

2025 RINGETTE ONTARIO 'A' PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

1. WELCOME LETTER

WELCOME TO THE 2025 RINGETTE ONTARIO A PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

ON BEHALF OF THE SAULT RINGETTE CLUB AND THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE HEART OF NORTHERN ONTARIO FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT! WHILE WE MAY BE KNOWN FOR OUR COLD AND SNOWY WEATHER, WE PROMISE YOU'LL EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH OF OUR HOSPITALITY FROM THE MOMENT YOU ARRIVE.

THE "Soo" IS A PASSIONATE RINGETTE TOWN, AND WE ARE HONOURED TO HOST TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE TO A PLACE THAT TRULY KNOWS, RECOGNIZES, AND SUPPORTS OUR GREAT SPORT. VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SAULT RINGETTE CLUB HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO PUT ON A FANTASTIC TOURNAMENT, AND WE ARE EAGER TO SHOWCASE OUR HOME AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE NEWLY BUILT NORTHERN COMMUNITY CENTRE—HOME OF THE SAULT RINGETTE CLUB, SAULT ICE HAWKS, AND TOURNAMENT CENTRAL.

WE KNOW YOU'VE TRAINED TIRELESSLY TO COMPETE AT YOUR VERY BEST, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE ENERGY, SKILL, AND SPORTSMANSHIP THAT WILL UNFOLD ON THE ICE.

BEYOND THE RINK, WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY ALL THAT THE 'SOO' HAS TO OFFER—FROM BREATHTAKING SCENERY TO FANTASTIC LOCAL DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED BEFORE OR DURING YOUR STAY, DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT. OUR TEAM IS HERE TO MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE SMOOTH, MEMORABLE, AND TRULY SPECIAL.

WISHING ALL TEAMS THE BEST OF LUCK—PLAY HARD, HAVE FUN, AND MAKE LASTING MEMORIES!

SINCERELY,

THE SAULT RINGETTE CLUB 2025 RINGETTE ONTARIO 'A' PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST COMMITTEE

STAY INFORMED:

LINK TO EVENT PAGE

LINK TO RINGETTE ONTARIO FACEBOOK PAGE

LINK TO RINGETTE ONTARIO INSTAGRAM PAGE

2. <u>SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE</u>

RINGETTE ONTARIO'S EVENT AND ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, RACHEL, WILL BE ONSITE TAKING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS FOR THE RINGETTE ONTARIO SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES AND WEBSITE. BUT SHE CAN'T BE



EVERYWHERE AT ONCE! WE NEED YOU TO TAG @RINGETTEONTARIO IN YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS AND STORIES SO WE CAN SHARE EVERYONE'S EXPERIENCE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE FEATURED IN OUR POSTS, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS TO MARKETING@RINGETTEONTARIO.COM!

3. ARENAS

NORTHERN COMMUNITY CENTRE (NCC)

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

556 GOULAIS AVE, SAULT STE. MARIE, ON P6C 5A7

DRIVING DISTANCE FROM HOTELS: APPROXIMATELY **10 MINUTES** FROM HOTELS ON GREAT NORTHERN ROAD AND **15 MINUTES** FROM ALL DOWNTOWN HOTELS.

REGISTRATION DESK/TOURNAMENT OFFICE: STEELTON ROOM

CHANGE ROOMS: LOCATED IN THE CORRIDOR BETWEEN RINKS. ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WHITEBOARD IN THE HALLWAY. CHANGE ROOMS CAN BE LOCKED; PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LOCK AND KEY.

WASHROOMS: FULLY ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS ON THE MAIN FLOOR AND UPPER LEVEL.

ELEVATOR: YES

WARM-UP AREA: PLEASE DO NOT USE THE RUBBER TRACK FOR WARM-UPS. A DEDICATED WARM-UP ROOM IS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR IN A DEDICATED CLASSROOM.

ON-ICE WARM-UPS: LIMITED TO 2 MINUTES ONCE THE ZAMBONI CLEARS THE RINK.

