

2026 SEASON REPORT



Message From The President

To Our Ringette Alberta Community,

What a year it has been.

As we come together for our Annual General Meeting, I want to take a moment not just to look back, but to truly acknowledge what makes this organization special: it is you. All of you. The volunteers, the officials, the players, the parents, the staff. This community is the reason ringette in Alberta continues to grow and thrive.

To our operations team, thank you for being the steady hand behind everything we do. The path from registration to evaluations to provincials, WCRCs, and CRCs is never a straight line, and your ability to navigate every twist with professionalism and good humour keeps us moving forward. None of what we accomplish is possible without the groundwork you lay, day in and day out.

Our officials deserve a moment of real recognition. You are the ones who make competition meaningful. You show up – early, late, in cold arenas and under pressure – because you believe in the integrity of the game. At every age group and every level, your presence matters more than you may realize. Thank you.

To our players: you are what this is all for. From a child lacing up skates for the very first time to a veteran competitor pushing through a tough season, every one of you carries the spirit of this sport forward. Ringette exists because of your love for the game, and that is something worth celebrating.

To the parents and families who make it all possible behind the scenes, the predawn alarms, the long drives, the cold stands, the unwavering support: your dedication rarely gets the spotlight it deserves. Consider this a standing ovation.

And to every volunteer who has given their time, energy, and expertise: thank you. Whether you served on a board, coached a team, ran a tournament, managed equipment, or found some other way to help, you are the backbone of this sport in our province.

A Year of Progress

This past year, we pushed forward on work that will shape ringette in Alberta for years to come. Our tiering policy continued to evolve, guided by real feedback and a genuine commitment to competitive fairness at all levels. This is an ongoing process and one we take seriously, always asking how we can do better for our players.

Our governance work reflects that same mindset. Policies are not static documents. They need to grow and adapt as sport does, and we remain committed to staying ahead of that curve rather than behind it.

Safe Sport is not a program or a checkbox for us. It is a value. The physical and mental well-being of every athlete in this province is our responsibility, and we take it seriously. The continued use of ALIAS to manage cases has allowed us to address situations with the fairness and timeliness they deserve, and we will keep investing in that work.

Across the broader ringette ecosystem, our relationships with Ringette Canada and other Provincial Sport Organizations have continued to strengthen. Alignment does not happen automatically. It takes consistent effort from everyone involved, including our member associations, who have shown real commitment to bringing their policies in step with provincial standards. That work creates something important: a more consistent, more equitable game for everyone who steps on the ice.

Looking Forward

Ringette in Alberta is in good shape, not because everything is perfect, but because the people in this community refuse to settle. There is always more to build, more to improve, and more to celebrate. I am genuinely excited about what comes next.

Thank you for everything you bring to this sport.

