



18+ ADULT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

LEVELS OF PLAY

- AA/A: For the highly competitive athlete coming from the elite and competitive ranks of the minor system.
- B/BB: For the competitive athlete who plays with others of the same caliber; with few exceptions, players coming from the minor system would find this level most suitable.
- C/CC: For players with good skating and Ringette skills and may have come up through the minor leagues.
- Development (D): The least skilled of the levels, enjoyed by players new to the sport and those with experience. Includes beginners, schools, and outreach.

SEEDING OF TEAMS

- Ringette Ontario will be responsible for ranking and seeding the 18+ / 35+ A/AA for Provincial Championships and for assisting in determining divisions at tournaments.
- Each team and/or association will be responsible for seeding their 18+/35+ BB and lower-level teams at the beginning of the playing season and registering them in accordance with the Levels of Play as listed above.

AGE DIVISIONS

18+ = 18 and up (no ceiling)

35+ = 35 and up (no ceiling)

- Any player designated 18+ will be subjected to all rules and governance which applies to the 18+ and 35+ divisions.

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION

- All participants (players, bench staff, volunteers, etc.) on 18+/35+ teams shall register in accordance with Ringette Ontario registration categories.
- 18+Adult teams who are not currently affiliated with a ringette association must register with Ringette Ontario and will be charged a membership fee.
- 18+ athletes are excluded from the Two Team Player Rule, as outlined. Refer to the Player Affiliation Policy for more information.

- Team registration is due by NOVEMBER 15th. Any changes must be completed by JANUARY 8th. Players registering after January 8th will be reviewed for approval by the Ringette Ontario Operations Director.
- An independent player is one registered with RO (Ringette Ontario) and not affiliated with a specific team. The independent player shall not be allowed on the ice until the adult independent player registration form is completed.
- The maximum number of players on a TRF (Team Registration Form) shall be twenty-two (22). Anything over this number must have approval from Ringette Ontario.
- Players should be registered at the appropriate skill level TRF.
- All university teams must register with Ringette Ontario. Teams/Clubs will be invoiced for their player and coach membership fees.

COMPOSITE TEAMS

Definition:

- A composite team is one in which players from two (2) or more teams are combined to participate in a Ringette Ontario sanctioned event.
- A composite team exists when you have no more than six (6) skaters from any given TRF (goaltender excluded).
- A composite team can consist of no more than thirteen (13) skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
- Composite teams are comprised of players already registered on 18+ /35+ teams who want to participate in tournament play with a group other than their home team.
- Composite teams are registered at the level of highest team. For example, 6 players are coming from one Open 18+BB team, 4 players from another Open 18+B team and 3 players are from an Open 18+CC team, the team would be registered as an Open 18+BB team.
- The Adult Composite Team Form must be completed and submitted for approval to the Ringette Ontario Operations Director at least thirty (35) days before the Adult Tournament/Division they are participating in.
- If changes to the composite team roster are required afterwards, player substitution rules shall apply.
- Under exceptional circumstances Ringette Ontario may authorize exceptions on a case-by-case basis.
- Composite teams can be developed at the A/AA level; however, they require Competitions approval to play in sanctioned events.

PLAYER AFFILIATION

Definition:

Affiliation means that a player is registered on two (2) 18+/35+ TRF's of different skills levels (e.g., 18+ C and 18+ B; 18+ B and 18+ A). The affiliated player must identify the "priority team" before playing.

Purpose: The intent of player affiliation is to help maintain the viability of smaller Clubs and to address the issue of players attending University outside of their home community.

To register a player as an affiliate a Two-Team (TT) Player Agreement must be completed.

- The Two-Team Player Agreement Form must be signed off RO Operations Director.
- Affiliate players can also include third year U19 players. In this case the two-team form must be used.
- The deadline for submission of the TT Player Agreement shall be December 1st of the playing season for BB and below.
- Up to three two-team players are permitted on any given team.
- At least seven players must be registered before an affiliate player may be added to the team registration form.
- There is no restriction as to the number and type of games an affiliate player may play.
- At BB and below, a player attending university may affiliate with the university team and their home association at the same level of play (Note: this applies to BB or lower registered University Teams only).

Two team player agreement rules do not apply to composite teams.