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All	Split Policy into sections 1.0 – 23.0, Appendix A – G	1	2012	2012
All	Spelling, Punctuation	2	N/A	11/03/2017
12.1	Added “athlete development”	2	N/A	11/03/2017
12.3.4	New Principle	2	N/A	11/03/2017
12.3.5	Added “Only sanctioned tournaments....”	2	N/A	11/03/2017
12.4.3	Wording changes/dates under Automatic Sanctioning	2	N/A	11/03/2017
12.4.4.A	Removed section	2	N/A	11/03/2017
12.4.4.2, 12.4.4.3, 12.4.4.4	Added new policies under Sanctioning by Request	2	N/A	11/03/2017
12.4.4.2	Add a new requirement to report teams attending tournaments to RAB	3	08/15/2018	08/15/2018
12.4.4.4	Removed “Athlete Evaluations not permitted in 12.4.3”	4	01/26/2020	01/26/2020
12.4.1	Added August 1st date to align with fiscal year	5	06/20/2024	07/01/2024
12.4.4	Removed sanctioning of any event with alcohol	5	06/20/2024	07/01/2024
12.4.4.1	Added disciplinary committee and spectator code of conduct sanctions to tournament applications. Aligns with approved sanctions for AWG and Provincials, giving associations the ability to make their tournament a safe space.	5	06/20/2024	07/01/2024
12.4.3	Added Regionals and exhibition games, clarified	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
12.4.4.1	Contents of Sanctioning Application updated	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
12.4.4.2	Added Exhibition Series to sanction by request	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
12.4.4.3	Removed “Play between April 1 and August 31” and replaced with “Team Training not permitted in 12.4.3”	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
12.4.4.6	Added 3v3 Camps	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
12.6	Added Association Member Definition	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025

12.0 EVENT SANCTIONING POLICY

12.1 Purpose

Ensure events in Alberta are organized to common competitive (where applicable) and safety standards for the benefit of participants.

12.2 Applicability

All events organized in Alberta for registered Ringette participants by Ringette Alberta, Members of Ringette Alberta or Registered Teams.

12.3 Principles

12.3.1 All events conducted by Ringette Alberta members must be sanctioned.

12.3.2 Sanctioning is required for each event on an annual basis.

12.3.3 Applications for sanctioning will be accepted from Association members of Ringette Alberta only.

12.3.4 Members shall obtain sanctioning before committing to conduct an event.

12.3.5 Only sanctioned tournaments will be listed on the Ringette Alberta website.

12.3.6 Sanctioning will be granted for only those events that comply with Ringette Alberta Policy.

12.3.7 Sanctioning requests for Tournaments that remain the same weekend will be given priority; Tournaments that change weekends need to be aware of other events in that time frame and may not be sanctioned.

12.4 Requirements

12.4.1 Timeline

The Tournament Sanctioning Form and the Special Event Sanctioning Form (using RAMP) must be submitted to the Ringette Alberta office at least thirty (30) days before the event.

Ringette Alberta will only accept Tournament Sanctioning requests after August 1.

12.4.2 Fees

Event sanctioning application must include the event sanctioning fee as specified in Appendix A - Rates and Fees.

Charitable events may have this fee waived.

12.4.3 Automatic Sanctioning

Sanctioning is automatically given to the following events, **provided they comply with all applicable Ringette Alberta policies:**

- Programs delivered directly by Ringette Alberta.
- League play between September 1 and March 31.
- Team training (on ice or dryland) between August 15 and March 31.
- Specialized athlete development programs (introductory programs; goaltender training; power skating).
- Team building activities that do not expose participants to any risk which is greater than what they would experience in a typical ringette game.
- Exhibition game(s) scheduled by the League between teams, at least one of which is registered with Ringette Alberta.
- Athlete evaluations starting no sooner than the Sunday of the weekend before the Labour Day long weekend for the season commencing in the same calendar year as the evaluations.
- Association / Team end-of-season banquets where NO alcohol is served or consumed.
- Regionals, Provincial Championships.
- Western Canadian Ringette Championship when hosted by a member Association of Ringette Alberta.

12.4.4 Sanctioning by Request

12.4.4.1 Tournaments:

Sanctioning of tournaments is at the discretion of Ringette Alberta. To be sanctioned, the host association must abide by the regulations listed in the Sanctioned Event Application.

Requirements Include:

- Association Member submission.
- Event Contact and email.
- Officials Assignor Contact and email.
- Registration information and webpage/email.
- Tournament Rules and dates.
- Emergency Action Plan.
- Names of members on the disciplinary committee.
- Indicate the number of teams in each division and the total number of teams.
- Payment.
- Disciplinary Committee members who will oversee the following:

- Game suspensions resulting from ejection penalties. The Committee will use Policy 15.0 Game Suspension and Subsequent Discipline Policy.
- All actions must be reported to Ringette Alberta within 2 days following tournament completion.
- Spectator sanctions for behaviours that are considered Code of Conduct violations.
- Spectators may receive a warning that can result in a hearing. Consequences from Spectator Code of Conduct violations may include removal from the tournament, and could extend to future restrictions.
- All actions will be reported to Ringette Alberta within 2 days following tournament completion.

12.4.4.2 Exhibition series or "hubs" (a set of organized exhibition games involving multiple teams, structured in a way that mimics the format of a tournament but does not count toward official standings or rankings).

12.4.4.3 Team Training not permitted in 12.4.3.

12.4.4.4 Come Try Ringette or Learn to Play camps.

- Come Try Ringette events where the participants are pre-registered (before they begin the related activities).

12.4.4.5 Other Events

All events not already identified in 12.4.3 and 12.4.4.1. These events include, but may not be limited to:

- Ringette camp.
- 3v3 spring camps.
- Other team events not already listed previously in this policy.

12.4.5 Compliance and Consequences

12.4.5.1 As per the Ringette Alberta Bylaws (2.3), all Members must comply with Ringette Alberta Policy; therefore, Members that do not obtain sanctioning from Ringette Alberta in advance of their event may face consequences up to and including having their membership revoked or lose the right to certain membership privileges such as holding future events.

12.4.5.2 Sanctioning requests with less than 30 days' notice will incur a fine according to Appendix A - Rates and Fees.

12.4.5.3 12.4.5.3 Sanctioning with seven (7) or fewer days' notice is at the discretion of Ringette Alberta and carries a \$1000 fine.

12.5 References

Ringette Alberta Bylaws 2.3 Terms of Membership

Appendix A – Rates and Fees

15.0 Game Suspension and Subsequent Discipline Policy.



12.6 Definitions

- a) *Event*: An activity held under the control of Ringette Alberta, a Ringette Alberta Group Member or Registered Team; an activity held under the control of another Member of Ringette Canada, or a team registered to that Member.
- b) *Association Member*: refer to 28.0 Membership Policy.
- c) *Disciplinary Committee For tournaments*: this consists of the host association president, the officials' assignor/supervisor, and the tournament chair.