Always rooting for ringette, Megan Lamb



Meet Ringette Alberta



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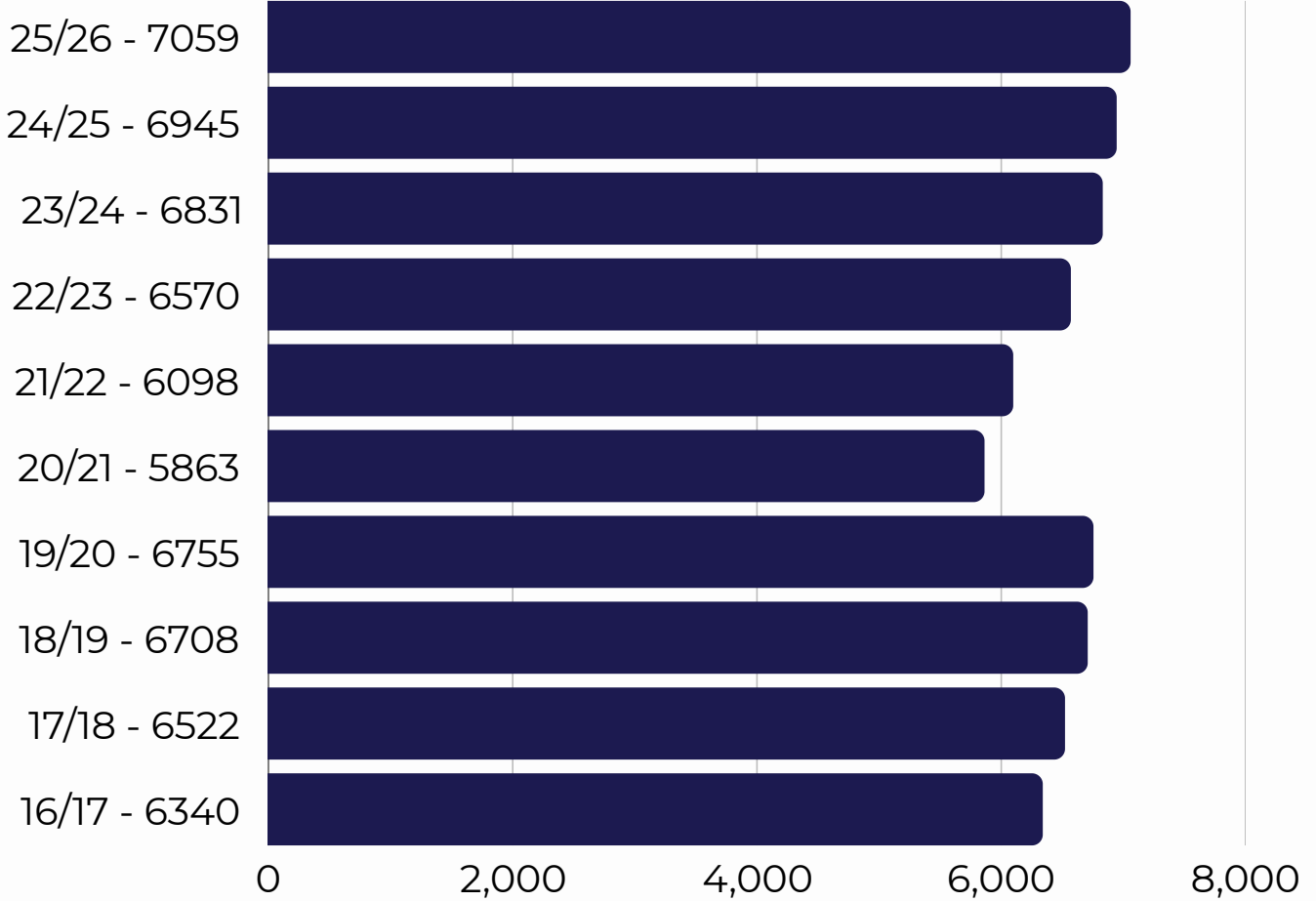
