



2027 Canada Winter Games Coaching Application

Deadline: November 15, 2024

About Ringette and the Canada Winter Games

Ringette was first introduced into the Canada Winter Games in 1991. Held every four years, the Canada Winter Games are a key event in the development of Canada's young athletes. As the best in their age group, these young competitors come to the Games having trained long and hard to be among those chosen to represent their respective province or territory and compete for the Canada Games Flag and Centennial Cup. With the Canada Games poised as a key step in the development of Canada's future stars, Canada Games athletes are Canada's next generation Junior and Senior National team athletes. In Ringette, the Canada Games is an opportunity for Learn to Win stage athletes to compete as part of their provincial team. The level of play is AAA and a stepping-stone towards international level competition.

The 2027 Canada Winter Games will take place from February 26 - March 15, 2027, in Quebec City. Athletes born in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 will be eligible to try out. A team of 18 athletes will be selected to attend, and Ringette Alberta is looking for 1 head coach and 3 assistant coaches to lead the team.

***Ringette Alberta has made some changes to the athlete evaluation format for the 2027 Cycle.**

Athletes will be tracked over 2 RAB Cups (2025 and 2026), with fitness testing at both as well as in November or December 2025. Scouting at League, Tournament, and Provincial games throughout the season will be encouraged. Athletes can self-ID at multiple points throughout the process and still be considered for the team with the final self-ID deadline of April 1, 2026.

It is recommended for coaching applicants to review the Athlete Self-ID package available online.

A. Team Staff Requirements

Four coaches are permitted on the bench, and at least one of the Head or Assistant coaches must be female. In the past we have been lucky to have a Women in Coaching apprenticeship spot, but that is not guaranteed, and we would not find out about it until 2025 at least. All applicants must be in good standing with their local associations as well as with Ringette Alberta and will need to have a clean Vulnerable Sector Check upon selection.

- a. Head Coach and Assistant Coaches – if not already Comp Dev certified, will have to be prior to the 2027 Games.
 - 18+ years old
 - Minimum of 3 years coaching experience at U19AA or higher, preferably as head coach
 - Competition Development Certified strongly preferred
 - Making Head Way in Sport module complete
 - Safe Sport module complete
 - Make Ethical Decisions class and evaluation complete
- b. Coach in Training – Female Apprenticeship Program (note that funding for this position is dependent on our successful application to the Canada Games program)
 - Identify as female, 18+ years old
 - Minimum of 3 years coaching experience at U16AA or higher
 - Competition Introduction Certified
 - Working towards Competition Development Certification
 - Making Head Way in Sport module complete
 - Safe Sport module complete
 - Make Ethical Decisions class and evaluation complete

B. Important Dates

The following Coaching Commitments and timelines are expected of all applicants. By submitting your application you agree that you are available for these dates, to the best of your knowledge at this time.

- November/December 2024, interviews: shortlisted coaches will take part in interviews during this time.
- January 2025, post selection planning: assisting RAB to plan RAB Cup 2025
- January-April 2025, Scouting: league games, tournament games, provincial games as necessary
- April 2025, RAB Cup: Coach Mentorship, Athlete assessment and feedback
- October 2025-March 2026, Scouting: league, tournament, provincials as needed
- April & May 2026, RAB Cup: Coach Mentorship, Athlete assessment and feedback
- May 2026, RAB Tournament: invitational for top xx athletes moving forward in team selections
- June 2026-January 2027, team training: selection camps, tournaments and training taking place at least once a month. Tournaments are tentatively going to be hosted in Ontario, Saskatchewan, PEI, and Alberta. Dates TBD.
- January or February 2027, Team Alberta Staging event in Edmonton
- February-March 2027, Canada Winter Games in Quebec City

C. Application Items

[Complete the Google Form](#) which will include some basic information as well as:

- a. Detailed ringette resume including 3-4 sentences about your coaching philosophy, divisions you've coached (your role and for which associations), highest level of ringette you've played, playing and coaching accomplishments, and any other relevant coaching/work/volunteer experience.
- b. In one paragraph, tell us how you are going to make sure Alberta wins at the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

D. References: Ringette Alberta has forms for references to fill out so we receive the same type of information about each applicant. Please send the appropriate link to each reference. Applicants will require endorsements from 3 different people/families:

1. [Local association where you coached](#) in 2023-24
2. [Member of a recent coaching staff](#), either 23-24 or 24-25
3. [Athlete you coached recently](#), either 23-24 or 24-25

Ringette Alberta will confirm with you when the completed application, including references, is received.

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted to set up an interview.