

2016 - 2017 A Year in Review



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President's message

Dear Members,

On behalf of Ringette Alberta I am pleased to present the **2016 – 2017 Year in Review** – a publication that represents our continued commitment to transparency, operational excellence, member engagement and progress towards our strategic goals.

It has been another year of change in our community, our office and for our Board and the following are some highlights: After completing a review and rebalancing of staff responsibilities, in February 2017 we welcome Carolyn Reich to the team as the Administration and Finance Coordinator, joining Lauren, Caleigh, Sharon and David. Completing the team means a welcome extra set of hands and expertise as we complete this season. I'd like to thank the team for their hard work during the intervening time and thank you, our members, for your patience during this hiring process – although it took a while the result has been worth it!

During the year the Board has been busy as well. Our work plan included a substantial number of policy revisions (see pg. 3), introductions and meetings across the province to support changes in the leadership of some of our members as well as orienting new Board members and our new roles. In addition, our treasurer was particularly busy and completed the upgrade of our financial system and our project reporting which enables us to provide enhanced reporting capabilities such as you saw in the Annual Report presented in November and also herein.

This message would not be complete if I did not congratulate our athletes, coaches and officials for their commitment to be the best you can be and our teams for their successes – a few of which are depicted in this review – most notably our presence and standings at both Westerns and Nationals (see pg 12) – we are so proud!

None of the achievements of the past year would have been possible without the ongoing and valuable contributions we receive from our members. Whether those members volunteer at events, teach courses, coach, officiate, serve on committees and boards, Ringette Alberta is exceptionally well-served by the commitment and expertise of members who offer their time to the sport. We thank all of those volunteers for choosing to make a positive difference and a special 'shout out' to the Leduc, Beaumont and Zone 5AA Associations for all your efforts in hosting the 2017 Freson Brothers Canadian Ringette Championship in Leduc, AB in March.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our ringette community who came together and supported the Fort McMurray Ringette Association during the forest fires with equipment and cash donations, and again to support the Bomford and Nelson families through the Meghan Bomford Memorial Scholarship – this community is truly amazing!

As productive as 2016/17 was, we expect that 2017/18 will be just as important for the sport and Ringette Alberta. We anticipate turning our attention to our new strategic plan and more specifically, our strategic priorities of Sport Growth, Athlete, Coach and Officials' Development, and Operational Excellence. We will also continue to fulfill our mandate on behalf of our sport and to the best of our ability. In that work, we know we can continue to count on the support and input of our members.

On Behalf of the Board and Staff,

Ann

Ann MacTaggart

Behind the scenes - Board Happenings

Since the AGM in May 2016 the Ringette Alberta Board has prioritized its governance work plan and this season has seen the following :

- New (Policy #24) Goalie Development
- Overhauled: Adult Ringette
- Updated:
 - ✓ Emergency Goaltender
 - ✓ Small Nets - Mandatory AS - U10S3
 - ✓ Residency - phase 1 - defined boundaries and home association. Created flowchart to give guidance "If you think you need a release"
 - ✓ Tiering - formula updated to reflect the use of UAA for ages up to U14. This was the first year data went to RAB and office staff **"drew the lines" between AA, A, B, C**
 - ✓ Team/Staff - updated to include absent female on the bench as well as aligned policy with Ringette Canada's no managers on the bench decision.
 - ✓ Suspension -increases to the length of suspensions as well as clarification that you sit while your suspension is under appeal.
 - ✓ Appeals - Clarification of lines of communication for appeals

- Upcoming / in progress
 - ✓ Residency - Phase 2 - hired an external consultant to evaluate and provide recommendations for change.
 - ✓ Sanctioning - review of seasonal planning with focus on off season activities to align with LTAD.

We have enlisted the help of an articling law student to review all the policies to make sure they are all compliant with the laws of the land and that we haven't contradicted ourselves in one policy in another.

