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## **RINGETTE ONTARIO U12 CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING PROCEDURES**

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### **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**

There are no ranking or qualifying events for the U12 Championship. All U12 teams are eligible to attend.

To participate in the U12 Championship Event, teams must be fully registered for the event and entry fees paid by the stated deadline(s). No exceptions will be made, and no registrations will be accepted after the deadline, unless exempted by the Ringette Ontario Operations Director for balancing of divisions.

### **DIVISIONS/TIERING**

As per the Ringette Canada Equal Opportunity for Participation Guidelines, the U12 Championship Event will be organized with all divisions being categorized as Mixed.

There will be three divisions available, A, B, and C. Based on registration numbers, Ringette Ontario's Competitions Oversight Committee will determine the number of tiers needed in each division.

### **SEEDING**

During registration, coaches will be asked to self-identify which division their team should play in (A, B, C). This will only provide a starting point for seeding.

Once the registration deadline has passed, a seeding committee will form, and a meeting will take place. This meeting will be used to assign all teams to a division and tier for the U12 Championship Event. The committee will use both league and tournament games played prior to Family Day to seed teams.

All decisions made by the seeding committee will be final and are not eligible for appeal.

### **ACCOMMODATION POLICY**

Ringette Ontario has established partnerships with designated hotels for the duration of the 2026 U12 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:

- All teams are required to book a minimum of **30 room nights** (e.g., 10 rooms for 3 nights each).

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