



RINGETTE ONTARIO

MAJOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS: SELECTION CRITERIA & IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

2026 RINGETTE ONTARIO U12 CHAMPIONSHIP

The purpose of this document is to outline the criteria that shall be used to select the Major Technical Officials for the 2026 Ringette Ontario U12 Championship. It will also serve to outline a fair and transparent process used to identify and select Major Technical Officials for this event.

A Major Technical Official is defined as on-ice officials or supervisors for the U12 Championship (U12A, U12B, U12C) being held April 9-12, 2026, in Markham-Stouffville.

SELF-IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Individuals who wish to be considered for the 2026 Ringette Ontario U12 Championship must complete a self-identification process.

The deadline to submit your self-identification form is **9am on February 11, 2026**

[Click here to self-identify for the U12 Championships](#)

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 2025-26 season.

Supervisor: Current Level 1 evaluators or senior officials looking to gain experience in a supervisory role.

All Major Technical Officials must:

- Be a registered official for the 2025-26 season and in good standing with Ringette Ontario;
- Be available to travel to and attend the U12 Championship, preferably in its entirety. Games may start on Thursday, April 9 in the afternoon and run until Sunday, April 12th 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 2025-26 SEASON

In order to remain eligible for their participation in the 2026 U12 Championship, 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

Supervisors: Up to 8

SELECTION PROCESS

List of self-identified individuals will be sorted by event availability and position by Operations Director by **February 18, 2026**.

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.

The preliminary ranking list will then be sent to the Ringette Ontario Officiating Development Committee for ratification and selections.

The invitation process will be completed by **February 27, 2026**. 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.

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APPEALS

Any appeal against a decision can be made in accordance with Ringette Ontario's [Ringette Ontario Appeal Policy](#).