined in this process

## 6.0 Instruction

6.1 Where conflicts of policy language occur in this policy, and Ringette Ontario Policy, Ringette Ontario policy takes precedence.

6.2 Declaration of association of choice.

6.2.1 All players registering from the Oshawa Ringette Catchment Area, must register for Oshawa Ringette.

6.2.1.1 Should a player attend a recruitment activity (e.g. Come Try Ringette) and the player is from the Oshawa Ringette Catchment Area, and event is not in Oshawa, and the player seeks to register for ringette, the host association must re-direct that player to Oshawa Ringette. Oshawa Ringette has the same obligation if they host a recruitment activity to its neighbouring associations.

6.2.1.2 A U8 player, in the Oshawa Catchment Area, may select to play for another Central Region association with permission from Oshawa Ringette and the host association. This agreement is only in play for one playing season. A request to play outside of Oshawa Ringette must be completed annually unless the player's Current Association becomes their home association (see 6.3.8)

6.2.1.3 A player older than the U8 division may declare their interest to play for another association for any level of play. The player/parent must submit their request to the Oshawa President that includes player name, player level of play and reason for the request. The Oshawa President will report back on the decision of the request.

6.2.1.3.1 Typical accepted reasons for approval include:

- Team viability in Oshawa Ringette
- Match between calibre of play in other associations
- Lack of opportunity in Oshawa Ringette; opportunity exists elsewhere
- Proximity between Oshawa Catchment Area and neighbouring association

6.2.1.3.2 Typical declined reasons for approval include:

- Playing with friends
- Playing for a coach
- Past conflicts with peers, coaches & families
- Costs associated with ringette

6.3 Sequence of activities for a Provincial A/AA Oshawa based player:

6.3.1 – Where Oshawa Ringette Association is icing a team at the player's age & calibre of play, the player must attend, and actively participate, in the Oshawa tryouts.

6.3.2 – Where conflicts occur between Oshawa tryouts, and other association tryouts, the first priority is to level of play, then to the home association. If tryouts are at the same level of play, then the player must participate in their home association tryouts, unless permission is granted by the Oshawa Board.

6.3.3 – The tryout payments for Oshawa Ringette must be fully honoured. Additional tryout costs incurred by the player for out-of-association tryouts are out-of-scope for Oshawa Ringette, unless an agreement has been made by Central Region Ringette for current tryout process.



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6.3.4 – Oshawa Ringette will work collaboratively with other Central Region Ringette Associations to minimize scheduling conflicts for A/AA tryouts.

6.4 Sequence of activities for a Regional Oshawa based player:

6.4.1 Where Oshawa Ringette is icing and team at the players age & calibre of play, the player must register and attend Oshawa Ringette team schedule as defined by Oshawa Ringette.

6.4.2 Where Oshawa Ringette has a viable team at the level of play, the player must participate with Oshawa Ringette for that playing season, unless approved per 6.2

6.4.3 Where Oshawa Ringette does not have a viable team, the Oshawa Board will endeavour meet the requirements of the player. Priority will be given to ensuring the player has a viable team to play for the season, which may include playing at a different level of play, or playing with another association.

6.4.4 A House League player is viewed as a Regional Player. A House League player will play for Oshawa Ringette.

6.5 Team declaration and formation

6.5.1 Oshawa Ringette will work closely with Central Region Ringette to determine the teams they will host each season. The primary determining factor is based on registration.

6.5.2 Where Oshawa Ringette is not icing a team that the registered player has registered for, Oshawa Ringette will work closely with the player/family to ensure they have a viable team to play on.

6.5.3 The duration between team declaration to team formation may take months to complete. Oshawa Ringette reserves the right to determine when team formation will occur. While teams are declared, no player will be released to other associations.

6.6 Player release

6.6.1 Where conditions of 6.1 – 6.5 have been met, Oshawa Ringette will work with host association on the release process, per Ringette Ontario process. The player must submit the M-F-07 form in full.

6.6.2 Where a player has tried out and been offered a position with another association, the player cannot accept the position until the full release has been granted by Oshawa Ringette.

6.6.3 Player release process must follow Regional and Provincial boundary policy, as outlined by Ringette Ontario.

6.7 Where a player/family disputes the direction of Oshawa Ringette, an appeal can be submitted to the Oshawa Board. Oshawa will follow the Ringette Ontario Appeal Policy process.

6.8 Home Association and Current Association affiliation

6.8.1 A player who has residence in the Oshawa Ringette Catchment Area has a home association of Oshawa Ringette. When a player is playing in Oshawa Ringette, then their Home Association and Current Association are the same.

6.8.2 When a player is released to another association, the players Current Association becomes where the team is playing out of. The players Home Association remains Oshawa Ringette. At the conclusion of the season, the player reverts back to Oshawa Ringette and the process outlined in this document resumes.

6.8.3 If after three consecutive years the players Current Association is the same association at the same level of play, then the players Home Association becomes the Current Association. If there is



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any breakage in level of play or the Current Association differs, then Home Association will always revert back to Oshawa Ringette.



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#### 7.0 Records

- All Ringette Ontario completed forms
- Emails to Oshawa Ringette President

#### 8.0 Linkage to Budget

Any costs associated with an appeal process needs to be captured.

#### 9.0 History

Revision	Summary of Changes	Changes made by
1.0	Document creation	C. Deans