



## RINGETTE ONTARIO SANCTIONED EVENTS 2024 U12 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

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### FORMAT

The U12 Championship Event shall be held each season. Markham-Stouffville Ringette Association will be the official host for the 2024 U12 Championships, working with Ringette Ontario to execute the event.

The event will be held March 28-31, 2024, in Markham-Stouffville, ON

Championship schedules will be prepared by the Ringette Ontario Operations Director based on the number of teams that are registered for the Championship in each division.

*Note: The 2024 U12 Championship Event will host U12A, U12B, and U12C divisions.*

Format for the U12 Championship Event:

- All RO registered teams are eligible to attend if they have submitted the Intent to Enter form by the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Each team will be guaranteed five (5) games.
- In a division with 10 teams or more, the top 8 after the round-robin will advance to the Championship Round.
- In a division of less than 10 teams, the top 4 after the round-robin will advance to the Championship Round.
- There will not be any overtime in the Round Robin games.
- All medal games will be played until a winner is declared.
- Shot Clocks will be used in all games at the U12 Championship Event.
- Team seeding in each division will be done via a live draw in January 2024.
- Divisions must have a minimum of 6 (six) teams registered in order to be hosted at the Championship Event.

### RULES

All Championship Events are Ringette Ontario sanctioned. The present sanction rules shall be adhered to with the following exceptions and additions:

- For the U12 Championship Event up to two overage players are permitted to be on the TRF, per the U12 Team Formation Guidelines.
- The U12 Championship Event divisions are all run in the "mixed" classification.
- No player substitutions will be allowed unless documented proof showing a team is unable to compete without said substitution(s) (below twelve (12) skaters, goaltender(s) excluded) and approved by the RO Operations Director.
- A maximum of four (4) player substitutions in total for the Championship Event following the same substitution rules as for Invitational Tournaments.

- A player may only participate in one Championship Event (AA Provincials, A Provincials, or U12 Championship) per season.
- Goalies from U12 "A", "B" or "C" teams that are not attending U12 Championships are allowed to be added as an additional goalie for the U12 Championship to give the team a maximum of two (2) goalies. This will permit an increase in the roster by one (1). The player, team and association must be in good standing for the goalie to attend the Championships. RO Operations Director approval is required. All other Championship participation rules apply.
- ~~At all Championship Events, skaters are required to wear ringette pants. (Removed December 2023).~~

### **SUBSTITUTE BENCH STAFF FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

Any Ringette Ontario registered bench staff with the appropriate qualifications, that have been obtained prior to December 15th of the current season, may become a valid member of a Bench Staff (if the overall bench requirements are met) upon presenting proof of qualification and registration to the Ringette Ontario Operations Director.

### **ENTRY FEES**

All Championship Event Entry Fees are to be submitted to the Ringette Ontario office by December 31, 2023.

U12 Championship: \$1,500

These fees will be payable to Ringette Ontario and are part of the registration process.

- Teams may pay via e-transfer.
  - E-transfer to [accounting@ringetteontario.com](mailto:accounting@ringetteontario.com)
  - Use Ringette12 as the password.
  - Indicate the Name of the Team and Division (ex: Smith – U12A) in the notes section of the transfer.
- If your team pays before November 26, please send a screenshot of the e-transfer to [operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com](mailto:operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com) to be sent the accommodations link.

### **REGISTRATION**

The completion of the event registration with the required fee constitutes registration for the event. All other rules and policies apply for qualification.

Event Registration Link: <http://ringetteontariochampionships.rampregistrations.com/>

Registration deadline is **November 30, 2023**. After that, teams may be added at the discretion of the Ringette Ontario Operations Director.

Withdrawal deadline is **December 31, 2023**. Following this deadline, teams withdrawing will be fined as per the [Violations of Sanctioned Rules](#).

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

All teams requiring overnight accommodation during the U12 Championship Event are required to use Event Connect to book sponsoring hotels. Teams are defined as players, parents, guardians, and bench staff members attending the event.

The link to book hotels will be sent to the team contact once payment of the registration fee has been received by Ringette Ontario (this will not be immediate, but the link will be sent to teams in the order that their payment was received).

Not using Event Connect to book accommodation will result in a fine of \$1,000.

## **CONTACT**

Any questions on the event, please reach out to [operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com](mailto:operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com)