



RINGETTE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL 'AA' 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

All teams at U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, and 18+AA teams and the top 8 (as determined by ranking procedures outlined below).

18+U teams are eligible to attend the 2026 Ringette Ontario Provincial 'AA' Championships.

The ranking/qualification procedures for each division are as follows:

U14AA U16AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams will attend two (2) ranking tournaments, assigned by Ringette Ontario<ul style="list-style-type: none">Guaranteed four (4) games at each of the ranking tournaments. All round-robin games will count towards provincial ranking/qualificationAll U14AA teams will attend the Ajax-Pickering Tournament. Five teams will be assigned to the Burlington Tournament; the other five will be assigned to the Guelph Tournament.All U16AA teams will attend both the Ajax-Pickering and the Waterloo Tournaments.
U19AA 18+AA	<p>With 7 or fewer teams in the division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams will not attend ranking hubs or tournamentsTeams will play a complete round robin at the 2026 Ringette Ontario Provincial 'AA' Championships. <p>*NOTE: If these divisions grow to eight (8) or more teams, Ringette Ontario will assign ranking tournaments similar to the U14AA and U16AA divisions.</p>
18+U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams will attend two (2) ranking tournaments, assigned by the University division convenor(s) in collaboration with the Ringette Ontario staff.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Guaranteed four (4) games at each of the ranking tournaments. All round-robin games will count towards provincial ranking/qualificationTop 8 teams overall will qualify to attend the 2026 Ringette Ontario Provincial 'AA' ChampionshipsQualifying period: October 24, 2025 to February 8, 2026

**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 'AA' Championships.

Teams may attend more than two (2) tournaments within the ranking period; however, only the assigned ranking tournaments will count.

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

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

COMPETITION FORMAT*Seven (7) or Fewer Team Divisions*

All divisions will play a full round robin.

U14AA / U16AA / U19AA – Championship Round

- Top four (4) teams overall advance to semi-finals.
- Winners of semi-finals advance to gold medal game.
- Losers of semi-finals advance to bronze-medal game.

18+AA

- Top three (3) teams overall advance to championship round.
- 3rd place vs 2nd place teams will play the semi-final/bronze medal game.
- Winner of semi-final will advance to gold medal game vs 1st place.

8 Team Divisions

- 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



9 Team Divisions

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Incomplete round robin.
- Teams will play the four (4) round robin games and then be re-seeded for the 5th round robin games. After the re-seeding:
 - 8th place will play 9th place; the winner of this game will secure the 2 points for the win; the loser of this game will play the 1st place team in a 6th round robin game that counts for both teams. *The 8v9 game is not an elimination game, however, it cannot end in a tie so the tie-breaking procedure from the event technical package will be used.*
- The additional 5th round robin game matchups (*these are not elimination games*) will be as follows (based on seeding after the first 4 round robin games):
 - 2nd vs 7th
 - 3rd vs 6th
 - 4th vs 5th
- The top 4 teams overall 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.	9, 4, 7, 6
2 vs.	8, 5, 9, 3
3 vs.	7, 6, 8, 2
4 vs.	9, 1, 5, 8
5 vs.	6, 2, 4, 7
6 vs.	5, 3, 9, 1
7 vs.	3, 8, 1, 5
8 vs.	2, 7, 3, 4
9 vs.	1, 4, 2, 6

10 Team Divisions

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Play opposite pool.
- Top 4 teams overall 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.

Pool A	Pool B
1 st	3 rd
2 nd	4 th
6 th	5 th
8 th	7 th
10 th	9 th

11 Team Divisions

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Incomplete round robin.
- Teams will play the four (4) round robin games and then be re-seeded for the 5th round robin games. After re-seeding:
 - 10th place will play 11th place; the winner of this game will secure the two (2)



points for the win; the loser of this game will play the 1st place team in a 6th round robin game that counts for both teams. The 10v11 game is not an elimination game, however, it cannot end in a tie so the tie-breaking procedures from the event technical package will be used.

- The additional 5th round robin game matchups (these are not elimination games) will be as follows (based on seeding after the first four (4) round robin games):
 - 2nd vs 9th
 - 3rd vs 8th
 - 4th vs 7th
 - 5th vs 6th
- The top four (4) teams overall (after 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.	6, 8, 10, 11
2 vs.	5, 7, 9, 11
3 vs.	4, 8, 9, 10
4 vs.	3, 7, 10, 11
5 vs.	2, 6, 9, 10
6 vs.	1, 5, 7, 11
7 vs.	2, 4, 6, 8
8 vs.	1, 3, 7, 9
9 vs.	2, 3, 5, 8
10 vs.	1, 3, 4, 5
11 vs.	1, 2, 4, 6

ACCOMMODATION POLICY

Ringette Ontario has established partnerships with designated hotels for the duration of the 2026 Provincial 'AA' 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.

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.



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ADVANCEMENT

Teams from U16AA and U19AA divisions advance to the Canadian Ringette Championships. Teams from U14AA and 18+AA advance to the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships (U14AA & 18+AA). The number of entries from Ontario in each division will be communicated as early as possible.