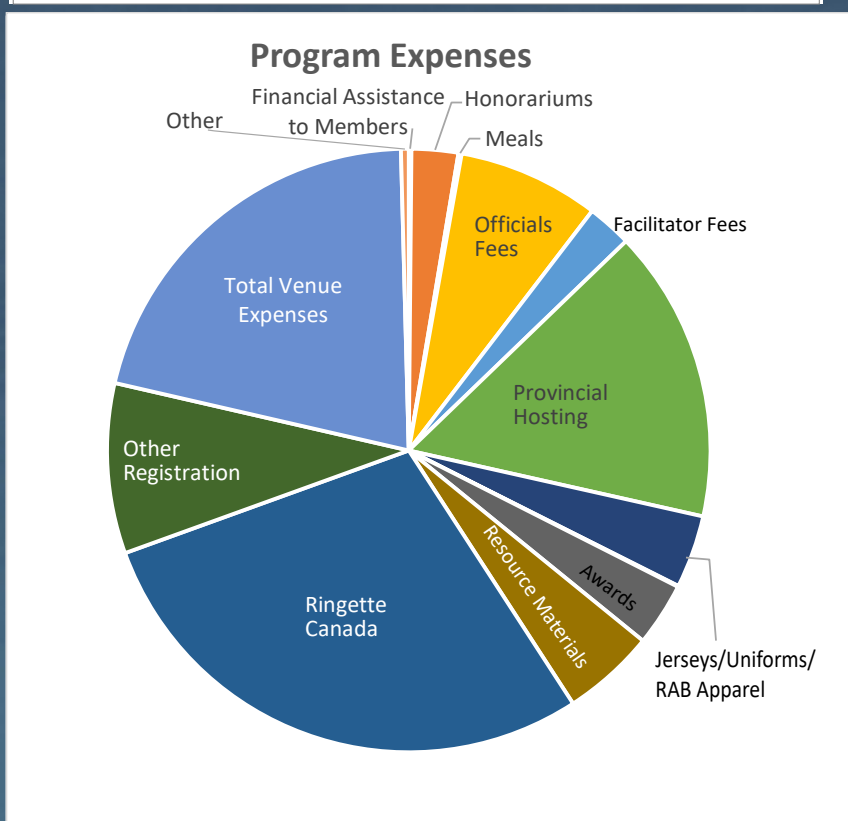
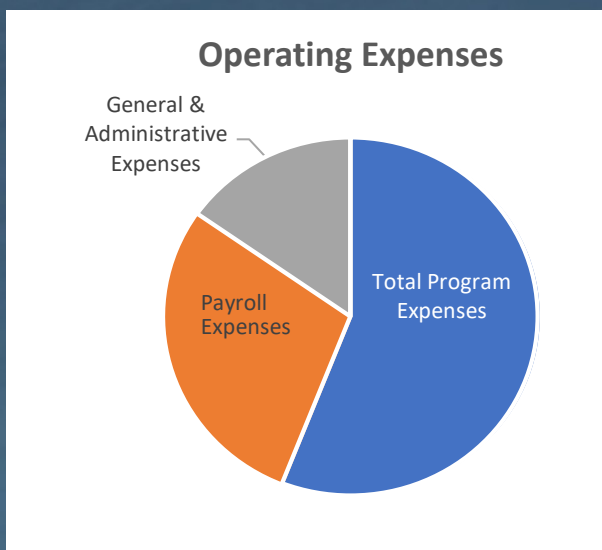
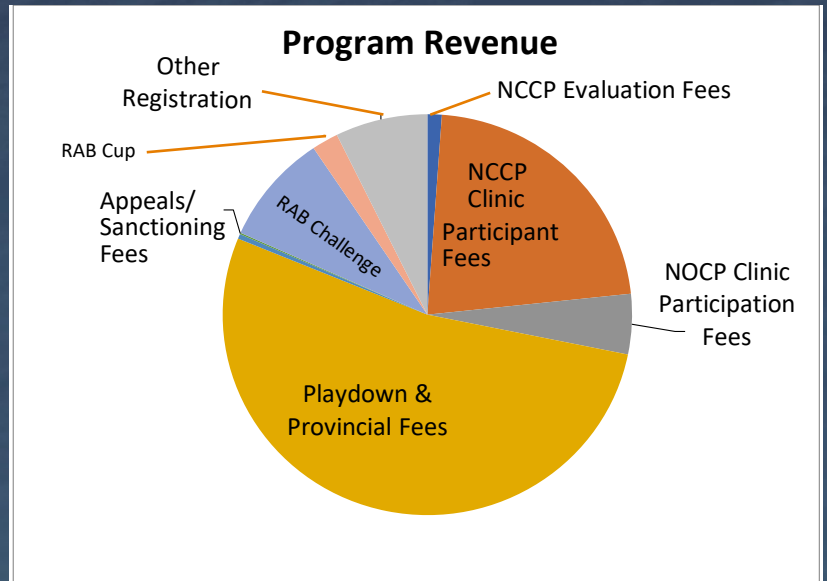
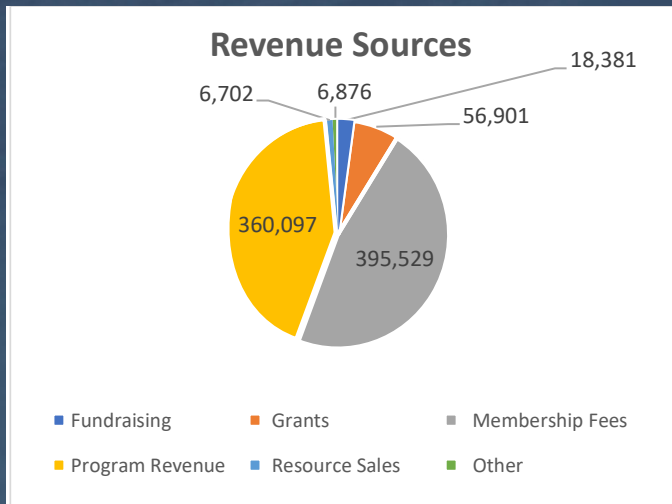
Some of our staff and Board have engaged with Ringette Canada by being active members on the following national task forces:

