



RINGETTE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL 'A' CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING PROCEDURES & COMPETITION FORMATS

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

All athletes, team staff, and officials must be fully registered with their local ringette association and members in good standing with both their local club and Ringette Ontario.

QUALIFICATION

The top sixteen (16) U14A, twelve (12) U16A and U19A, and eight (8) 18+A teams will qualify for the Provincial 'A' Championships.

For ranking and qualification:

- Each **U14-U19** team will play in three (3) ranking tournaments, assigned by Ringette Ontario.
- Each **18+A** team will play in two (2) ranking tournaments, assigned by Ringette Ontario.
- All round robin games at ranking tournaments will count toward provincial standing.

DIVISIONS/TIERING

U14A:

From the sixteen (16) teams that qualify:

- The top eight (8) teams will play in Tier 1.
- The remaining eight (8) teams will play in Tier 2.

Competition Format for Tier 1 and Tier 2:

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Incomplete round robin.
- The top 4 teams overall after the 5 round robin games advance to the semi-finals.
- The winning teams of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
- The losing teams of the semi-finals advance to the bronze medal game.

1 vs.	8, 6, 3, 4, 5
2 vs.	7, 5, 4, 3, 6
3 vs.	6, 8, 1, 2, 7
4 vs.	5, 7, 2, 1, 8
5 vs.	4, 2, 7, 8, 1
6 vs.	3, 1, 8, 7, 2
7 vs.	2, 4, 5, 6, 3
8 vs.	1, 3, 6, 5, 4

U16A and U19A:

From the twelve (12) teams that qualify:

- The top six (6) teams in each division will play in Tier 1.
- The remaining six (6) teams in each division will play in Tier 2.

**Competition Format:**

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Complete round robin (no pools).
- Top four (4) teams advance to the semi-finals.
- Winners of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
- Losers of the semi-finals advance to the bronze medal game.

18+A:**Competition Format:**

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Incomplete round robin.
- The top 4 teams overall after the 5 round robin games advance to the semi-finals.
- The winning teams of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
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8 vs.	1, 3, 6, 5, 4

RANKING

The winning percentage of the round robin games played between two Ontario teams at the assigned ranking tournaments will be used to rank teams and determine qualification to the 2026 Ringette Ontario Provincial 'A' Championships.

Teams may attend more than the required number of tournaments within the ranking period; however, only the assigned ranking tournaments will count towards ranking and qualification.

Ranking charts will be available here as soon as possible after each ranking tournament weekend. <https://www.ringetteontario.com/content/provincial-a-championships>.

If there is a tie in the winning percentage, Ringette Ontario tie-breaking rules will be applied.

ACCOMMODATION POLICY

Ringette Ontario has established partnerships with designated hotels for the duration of the 2026 Ringette Ontario Provincial 'A' Championships. All participating teams requiring overnight accommodation (travelling from further than 150km one-way) must utilize these partner hotels.

Teams opting to stay outside of the approved hotel network are subject to an opt-out fee of \$1,000 per team.



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A “team” is defined to include all players, parents, guardians, and bench staff members in attendance at the Championship event.

Accommodation minimums are as follows:

- **U14–U19 teams:** Required to book a minimum of 30 room nights (e.g., 10 rooms for 3 nights each).
- **18+ teams:** Required to book a minimum of 10 room nights (e.g., 5 rooms for 2 nights each).

This policy ensures a consistent experience for all participants and supports the logistical success of the Championship.

ADVANCEMENT (U16A & U19A)

Teams from U16A and U19A divisions (Tier 1) advance to the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships. The number of entries from Ontario into the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships in each division will be communicated as early as possible.