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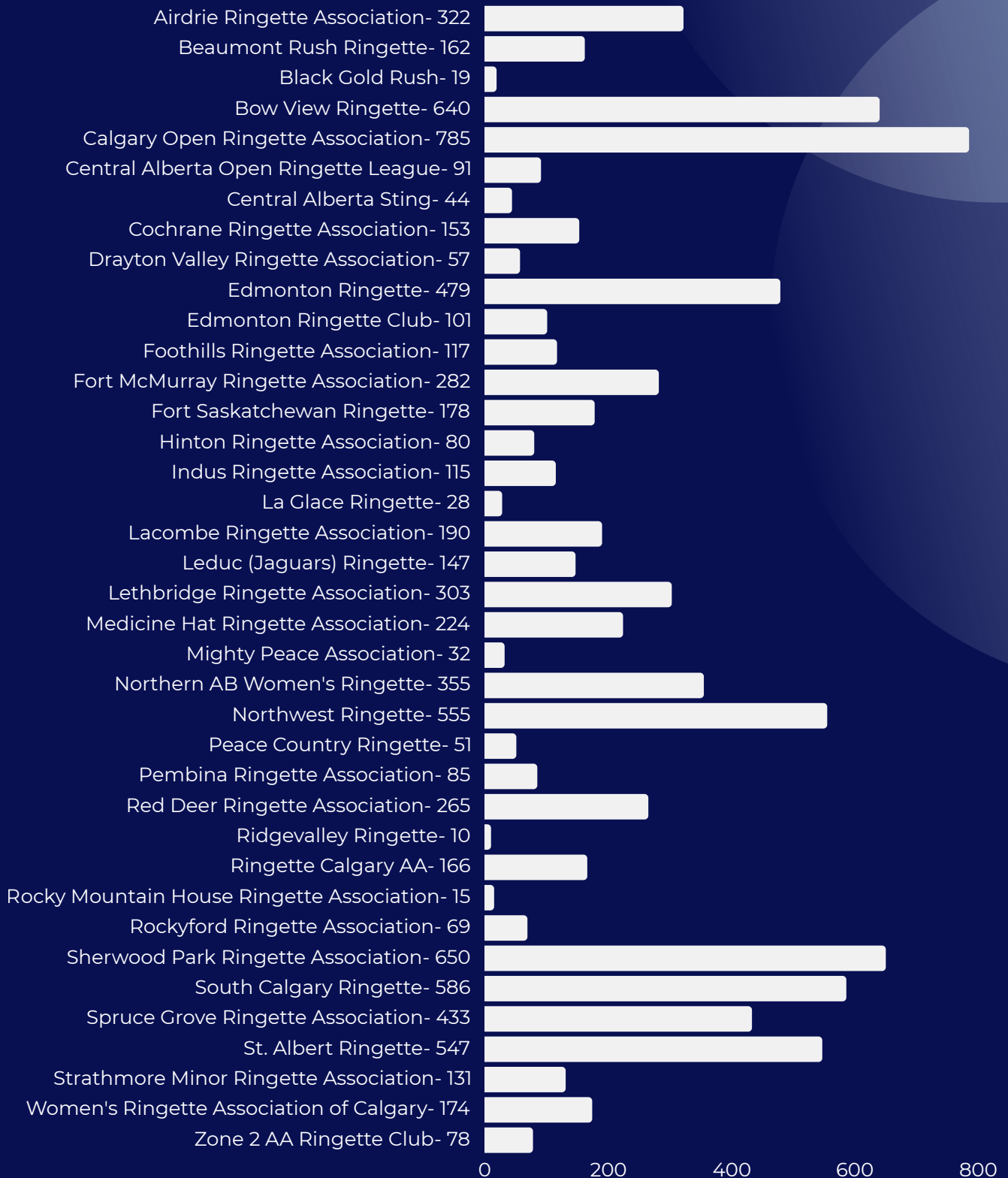
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7059 ATHLETES
437 OFFICIALS
2716 TEAM STAFF
6 RAB STAFF