- ✓ Customer Relationship Management & Registration System
- ✓ Athlete Development Matrix Project
- ✓ Competition Review and Restructuring Project
- ✓ Officiating Ranking System
- ✓ Female "on the bench"
- ✓ Male Players



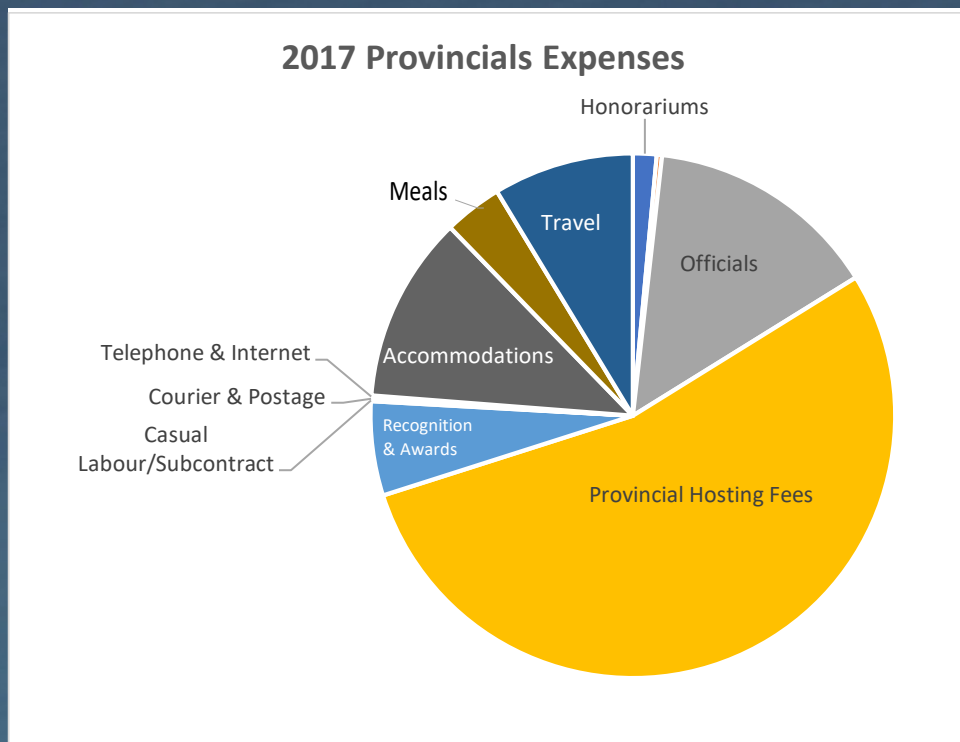
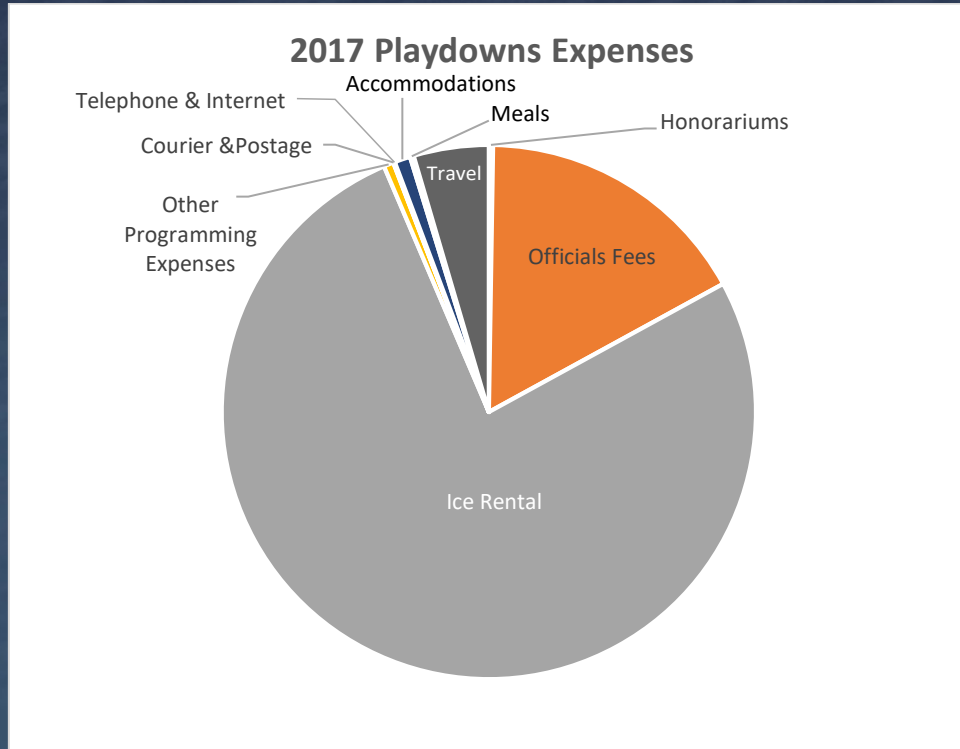
The Numbers

