

Policy Section	Change	Policy Version #	Date Approved	Effective Date
All	New Policy	0	2002	2002
All	Policy Revisions	0.1-0.7	2003-2011	2003-2011
All	Split Policy into sections 1.0 – 23.0, Appendix A – G	1	2012	2012
21.4.1.4.5, All	Removed male/female references Spelling, Punctuation	2	N/A	11/03/2017
21.4	Removed references to Provincial Playdowns	3		12/06/2022
21.4.2.4	Removed Ringette Alberta will pay the registration fee for Team Alberta at each division / level, however, other fees may be levied as specified by the Championship host.	3		12/06/2022
All	Wording changes ("less" to "fewer")	4	09/16/2023	09/16/2023
21.4.1.4	Changed the Commitment to Attend for U14 thru U19 inclusive to be an opt out rather than opt in. Causing problems in admin when there is no risk to teams. Open teams must still commit to attend.	5	06/20/2024	07/01/2024
21.4.1.7	Added clause where athletes could be ineligible for Provincials if they did not play in at least 60% of their team's league games. This helps with competitive equity so that teams are tiered correctly all season and that doesn't change going into Provincials.	5	06/20/2024	07/01/2024
21.4.3	Changed wording to Alberta Sport, not Alberta Sport Connection.	5	06/20/2024	07/01/2024
21.4.1.4, 21.4.1.5.1	Added a clarification that teams who are hosting Provincials are automatically committed to attend as part of the application/acceptance to host Provincials (Open teams)	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
21.4.3.5	Extended athlete eligibility from 21.4.1 Provincials to AWG and CWG	6	06/17/2025	06/17/2025

21.0 COMPETITIONS POLICY

21.1 Purpose

Ensure Alberta teams and staff attending Provincial Championships or other high-level competitions are formed, attend, and compete following established rules.

21.2 Applicability

Any teams and team staff attending Provincial Championships, Canadian Ringette Championships (CRC), Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRC), Canada Winter Games (CWG), Alberta Winter Games (AWG) and other high-level competitions.

21.3 Principles

21.3.1 The Technical Manual will be established for each championship.

21.3.2 Requirements for championships will be available to participating teams.

21.3.3 Teams from Alberta will comply with the requirements specified for each competition.

21.4 Requirements

21.4.1 Provincial Championship

21.4.1.1 Technical regulations shall be established in sufficient time before the Commitment to Attend deadline.

21.4.1.2 Ringette Alberta's Provincial Championships will be run according to the Provincial Championship Technical Manual.

- 21.4.1.3 Only approved teams are eligible to participate in Provincial Championships. Teams that do not have an approved Team Registration Form (TRF) by January 31 of the current season are not eligible to compete.
- 21.4.1.4 Provincials Timelines & Fees
Open teams will declare their intention to participate in the Provincial Championship by submitting their commitment to attend form (as specified in Appendix A) by December 15th. If there are nine or fewer teams in a division/level in the Province, the teams will submit their Provincial Championship fee (as specified in Appendix A) along with their commitment to attend. Provincials Host teams are automatically committed to attend Provincials as part of their application to host Provincials.
- 21.4.1.4.1 U14, U16, and U19 teams are automatically considered committed to attend Provincials unless they opt out by submitting an opt-out form by December 15th.
- 21.4.1.4.2 Provincial qualifiers will be conducted by the Leagues for all Divisions / Levels with the exception of Divisions / Levels where there are nine or fewer teams in the Province.
- 21.4.1.4.3 Teams qualifying for a
- 21.4.1.4.4 Provincial Championship through a Provincial qualifier will be required to pay their Provincial Championship fee no later than 7 days prior to the start of Provincials.
- 21.4.1.4.5 Teams which are the subjects of an Advance, Retreat, or Overage Player request which has been denied will have 5 days from notification of the denial to provide Ringette Alberta with written notification of their decision not to continue to the Provincial Championships.
- 21.4.1.5 Provincials Consequences
- 21.4.1.5.1 Open Divisions: If a commitment to attend form is not submitted by the specified deadline above, teams will not be allowed to participate in Provincial Championships. Provincials Host teams are automatically committed to attend as part of their application to host Provincials.
- 21.4.1.5.2 Where Ringette Alberta is seeking a team to attend provincials after the date, the fee will be unchanged.
- 21.4.1.5.3 A team that withdraws from a Provincial Championship Tournament after submitting its commitment to attend or failing to submit their opt-out form by December 15th will forfeit their Provincial Championship Entry Fee. Further, Ringette Alberta will levy a \$1000 fine to the member association to which the team belongs due to the hardship and organizational difficulty a withdrawal would cause to the Championship organizers.
- 21.4.1.6 Athlete Eligibility (U14 thru U19 only)
- In cases of dispute, non-goaltenders who have played in less than 60% of league games with their team may not be eligible to participate in Provincial qualifiers or Provincial Championships

- Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for reasons including but not limited to injury, illness, new-to-ringette, and domestic situations.

21.4.2 Western Canadian Championships (WCRC) & Canadian Ringette Championships (CRC)

21.4.2.1 Western Canadian Ringette Championships will be run according to the WCRC Technical Regulations.

21.4.2.2 Canadian Ringette Championships will be run per the Ringette Canada CRC Technical Regulations.

21.4.2.3 Teams representing Alberta shall comply with the requirements specified in the Ringette Alberta Team Orientation Package.

21.4.2.4 Timeless and Fees:

21.4.2.4.1 Teams will complete their Commitment to Attend as required by the Western Canadian Ringette Championship Governing Authority or Ringette Canada.

21.4.2.4.2 All qualifying teams will be required to pay the registration fee to Ringette Alberta within seven (7) days of completing Provincial Championships and qualifying to attend. Ringette Alberta will pay the host on behalf of the teams.

21.4.3 Alberta Winter Games (AWG) & Canada Winter Games (CWG)

21.4.3.1 Participants and Teams for these Games comply with the Technical Regulations of the Alberta Sport (AWG) or Canada Games Council (CWG).

21.4.3.2 Alberta Winter Games will follow the Alberta Sport Zone boundaries.

21.4.3.3 All registered Ringette Alberta athletes in the eligible age range will be permitted to attend the tryout process for their Zone/Province (fee set by Ringette Alberta before tryouts).

21.4.3.4 AWG and CWG teams may be required to pay part of the cost of their participation.

21.4.3.5 Athlete Eligibility

- In cases of dispute, non-goaltenders who have played in less than 60% of league games with their team may not be eligible to participate in AWG or CWG tryouts and/or competition.
- Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for reasons including but not limited to: injury, illness, new-to-ringette, and domestic situations.

21.5 References

Appendix A - Rates and Fees

Appendix G - Commitment to Attend form

Ringette Alberta Team Orientation Package

21.6 Definitions

- a) *Provincial Championships*: This term will include, where applicable, the final weekend Provincial Championships.
- b) *"Team Alberta"*: Teams that finish first at their respective Provincial Championship and are moving onto the WCRC or CRC. If the first-place team in Ringette Alberta's Provincial Championship chooses not to or is unable to attend the WCRC or CRC, Ringette Alberta may designate an alternate team as Team Alberta.