**1.64% increase
 in players over
 last season**

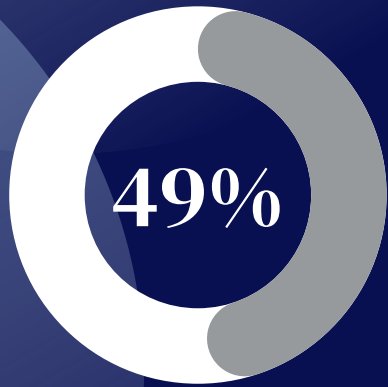


Registration by Association



Coaching Update

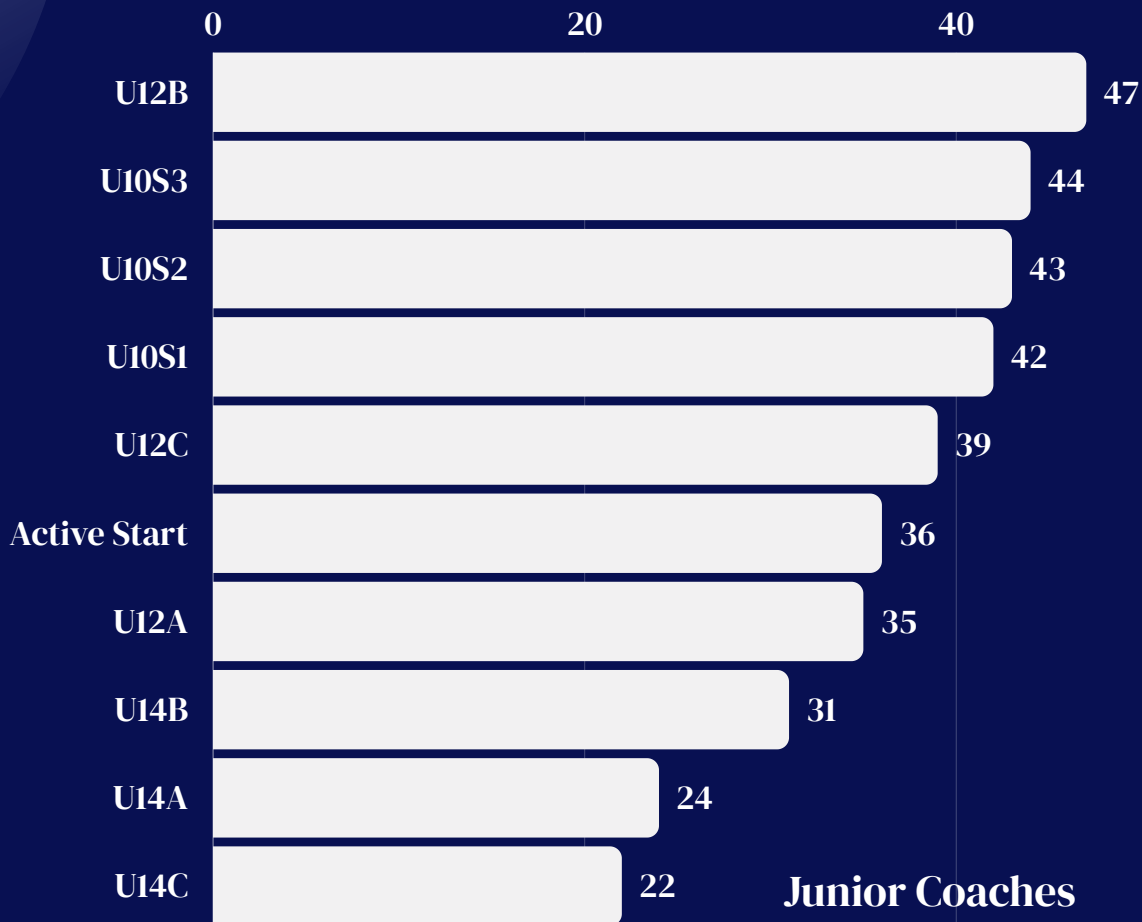
Female Head Coaches



Ringette Alberta had a total of 397 coaches this season, with women representing 49% of head coach positions, reflecting a growing presence of women in leadership roles across the province. As more athletes transition out of competitive play, we are seeing an encouraging trend of retiring players returning to the sport as coaches.

Their recent playing experience, strong connection to the game, and ability to relate to athletes are already translating into impactful leadership behind the bench.

Junior Coaches in Alberta



Coaching Update

COACH DEVELOPMENT IN ACTION

31 coaches participated in the Alberta Winter Games and 32 coaches took part in the RAB Challenge Coaches' Game, creating valuable environments for growth, collaboration, and mentorship across the province.

These opportunities are made possible through the commitment of coaches who step forward to lead, learn, and give back to the game.

A sincere thank you to all coaches who volunteered their time and expertise this season.

We would also like to recognize the dedicated Learning Facilitators and Coach Evaluators, whose leadership and guidance continue to elevate the coaching experience in Alberta:

Beth Veale
Corinne Middleton
Loralee Eastland
Leigh Sauer
Danielle Hargreaves
Chris Kelly
Shelley Leslie
Caleigh Wojcicki
Shelley Derewianka
Craig Schmidt
Mel Thomas
Paul Geddes
Jody Nouwen
Kevin Harrison
Bronwen Harvey



Your commitment to developing coaches at all levels is instrumental in strengthening our sport across the province.

Official Update

Level 2 Clinics

Every season, Ringette Alberta is committed to hosting Level 2 clinics, Officials that are developing into their Level 2 rank require this clinic to obtain their 2 rank. This 8-hour clinic helps officials learn more than the basics from their Introduction to Officiating clinics, with some major themes in positioning, teamwork, penalties and penalty management.

Evaluation Clinics

Ringette Canada ran Level 1 and Level 3 Evaluation Clinics nationally this season, as part of those clinics, Ringette Alberta ran the complimenting Calibration Clinics. Leduc and Strathmore hosted Level 1 clinics in their Tournaments, and Spruce Grove hosted a Level 3 clinic in their Tournament. In 2026/27, another Level 3 calibration clinic will finish the series of calibration clinics.

Congratulations to the following Evaluators for taking part and achieving a new Evaluator status: Amy P., Gracie F., Jenna Sw., Jenna St., Jordan P., Jordyn W., Julie G., Kaylie L., Mackenzie A., Makayla P., Shauna W., Shelby R., Breanna N., Chelsea C., Christine P., Jasper G-W., Mike B.
With more to come this upcoming season!

Shot Clock Officiating Program:

Shot Clock Officiating clinics were added as NEW Programming this season. Ringette Alberta is excited to continue with this program to enhance our officiating programs in Alberta! Thank you to our program leads, Judy R. and Iris T., for facilitating the clinic and providing mentorship following the clinics!

In total we ran 8 Clinics with 163 Participants! In addition, Ringette Alberta also introduced the Shot Clock Officiating Program to Alberta Winter Games and AA Provincials.