The following graphs are designed to give you a visual depiction of our year to date revenue and expenses for the period August 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017.

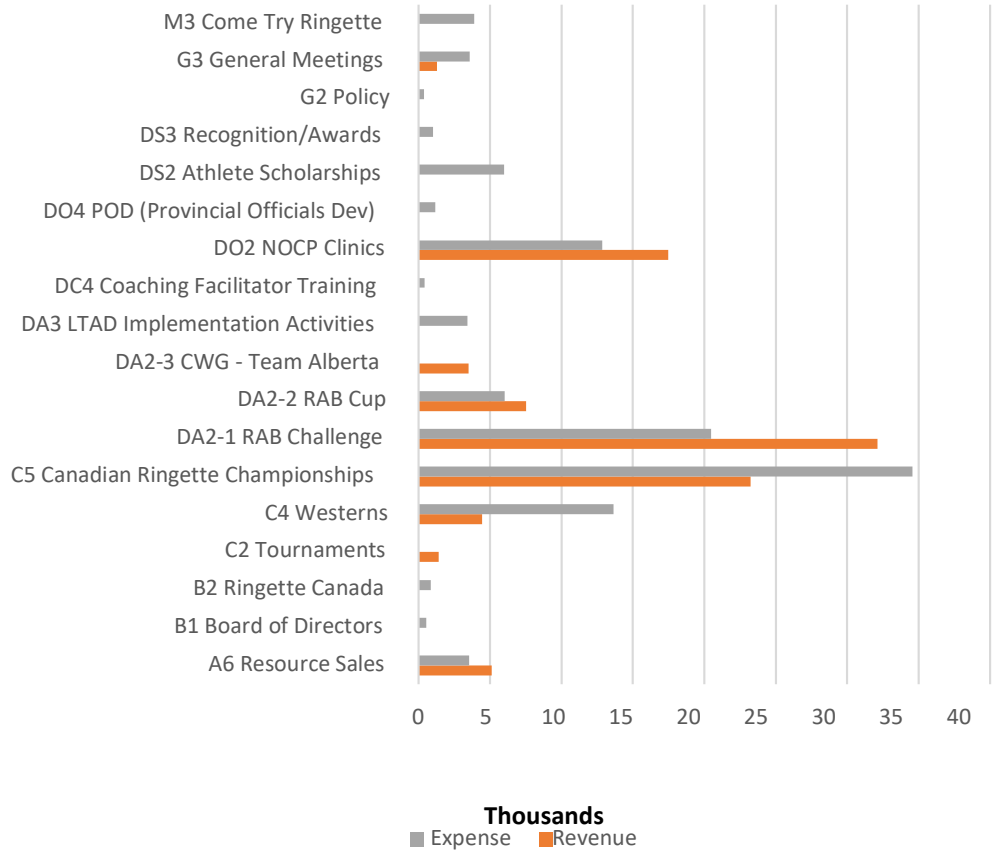


Full annual financial statements and report will be presented at our semi-annual general meeting in November 2017

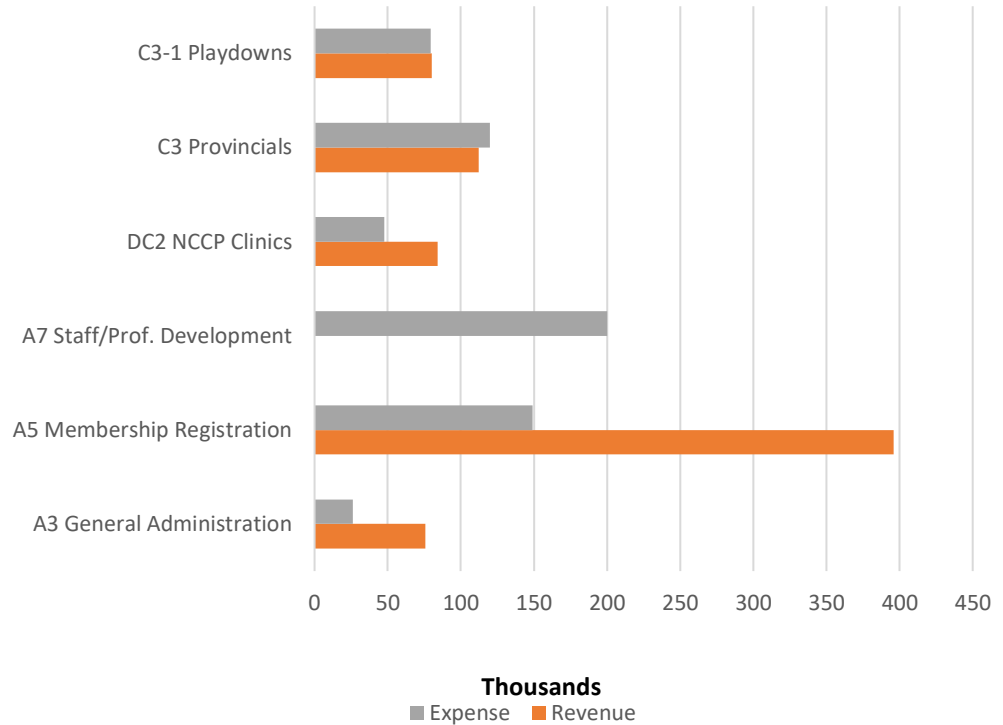
2017 Playdowns & Provincials



Revenue & Expenses by Category



Revenue & Expenses by Category (Cont'd)



'Official' Report

428 Registered officials

85 Additional Eligible but not registered—Why?

116 New Level Ones

57 Officials took part in 2/3 clinics (invitation only)

3 Officials fully certified at a 4C — bringing ABs total up to 14 (All level 4 and 5s)

- 2 Officials and 2 Supervisors attended Nationals
- Only 4 were eligible/available 4B/5 for Nationals

255 Evaluations have been submitted this season (Level 1-4)

89% female officials, **11%** male officials

11 new Intro Evaluators (Alberta total is now 14)

13 Regional Evaluators attended mandatory clinics

6 The number of Provincial Evaluators in Alberta

4 Officials & **2** Supervisors went to Westerns

in Manitoba (Alberta sent an extra Supervisor for Sask)

131 Recommended officials asked to officiate Provincials

- 64 Officials were needed in Provincials
- 14 Supervisors attended Provincials
- EVERY Official was evaluated

