



## RINGETTE ONTARIO

### On-Ice Officials Selection Criteria & Identification Process

#### 2025 Ringette Ontario U12 Championship

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The purpose of this document is to outline the criteria that shall be used to select the Major Technical Officials for the 2025 Ringette Ontario U12 Championship Event. 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 for the U12 Championship (U12A, U12B, U12C) being held April 3-6, 2025 in Markham-Stouffville.

#### **Self-Identification Process**

Individuals who wish to be considered for the 2025 Ringette Ontario U12 Championship Event must complete a self-identification process.

The deadline to submit your self-identification form is **9am on February 3, 2025**

Click here to self-identify: <https://forms.office.com/r/tUGWASNWPA>

Ringette Ontario has the authority to invite an official without them completing the self-identification form. Additional candidates may be considered by the Officiating Development Committee at the recommendation of their Referee-in-Chief.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

##### On-Ice Official:

Officials who have officiated a minimum of one full season and who are actively officiating at the U12 (or higher) level in the 2024-25 season.

##### Supervisor:

Current regional/community evaluators or senior officials looking to gain experience in a supervisory role.

All Major Technical Officials must:

- Be a registered official for the 2024-25 season and in good standing with Ringette Ontario;
- Be available to travel to and attend the U12 Championship Event, preferably in its entirety. Games will start on Thursday, April 3 in the afternoon and run until Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in the evening.
- 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 2024–25 Season**

In order to remain eligible for their participation in the 2025 U12 Championship Event, 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 February 5, 2025.

A Selection Committee comprised of the Officiating Development Committee and recent ROPC Supervisors/Evaluators will rank the identified officials based on recent evaluations and/or recommendations from evaluators and referee-in-chiefs

2. The preliminary ranking list will then be sent to the Ringette Ontario Officiating Development Committee for ratification and selections.
3. The invitation process will be completed by February 15, 2025. Invitations will start getting sent out before this date, but a handful of spaces will remain open for those who receive a rank upgrade following any evaluations that occur in January and early February.
4. 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](#).