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## **Male Inclusion in Ringette – Statement from the Ringette Alberta Board**

Effective September 1, 2025, the *Government of Alberta's Fairness in Sport and Safety Act* (Bill 29) comes into effect. The legislation applies to female-only leagues for athletes over the age of 12.

Currently, all Ringette leagues in Alberta are considered *mixed*, and therefore the eligibility requirements under the new legislation do not apply.

We recognize that many male players enjoy Ringette for its style of play and inclusive environment, elements they may not find in other sports. In many communities, male participation is essential to forming viable teams, enabling female players to continue competing.

To meet these challenges and ensure equal opportunities, Ringette Alberta will continue to welcome male players into the mixed leagues. We continue to make concerted efforts to build our community through recruiting new athletes of all genders.