



Ringette NB Ringuette



CANADA WINTER GAMES TEAM PLAN 2027



The Canada Winter Games 2027

Background Information:

Ringette was first introduced in the Canada Winter Games (CWG) in 1991. Held every four years, the CWG serves as a key developmental opportunity for Canada's young athletes. Competing at this level represents a crucial step toward national and international competition, including potential participation in Junior and Senior National Teams.

The 2027 Canada Winter Games will take place in Quebec City from February 26 to March 15, 2027. Team New Brunswick (NB) will select a total of 18 athletes, who will compete from February 27 to March 6, 2027. The team will be supported by one head coach, three assistant coaches, and one manager.

Team Management Strategy:

Team Coordinator Role

- Organizes scheduling, finances, and team logistics
- Handles communication and logistical coordination
- Monitoring-reporting functions, communication of selection criteria
- Budget approval
- Development and implementation of policies and procedures
- Support for the coaching staff as necessary

Head Coach Role

- Selects athletes and oversees team development, leading the selection process with support from RNB and collaborating with qualified, independent evaluators.
- Plan and coordinate all activities for appropriate competition opportunities to best prepare athletes for elite competition.
- Meet required certification.
- Served as a positive role model for athletes, demonstrating integrity, honesty, fair play, and leadership in honoring sport in their personal behavior and appearance coaching.

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Assistant Coaches Roles

- **Defensive Coach** – Focus on defensive play, and special scenarios, provide feedback and assist with practice planning, team culture, and season strategy.
- **Offensive Coach** – Focus on offensive play and special scenarios, provide feedback and assist with practice planning, team culture, and season strategy.
- **Third Assistant Coach** – Support game flow (doors, shifts, special scenarios), track stats, assist with injuries, and provide feedback while contributing to practices, culture, and season planning.

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- **Birth Year:** 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011.
- **Gender:** Must identify as female.
- **Registration:** Must be registered with **Ringette New Brunswick** and in good standing.
- **Residency:** Athletes must be permanent residents of New Brunswick for at least 180 days prior to the Opening Ceremony.
- **National Team Status:** Any athlete who is a member of a Senior National Team is ineligible for selection.

For full eligibility details, refer to the Canada Winter Games Technical Package:

Objectives

- Evaluate athletes through tryouts and performance assessments across New Brunswick, and select the top 18 athletes to form Team NB based on Standardized criteria.
- Ensure the final roster includes a minimum of 3 players per key position (centre, forward, defense, goalie) and demonstrates a balance of offensive and defensive skills, as measured through skill testing and coach evaluations
- Develop and implement individualized training and performance, with quarterly progress assessments, aiming for 90% of athletes to meet or exceed fitness and skill benchmarks by January 2027.



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- Engage the NB Ringette community through online platforms and team activities, maintaining an active social media presence with monthly updates leading up to the February 2027 Canada Winter Games.

New Brunswick's ringette team finished 5th in the 2023 CWG. Our objective for 2027 is to secure a medal finish and achieve the highest placement in the province's history.

Team Selection Process

The selection process for the provincial team will begin in fall 2025 with Identification Camps.

- **Mandatory Attendance:** Attendance at the Identification Camps is mandatory, except under exceptional circumstances (injury, illness, bereavement, relocation).
- **Exemption Requests:** Any request for exemption must be submitted in writing to the Head Coach and RNB CWG Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the camps, detailing the reason for the exemption.

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Selection Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Coach Selection & Program Development	March – August 2025
Identification (ID) Sessions	October – April 2026
Athlete Orientation & Selection Camps	May – August 2026
Final Team Selection	August 2026
Training Camps & Pre-Games Tournaments	August 2026 – January 2027
2027 Canada Winter Games	February 2027

Following selection, training sessions and team activities are mandatory. A written request for exemption must be submitted to the Head Coach and RNB CWG Coordinator in advance.



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Injury Considerations

Athletes injured before or during tryouts may be invited to an alternate evaluation at the discretion of the Selection Committee and coaching staff. A medical report may be required.

Selection Criteria

A Team Selection Committee will evaluate players based on the following:

Evaluation Categories

Category	Weight	Key Skills Assessed
Physical Fitness	20%	Strength, endurance, flexibility
Technical Ability	55%	Skating, passing, shooting, checking, forechecking, set plays, adaptability
Mental/Attitude	25%	Commitment, interpersonal skills, confidence, intensity, teamwork

Goalkeepers will undergo the same evaluations, excluding ring skills, and will be assessed with the assistance of an external goalie evaluator.

Selection Committee

The **final Team Selection Committee** will consist of:

- Head Coach
 - Assistant Coaches
 - Director of Coaching
 - High Performance Coordinator
 - Ringette NB Executive Director
 - Independent Member selected by RNB
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Appeals Process

An appeal may only be submitted on the grounds that the selection process or final decision was fundamentally flawed. Disagreement with the outcome alone does not constitute grounds for appeal. Valid grounds for appeal include the following:

- The selection committee acted outside the scope of their authority.
- The selection committee failed to adhere to the procedures outlined in the approved selection criteria.
- The selection committee failed to consider relevant information or considered irrelevant information in making their decision.
- The selection committee exercised discretion for an improper purpose.
- The selection committee made a decision that was unreasonable in the circumstances.

Process

For detailed procedures regarding the appeal process, please refer to the **Ringette NB Appeals Policy**. [Appeals Policy](#)

Timelines

Given the time-sensitive nature of team selections for the Canada Games program, an accelerated version of the Ringette NB appeal process will be followed.

Athletes wishing to appeal must submit a **Notice of Appeal**, along with all required documentation, no later than **48 hours** after being notified of their release from the team.

Commitment Expectations

Being part of Team NB for the 2027 CWG is a significant commitment. Athletes must prioritize their training and preparation. If an athlete has major personal commitments, they must submit a written request to the Head Coach and RNB CWG Coordinator at least two weeks in advance for approval.

Any athlete failing to meet training requirements or missing team events without proper approval may face disciplinary action, including removal from the team.



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Financial Commitments & Fundraising

While final costs are to be determined, athletes will be required to fundraise as part of their commitment to Team NB. A detailed budget, including costs for selection camps, training camps, apparel, travel, accommodations, and other expenses, will be provided upon selection.

Additional Requirements

All selected athletes must:

- Sign the RNB Code of Conduct and Team Member Agreement.
 - Complete CCES Anti-Doping Education.
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Alternates

Alternates will not travel to the CWG unless they replace an injured or ineligible athlete. The coaching staff, with executive approval, may reduce the number of alternates as needed.

Contact Information

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This document serves as the official Ringette New Brunswick 2027 Canada Winter Games Team Selection Criteria. Further updates will be communicated by Ringette NB as needed.

Together, we will prepare and work towards the challenge of bringing home a medal for New Brunswick!