ON-SITE AMENITIES:

- ATHLETIC THERAPY
- GAME DAY PHOTOGRAPHY
- TOURISM AND TRAVEL INFORMATION
- LOCAL VENDORS
- 50/50 Draw and Raffle Table

FOOD SERVICES:

- ON-SITE CANTEEN SERVING PIZZA, FRENCH FRIES, REFRESHMENTS, AND SNACKS.
- HEALTHY OPTIONS, INCLUDING PROTEIN BARS
- THE CANTEEN IS **FULLY LICENSED**.

NEARBY: TIM HORTONS, COUNTRY STYLE, CIRCLE K, METRO, NO FRILLS (SPONSOR), IDA, SHOPPERS DRUG MART.

JOHN RHODES COMMUNITY CENTRE (JRC)

260 ELIZABETH STREET, SAULT STE. MARIE, ON P6A 6J3

DRIVING DISTANCE FROM HOTELS: APPROXIMATELY **15 MINUTES** FROM HOTELS ON GREAT NORTHERN ROAD AND **10 MINUTES** FROM DOWNTOWN HOTELS.

REGISTRATION DESK: CONVENOR ROOM (OFF MAIN LOBBY)



CHANGE ROOMS:

PAD 1: LOCATED AT THE WEST END OF THE RINK, THROUGH THE DOUBLE GLASS DOORS.

PAD 2: LOCATED IN THE CORRIDOR.

WASHROOMS: FULLY ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS ON THE MAIN FLOOR AND UPPER LEVEL.

ELEVATOR: YES

WARM-UP AREA: A DEDICATED WARM-UP ROOM IS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR (NEAR THE POOL) AND WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH SIGNAGE.

ON-SITE AMENITIES:

- **JAYTEQ PRO SHOP** (TOURNAMENT SPONSOR) WITH SKATE SHARPENING AND RINGETTE EQUIPMENT / STICKS ON SITE.
- Local Vendors
- 50/50 Draw

FOOD SERVICES:

- MAIN-LEVEL CANTEEN.
- ICE Breakers Restaurant on the 2nd floor
 - O WITH A VIEWING AREA FOR BOTH RINKS (AVAILABLE FOR PAYING CUSTOMERS).

NEARBY: FUEL STATIONS, METRO, DOLLARAMA, REXALL, TIM HORTONS, VARIOUS RESTAURANTS AND FAST FOOD OPTIONS.

RANKIN ARENA (RA)

17 BATCHEWANA ST. SAULT STE. MARIE, ON P6A 6J3

DRIVING DISTANCE FROM HOTELS: APPROXIMATELY **15 MINUTES** FROM ALL HOTELS ON GREAT NORTHERN ROAD AND **15 MINUTES** FROM ALL DOWNTOWN HOTELS.

CHANGE ROOMS: LOCATED IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE THE RINK. TO RESPECT PLAYER PRIVACY, ONLY COACHES AND ASSIGNED BENCH STAFF ARE PERMITTED IN THIS AREA.

WASHROOMS: LOCATED ON THE MAIN FLOOR IN THE LOBBY.

ELEVATOR: NO

WARM-UP AREA: THERE IS NO DEDICATED WARM-UP SPACE AT THIS RINK. TEAMS MAY USE THE HALLWAY, CHANGE ROOMS, AND—IF RESPECTFUL—LOBBY AREAS. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF SPECTATORS AND THE PUBLIC.

FOOD SERVICES: MAMABEAR LUNCHES OFFERS A VARIETY OF LIGHT MEALS, SNACKS, AND REFRESHMENTS IN THE LOBBY.

NEARBY: TIM HORTONS, GIANT TIGER, RESTAURANTS, DOLLARAMA, FUEL STATIONS.



4. <u>IMPORTANT NOTES FOR TEAMS</u>

CHANGEROOM LOCKS: TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR OWN PADLOCKS TO LOCK THEIR CHANGEROOMS – PLEASE LABEL THE LOCK WITH YOUR TEAM'S NAME, IN THE CHANCE ISSUES ARISE.

