

RINGETTE ONTARIO

On-Ice Officials Selection Criteria & Identification Process

2024 Ringette Ontario Championship Events

The purpose of this document is to outline the criteria that shall be used to select the Major Technical Officials for the 2024 Ringette Ontario Championship Events. It will also serve to outline a fair and transparent process used to identify and select Major Technical Officials for these events.

A Major Technical Official is defined as on-ice officials or supervisors.

Provincial Event Dates:

- 'AA' Provincial Championship (U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, 18+AA, 18+ University)
 February 29-March 3, 2024 in Kitchener-Cambridge-Guelph
- 'A' Provincial Championship (U14A, U16A, U19A, 18+A)

March 14-17, 2024 in Waterloo

• U12 Championship (U12A, U12B, U12C)

March 28-31, 2024 in Markham-Stouffville

Self-Identification Process

Individuals who wish to be considered for the 2024 Ringette Ontario Provincial Events must complete a self-identification process.

The deadline to submit your self-identification form is 9am on January 15, 2024.

Click here to self-identify as an on-ice official: https://forms.office.com/r/Y9ryW5wjgL

Click here to self-identify as a supervisor: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/idUuL7zjs1</u>

Ringette Ontario has the authority to invite an official without them completing the self-identification form.

Eligibility Criteria

On-Ice Official:

AA/A: A minimum Rank of 3C in the Ringette Canada database. Ringette Ontario is committed to developing officials for future provincial events.

U12: A minimum Rank of 2C in the Ringette Canada database.

Supervisor: Provincial or Regional Evaluator Certification.

All Major Technical Officials must:

- Be a registered official for the 2023-24 season and in good standing with Ringette Ontario;
- Be available to travel to and attend the Provincial Event in its entirety;
- Complete the self-identification process as outlined above.

Major Technical Officials may hold more than one role per event (i.e. an on-ice official may also serve as a supervisor).

Active Participation 2023-24 Season

In order to remain eligible for their participation in the 2024 Championship Events, Major Technical Officials shall be expected to remain active leading up to the event.

Exceptional Circumstances

Major technical officials may request an exemption to remain eligible for selection to an event. The Operations Director, the Director of Officials, and the Executive Director may authorize the exemption upon their joint discretion. An exemption may be granted If a major technical official was unable to participate in mandatory events, or evaluations due to illness, injury, other medical circumstance or personal, educational, or competitive commitments.

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for the set selection process or its timelines to be implemented as planned, the Operations Director reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, self-identified major technical officials will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

Exemption requests should be made to Ringette Ontario's Operations Director. All requests must be submitted in writing and shall be dealt with in no less than seven business days. Exemptions shall be treated on a case-by-case basis.

Positions Available (dependent on team registrations and facility needs).

On-Ice Official: Up to 40 per event

Supervisors: Up to 8 per event.

Selection Process

- 1. List of self-identified individuals will be sorted by event availability and position by Operations Director by January 15, 2024
- 2. Sorted lists (by position and event availability) will be reviewed by the Chair of the Officiating Committee and Operations Director and a preliminary ranking list for each position will be compiled by January 15, 2024. This will be done using:
 - a. Current officiating rank
 - b. Performance evaluated throughout the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons
 - c. Experience in the requested position
 - d. Experience at previous provincial events

- e. Opportunity for development, prospect for future RO Championship events
- f. Using feedback from provincial evaluators
- 3. The preliminary ranking list will then be sent to the Ringette Ontario Officiating Committee for ratification.
- 4. The invitation process will be completed by January 31, 2024.
- 5. A complete list of confirmed major technical officials will be released on Ringette Ontario social media channels no later than February 15, 2024.
- 6. If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for the set selection process or its timelines to be implemented as planned, the Operations Director reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, self-identified major technical officials will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

Appeals

Any appeal against a decision can be made in accordance with Ringette Ontario's Appeal Policy.