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All	New Policy	0	08/26/2021	08/26/2021
27.4	Remove season	1	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
27.4.4.4.1	Added U10 Step 1 and 2	1	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
27.4.4.4.2	Add U10 Step 3	1	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
27.4.4.4.3	Added U12B and U12C	1	06/17/2025	06/17/2025
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24.0 GROUP MEMBER GOALTENDER POLICY

24.1 Purpose

Group Members have, monitor, and enforce, a Policy that contributes to the development of a broad base of goaltenders in Children's Ringette. The intent of this policy is to help alleviate the problem of a shortage of goaltenders at the older age groups due to the natural attrition that occurs as athletes age.

24.2 Applicability

All Group Members operating Children's Ringette.

24.3 Principles

- 24.3.1 **Ringette Alberta is unable to effectively monitor local compliance with a provincial** goaltender development policy.
- 24.3.2 **Group Members have a responsibility to ensure that short-term coaching decisions** related to which individuals play goal do not negatively impact the long-term availability of goaltenders, the viability of future teams, and cause over-reliance on affiliate goaltenders.
- 24.3.3 Development of goaltenders is predicated on individuals having the opportunity to practice and play the position on a regular basis.

24.4 Requirements

- 24.4.1 Group Members must have a goaltender development policy in effect.
- 24.4.2 The Group Member is responsible for monitoring and enforcing their policy.
- 24.4.3 The Group Member may determine consequences for non-compliance with their policy.
- 24.4.4 The Group Member's policy must include the following requirements:
 - 24.4.4.1 Any individual may choose to be a full-time goaltender (see definitions) at any time.
 - 24.4.4.2 A full-time goaltender is not necessarily entitled to play goal in every game.
 - 24.4.4.3 While not playing goal, individuals may choose to play a different position but are not required to. This individual would be considered a Part Time Goaltender (see definitions).
 - 24.4.4.4 In Children's Ringette, no individual may play goal more than:

- 24.4.4.4.1 At Active Start and U10 Step 1 and 2, 25% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 25% after December 31st.
- 24.4.4.4.2 At U10 Step 3, 50% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 50% after December 31st.
- 24.4.4.4.3 At U12B and U12C, 75% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 75% after December 31st.

24.5 Consequences

Failure of the Group Member to have and enforce a Goaltender Development Policy that complies with this Policy shall result in the Group Member ceasing to be a member of Ringette Alberta in good standing.

24.6 Definitions

- a) *Children's Ringette*: Active Start, U10, U12
- b) *Full Time Goaltender*: An athlete who does not play any other position aside from goal.
- c) *Part time Goaltender*: An athlete who plays goal and any other position(s) on a regular basis.