



Hello Parents, Guardians and Families,

Ringette Ontario is pleased to be launching our Children's Ringette Program for the 2020-2021 ringette season. Children's Ringette is an initiative to provide age and stage appropriate physical activity experiences for young ringette players U10 and under. The adapted program will involve changes to how the current U6-U9 programs run while keeping the U10 division under the same format.

Children's Ringette is characterized by smaller spaced games, smaller "right sized nets", focus is on fun and play, and grouping children together based on their individual skill and readiness rather than strictly age based teams. The adaptations to the program will see the creation of FUNdamentals 1 and FUNdamentals 2.

The FUNdamentals divisions will see a shift from full ice ringette to cross-ice ringette in FUNdamentals 1 and half ice (mini ringette) in FUNdamentals 2. If available, both divisions should be using small sized nets, and will play adapted games of 3 on 3 and 4 on 4. Smaller spaces mean increased opportunities for your player to touch the ring, play interaction, passing and shots on net. Teams will be split into smaller groups to ensure the majority of players are participating at a time.

Associations can hold two to three cross-ice games at a time on a single sheet of ice and up to two mini ringette games. This means that the ice is being fully utilized and will lead to reduced ice costs for these divisions.

Ringette Ontario has prepared a presentation on the changes to the program that can be viewed on the RO website at: <https://ringetteontario.com/childrens-ringette/>. The presentation lays out the details on the adapted game formats, how registration will be done, and provides some insights into how other sports are adapting their sports to best suit the development of their youngest participants.

Any questions regarding Children's Ringette can be submitted to techdirector@ringetteontario.com.

Sincerely,

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