3 Officials took part in the POD program

(POD: Provincial Officials Development)

2017/18:

- Refresher year - ALL officials must take refresher in order to continue officiating
- Level 1 clinics will continue
- No 2/3 clinics will be offered

- Instructor clinic refresher is needed
- Clinics end by Nov 15
- 2 new officials will take part in the POD program
- Intro to Evaluating Clinic in Calgary



RAB Challenge

RAB Challenge 2017 was hosted at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex on April 7-9, 2017

- 156** Skaters
- 14** Goaltenders
- 16** Volunteer Coaches

Weekend included:

- 2 practices/3 games
- Dryland by BiLt Athletics' Dallas Robbins
- 5 Count Goaltending specific training session
- Mental Training facilitated by John Stevenson of Zone Performance
- Skills session led by Jr. National Team Head Coach, Lorrie Horne and athletes from the Sr. & Jr. National Teams
- Classroom coach session facilitated by Lorrie Horne

SAVE THE DATE:
April 20-22, 2018 location TBA

RAB Cup

RAB Cup 2017 was hosted at the Don Hartman Northeast Sportsplex in Calgary on April 22nd and 23rd.

- 55** Skaters
- 5** Goaltenders
- 5** Volunteer Coaches

Weekend Camp included:

- 1 practice/2 games
- Athletic Testing
- Nutrition Session
- Skills session run by Jr. National Team Head Coach, Lorrie Horne & 2 National Team Athletes
- Maple Leaf Athlete information session facilitated by Lorrie Horne

Coming Spring 2018:

2 Camps - 1 in Northern Alberta, 1 in Southern Alberta and 1 Central Invitational Tournament following the camps.

2018 is Canada Winter Games Team Selection Year

"The challenges of competition can be stimulating and enjoyable. But when beating the opponent takes precedence in the mind over performing as well as possible, enjoyment tends to disappear. Competition is enjoyable only when it is a means to perfect one's skills; when it becomes an end in itself, it ceases to be fun!

~Mihaly Csikszentmihali

Come Try Ringette



23 Associations participated in the Come Try Ringette Program this season, including the new Foothills FUNdamentals Association (Okotoks Area). Additionally, events were held in Grande Prairie and the Banff/Canmore areas to gauge interest in the sport.

44.81% was the average conversion rate across the province. This is below the 60% goal average set by Ringette Canada. Despite the decrease in conversion rate from the 2015-16 year, participants were up by 215 players.

Changes to the Come Try Ringette Program

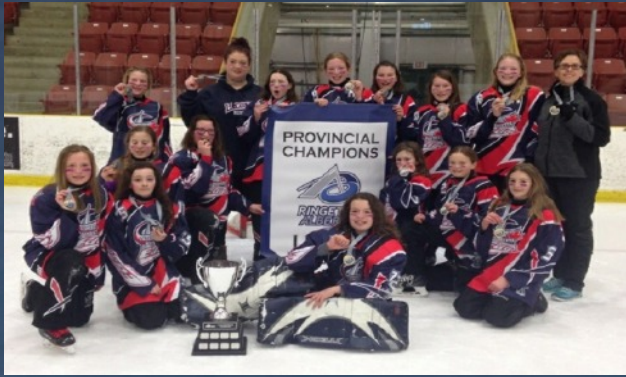
In February 2016, Ringette Canada launched the new Come Try Ringette website, www.cometryringette.ca. Though

Ringette Canada is still troubleshooting some areas of the site, it has proven to be a great tool. The previous site did not allow Ringette Alberta to access any of the registration data for events, the new site corrected this issue and helps greatly with the planning process.

