

Ringette New Brunswick Policy and Guidelines for Male Athletes

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this document:
 - a) “*Association*” – Ringette New Brunswick

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Policy is to describe the integration of male athletes into the sport of ringette within the jurisdiction, clubs, teams and leagues of the Association.

Application of this Policy

3. This Policy applies to all House League Play within the Association and its Clubs, Teams and Leagues.
4. This Policy does not apply to Competitive Ringette which is governed by the policies and procedures as described by Ringette Canada (?).

Obligations

U7 – U9

5. Any individual within the U7 – U9 classification is eligible to play within the Association’s House League Play.

U10 - Open

6. Any individual within the U10 – Open classification is eligible to play within the Association’s House League Play subject to the following restrictions:
 - a) Only 1 male skater per shift is permitted on the ice at all times; in addition to a male goaltender (if applicable).
 - b) Any individual (male or female) transferring from the sport of hockey to the sport of ringette must be fully informed as to the rules of ringette and that ringette is a non-contact sport.
 - c) Any individual (male or female) transferring from hockey must be approved by the Association’s Board of Directors prior to participating in the sport of ringette.
 - d) Individuals (male or female) transferring from hockey must be included on team’s roster prior to November 1st and be submitted to the Association with the team’s registration package.

7. The following table provides a guide to the requirements for a male participating in the Association's House League Programs:

Age	Can a male act as Goalie?	Can a male be a Skater?	Limit of # Skaters/Shift	Approval required for a male to play the sport of Ringette
U7	Yes	Yes	No	Yes – No further approval required
U9	Yes	Yes	No	Yes – No further approval required
U10	Yes	Yes	Yes= 1 Skater/Shift	Yes – No further approval required
U12	Yes	Yes	Yes = 1 Skater/Shift	Yes – Upon receiving Board Approval
U14	Yes	Yes	Yes = 1 Skater/Shift	Yes – Upon receiving Board Approval
U16	Yes	Yes	Yes = 1 Skater/Shift	Yes – Upon receiving Board Approval
U19	Yes	Yes	Yes = 1 Skater/Shift	Yes – Upon receiving Board Approval
Open	Yes	Yes	Yes = 1 Skater/Shift	Yes – Upon receiving Board Approval

Appeals Procedure

8. Decisions rendered in accordance with this Policy may be appealed in accordance with the Association's *Appeal Policy*.