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- Registered Officials – 437
- Associations running First Stripes (Half-Ice Officiating Program) – 11 Associations
- Introduction to Officiating Clinic Participants – 102 (102 NEW Officials this season)
- ALL returning officials took a Rule Change clinic – hosted 16 clinics



OFFICIAL RECOGNITION:

Provincial On-Ice Officials: Abby K., Abygale H., Amy P., Andy T., Anna M., Blaize F., Breanna N., Brie L., Bryna F., Cassidy L., Chelsea C., Christine P., Christine P., Connor KM., Corey M., Dani N., David S., Diane L., Elizabeth M., Ellie B., Elyse P., Eva H., Gracie F., Jaelyn O., Jaidyn N., Jamie H., Jasper G-W., Jenna St., Jenna Sw., Jenna W., Jill O., Jordan P., Josh N., Julie G., Kailen K., Kamryn T., Kaylee C., Kaylie L., Kelly B., Kelly W., Kelsey L., Kelsey L., Kennedy H., Kenzie C., Kianna D., Kristi P., Len H., Lesley B., Liza B., Loren E., Mackenzie A., Makayla P., Maria B., Marit L., Melayna B., Mitch M., Morgan W., Nora L., Nyah B., Paige A., Richard B., Ruby K., Sarah S., Shauna W., Shelby B., Sophie K., Stephen P., Sylvie B., Sylvie D., Tanehya M., Tracy E., Travis N.

Provincial Supervisors: Cassidy L., Chelsea C., Christine P., Dani N., Diane L., Erin H., Jasper G-W., Jordan P., Kaylie L., Kristi P., Lauren K., Melanie S., Mike B., Paige A., Shelby R-B., Sylvie B., Sylvie D.
Shot Clock Officials: Iris T., Judy R., Dayna B., Kristi P.

WCRC On-Ice Officials: Elyse P., Jenna St., Jenna Sw., Kaylie L., Paige A., Sarah S., Shauna W.

Supervisors: Danielle N.

CRC On-Ice Officials: Breanna N., Danielle N., Jaimie N., Jasper G-W., Sylvie B.

Shot Clock Officials: Iris T., Judy R., Kristi P.

Social Media + Revenue Generation



Social Media

We continued to grow our social media presence this season, with high-performing content driving strong engagement and visibility, resulting in over 1.2 million views, expanding awareness of the sport across the province. This growth strengthens our connection with the community while increasing value for partners and sponsors.



Sponsorship

We expanded our strong sponsorship base with a new multi-year partner, strengthening long-term stability. This partnership reflects growing confidence in Ringette Alberta and supports continued growth in programming, athlete development, and visibility.



50/50 Raffle

The Ringette Alberta 50/50 raffle continued to grow, with this season marking our most successful year to date. Early bird prize partnerships were added to the program, helping increase participation and overall performance.



Come Try Ringette

We continue to see strong growth and success in our Come Try Ringette program. Alberta remains a national leader in the number of events hosted by local associations, reflecting strong community engagement and commitment to growing the sport.

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You Tube
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10k
VIEWS

The Spirit of Ringette



RAB Cup Development Camp

This season, Ringette Alberta hosted two RAB Cup sessions, a strong reflection of the high level of skill across the province. These events gave athletes a chance to experience the game in a new way and compete at a high level. The RAB Cup development camps create opportunities for athletes from across Alberta to develop skills to compete at a higher level. The athletes selected from the camps will move on to compete at the 2027 Canada Winter Games as Team Alberta.



RAB Challenge Development Camp

This year's RAB Challenge sold out in record time. The energy and excitement at this event is something special to see. We are very grateful for the volunteers and parents who help bring this event together. Your time and effort make it all possible. It is also a chance for players to spend a full weekend learning new ringette skills, enjoying the games, and meeting athletes across the province.



Major Projects

This season, Ringette Alberta delivered major progress across three priority areas: Learn to Play Ringette, and AA alignment. These initiatives work together to create clearer pathways for athletes, improve consistency at the AA level, and offer more flexible programming options for participants.



This season, the Learn to Play Ringette initiative successfully transitioned from grant funding into implementation. Supported through our partnership with Sport for Life and funding from the Government of Alberta's Every Kid Can Play grant.

Through this funding, we were able to support Associations directly by securing essential equipment, including over 350 ringette cages and 100 ringette sticks, helping reduce barriers to participation and making it easier for new athletes to get started.