FIRST GAME CHECK IN: TEAM MANAGERS NEED TO CHECK IN AT THE REGISTRATION DESK BEFORE YOUR FIRST GAME TO COLLECT YOUR SWAG BAGS

PROHIBITED ITEMS: AIR HORNS AND ANY TYPE OF MECHANICAL HORNS ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL ARENAS.

7th **Skater Program:** A player from the FUN 2 or FUN 3 division of the Sault Ringette Club will open the Ice Hawks games with an honorary lap while carrying the Sault Ringette Club flag. This will take place after the Zamboni clears the Ice **BEFORE** the player on-ice warm-up.

SOCIAL MEDIA: @RINGETTEONTARIO WILL SHARE POSTS AND STORIES OF TEAMS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS AT THE EVENT! PLEASE TAG @RINGETTEONTARIO IN YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS SO WE CAN SHARE THEM!

WARM-UP AREAS: EACH FACILITY HAS DIFFERENT WARM-UP AREAS

- NORTHERN COMMUNITY CENTRE (NCC) PLEASE DO NOT USE THE RUBBER TRACK FOR WARM-UPS.

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PHOTOGRAPHY: <u>PICTURE DAY PHOTOGRAPHY</u> WILL BE ON HAND CAPTURING ALL THE EXCITING MOMENTS! BE SURE TO VISIT THEIR BOOTH AT THE ARENAS TO CHECK OUT THE ACTION SHOTS.

ATHLETIC THERAPY: THERAPISTS WILL BE ONSITE AT NCC IN THE DRESSING ROOM HALLWAY THROUGHOUT THE EVENT TO PROVIDE TREATMENTS.

50/50 & Raffle Prizes: Be sure to check out our 50/50 ticket sales and raffle tables at the NCC and JRC, Exciting prizes are available, including a grand prize featuring Tournament and City swag.

PIN EXCHANGE: TEAMS/PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXCHANGE PINS THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT. IF YOU DON'T HAVE TEAM PINS, CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE FOR CREATIVE IDEAS ON 'POSITIVE PINS'.

MEDAL CEREMONIES: WILL BE PRESENTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- NORTHERN COMMUNITY CENTRE: UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM.
- JOHN RHODES COMMUNITY CENTRE: UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM.



5. SKATE SHARPENING LOCATION

JAYTEQ PRO SHOP (TOURNAMENT SPONSOR)

LOCATED INSIDE THE JRC

THURSDAY 3PM – 10PM

FRIDAY 3PM – 10PM

SATURDAY 10AM - 8PM

SUNDAY 10AM - 8PM

6. **NEAREST HOSPITAL**

SAULT AREA HOSPITAL

750 Great Northern Road

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO P6B 0A8

705-759-3434

WWW.SAH.ON.CA

7. MESSAGE FROM SAULT TOURISM

SAULT STE. MARIE IS HOME TO AN INCREDIBLE SELECTION OF LOCAL RESTAURANTS, AND WE ENCOURAGE TEAMS TO MAKE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS IN TOWN. FOR A LIST OF RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS AND TEAM-FRIENDLY TAKEOUT OPTIONS, PLEASE VISIT: SAULT TOURISM-CALLING ALL VISITING SPORT TEAMS. THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE TO HELP TEAMS PLAN MEALS AND ENJOY OUR LOCAL DINING SCENE.

FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES DURING YOUR STAY, SAULT STE. MARIE IS A WINTER PLAYGROUND! YOU'LL FIND WORLD-CLASS SKIING AND SNOWSHOE TRAILS JUST MINUTES FROM YOUR HOTEL, ALONG WITH EXCITING INDOOR ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS THE CANADIAN BUSHPLANE HERITAGE CENTRE. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS, SCENIC TRAILS, AND MUCH MORE! VISIT WWW.SAULTTOURISM.COM FOR A FULL LIST OF THINGS TO DO.













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