Come Try Ringette Totals	
Total # of CTR Events	39
Total # of kids put through a CTR	848
Total # of kids who registered for ringette	380
Conversion rate	44.8%

Registrations - Where are members are

Association	2015-2016			2016-2017			Net Change from 2015-16
	Minor Players	Adult Players	Total Players	Minor Players	Adult Players	Total Players	
Airdrie Ringette Association	153	17	170	164		164	-6
Beaumont Ringette	144		144	135	5	140	-4
Black Gold Ringette Club		16	16		16	16	0
Bowview Ringette	430		430	475		475	45
Brooks Ladies Ringette Association		9	9			0	-9
Brooks Ringette Club	14		14	0		0	-14
Calgary East Ringette	55		55	51		51	-4
Calgary Open Ringette Association		401	401		455	455	54
Central Alberta Sting	50	18	68	64		64	-4
Central Alberta Wiggers Ringette Assn.		27	27		19	19	-8
Cochrane Ringette	165		165	165		165	0
Drayton Valley Ringette	73		73	60		60	-13
Edmontn Ringette (EFCLRA)	289	187	476	468		468	-8
Edmonton Ringette Club	50	15	65	46	41	87	22
Fort McMurray Ladies Ringette			0			0	0
Fort McMurray Ringette	134		134	139		139	5
Fort Saskatchewan Ringette	73		73	93		93	20
Hinton Ringette Association	82	0	82	83	12	95	13
Hussar Ringette	14		14	11		11	-3
Indus Ringette Association	107		107	112		112	5
Lacombe Ringette	117	33	150	127		127	-23
Leduc (Jaguars) Ringette	103	14	117	149		149	32
Lethbridge Ringette	85	41	126	111	38	149	23
Medicine Hat Ringette	157	19	176	188		188	12
Northern AB Women's Ringette		189	189		213	213	24
Northwest Ringette	435		435	404		404	-31
Olds Ringette			0			0	0
Peace River Ringette	17		17	17		17	0
Pembina Ringette	64		64	65		65	1
Red Deer Ringette	240		240	250		250	10
Ridgevalley Ringete			0			0	0
Ringette Caglary AA	102	17	119	91	16	107	-12
Riviere Qui Barre Ringette Association		16	16		14	14	-2
Rockyford Ringette Association	36	33	69	30	32	62	-7
Sherwood Park Ringette	305	33	338	297	43	340	2
South Calgary Ringette	355		355	378		378	23
Spruce Grove Ringette Assocation	255	25	280	272	24	296	16
St. Albert Ringette	334	58	392	415		415	23
Strathmore Minor Ringette Association	167		167	156		156	-11
University Ringette Club		38	38		42	42	4
Whitecourt Ringette			0			0	0
Women's Ringette Assn of Calgary		226	226		229	229	3
Zone 2 Big Country Ringette	31		31	42		42	11
Zone 5 AA Ringette Club	51	16	67	68		68	1
Total Players	4687	1448	6135	5126	1199	6325	190



2016-17

Ringette Alberta Staff

- David Myers - Executive Director
- Sharon Giles - Sport Development Coordinator
- Lauren Koster - Officials Development Coordinator
- Carolyn Reich - Administration & Finance Coordinator
- Caleigh Shaw- Coaching Development Coordinator

Ringette Alberta Board of Directors

- Ann MacTaggart - President
- Michele Wheeler - Vice President
- Sandra Fenton - Treasurer
- Coleen Dawson-Kucio - Director at Large
- Jamie Figursky - Director at Large
- Jody Gardiner - Director at Large
- Rhonda Kew - Director at Large
- Gloria Lovsin - Director at Large
- Karen Salmon - Director at Large
- Kelly Warner - Director at Large

2017 Western Standings

	U14AA	U16A	U19A	Open A
1	Team AB	Team AB	Team SK	MB Host
2	Team BC	Team SK	Team AB	Team MB
3	AB4	MB Host	MB Host	Team BC
4	AB2	Team BC	Team BC	Team AB
5	AB3	Team MB	Team MB	Team SK
6	Team MB			
7	MB Host			
8	Team SK			
9	SK2			
10	BC2			

2017 Nationals Standings

	U16AA	U19AA	NRL
1	Team NB	Team MB	Cambridge
2	ON3	QC2	Atlantic
3	AB2	Team AB	Waterloo
4	Team AB	AB2	Richmond Hill
5	Team QC	AB4	Edmonton WAM
6	Team ON	Team ON	Calgary
7	QC2	ON2	Ottawa
8	Team SK	Team NS	Edm. Blk Gold Rush
9	Team MB	AB3	
10	Team BC	Team QC	
11	AB3	AB5	
12	SK2	MB2	
13	MB2	Team SK	
14	AB8	Team NB	
15	AB4	Team PEI	
16	ON2	Team BC	
17	BC2		
18	AB5		
19	AB6		
20	AB7		
21	Team NS		



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