

Policy Section	Change	Policy Version #	Date Approved	Effective Date
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

27.0 GROUP MEMBER GOALTENDER POLICY

27.1 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.

27.2 Applicability

All Group Members operating Children's Ringette.

27.3 Principles

27.3.1 Ringette Alberta is unable to effectively monitor local compliance with a provincial goaltender development policy.

27.3.2 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.

27.3.3 Development of goaltenders is predicated on individuals having the opportunity to practice and play the position on a regular basis.

27.4 Requirements

27.4.1 Group Members must have a goaltender development policy in effect.

27.4.2 The Group Member is responsible for monitoring and enforcing their policy.

27.4.3 The Group Member may determine consequences for non-compliance with their policy.

27.4.4 The Group Member's policy must include the following requirements:

27.4.4.1 Any individual may choose to be a full-time goaltender (see definitions) at any time.

27.4.4.2 A full-time goaltender is not necessarily entitled to play goal in every game.

27.4.4.3 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).

27.4.4.4 In Children's Ringette, no individual may play goal more than:

27.4.4.4.1 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.

27.4.4.4.2 At U10 Step 3, 50% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 50% after December 31st.



27.4.4.4.3 At U12B and U12C, 75% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 75% after December 31st.

27.5 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.

27.6 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.