Building on the success of the Come Try Ringette program, Learn to Play has been developed with cohesive provincial branding and ready-to-use social media marketing tools, empowering Associations to effectively promote their programs and attract new participants in their communities.

We extend our sincere thanks to the many volunteers and Associations who contributed valuable feedback, insight, and on-the-ground experience to help shape and strengthen this program.

Wild Rose Premier Ringette League

Ringette Alberta continued to advance the development of the future Wild Rose Premier Ringette League, moving from concept to consultation into active planning and alignment across the province.

Supported through our partnership with Sport for Life and funding from the Government of Alberta's Every Kid Can Play grant, this work is focused on strengthening consistency, supporting fair competition, and creating clear development pathways for athletes at the AA level.

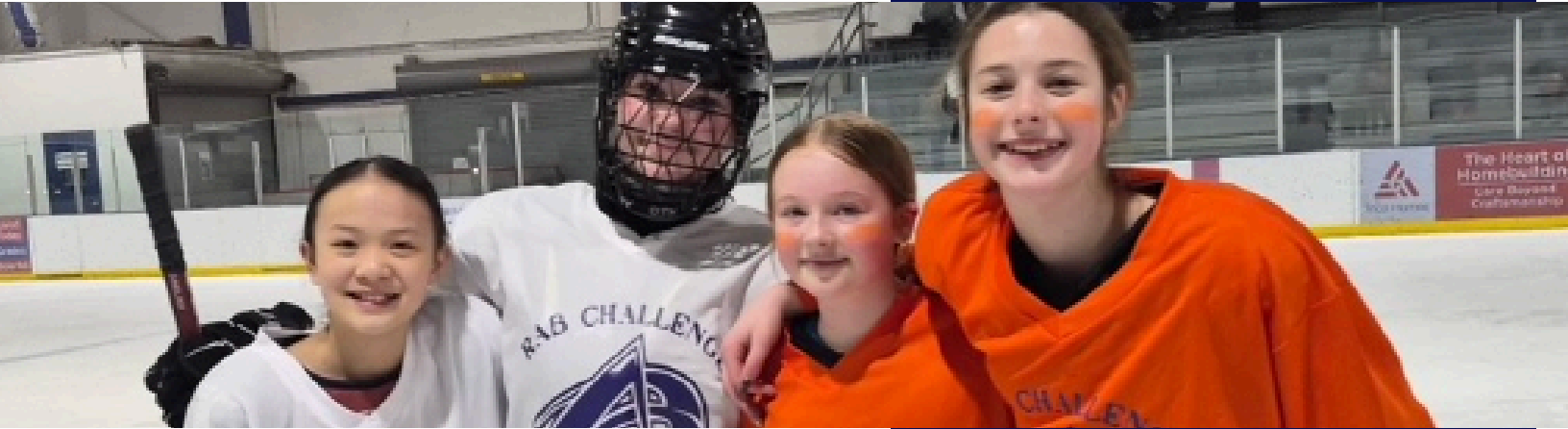
Building on the strong foundation of existing AA programming, this initiative brings together regional providers, technical leaders, and community voices to enhance alignment across Alberta while maintaining local delivery. Through extensive engagement with athletes, coaches, and volunteers, key priorities have been identified, including improved consistency between regions, increased access, and a more connected provincial system.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Provincial AA Working Group and the many contributors across the ringette community whose insight, collaboration, and leadership continue to guide this work as we move toward a targeted launch for the 2026–2027 season.

Ringette Alberta gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Alberta through the Every Kid Can Play Grant.

The logo for Ringette Alberta, featuring the word "Alberta" in a white, cursive script font, followed by a solid white square.

Safe Sport



Ringette Alberta remains committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants. Safe Sport continues to be a priority across all levels of the organization, with a focus on education, prevention, and clear, consistent processes for addressing concerns.

For future seasons, Ringette Alberta has adopted the Alberta Safe Sport Complaint Management System (ABSSCM) and the Alberta Universal Code of Conduct (ABUCC).

This transition reflects a continued commitment to strengthening accountability and ensuring a consistent approach to Safe Sport across Alberta.

As in previous seasons, a third-party case management system will be used to assess complaints, determine admissibility and jurisdiction, and support appropriate follow-up at the provincial or association level.

Ringette Alberta thanks its Associations, volunteers, and members for their continued commitment to creating safe, positive sport experiences for all.