



COMPETITIONS

RINGETTE ONTARIO SANCTIONED EVENTS: A/AA/ 18+ CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. FORMAT

- 1.1. A, AA, and 18+ Championships shall be held each year for females. Mixed and male Championships may be held depending upon registration. Ringette Ontario will be the official host for Ontario Championships working with local Clubs to secure volunteers and minor officials.
- 1.2. Championship schedules will be prepared by the Ringette Ontario Operations Director based on the number of teams registered for the Championship in each division.
- 1.3. Format for Championships:
 - Division formats will be confirmed no later than January 15th of the current playing season.
- 1.4. Shot Clocks will be used in all games at the Championship Events.
- 1.5. All medal games will be played until a winner is declared.
- 1.6. There will not be any overtime in the Round Robin games.

2. RULES

All AA/A/18+ Championship Events are Ringette Ontario sanctioned. The present sanction rules shall be adhered to with, the following exceptions and additions:

- 2.1. RO Championship Events, from U14 to U19, are Age Class Events. NO OVERTAGE players are permitted.
- 2.2. Championship Events may be offered in any of three (3) Ringette Canada classifications: male, female, or mixed. A minimum of two (2) teams are needed to be registered in those classifications.
- 2.3. Any 18+University team intending to proceed to a Championship Event must participate in the University Division providing there are a minimum of five (5).
- 2.4. 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 RO Operations Director.
- 2.5. A maximum of four (4) player substitutions in total for the Championship Event

following the same substitution rules as for Invitational Tournaments

- 2.6. "AA" teams can substitute a player from an "A" team not attending a Championship to fill a roster if the team roster falls below the minimum player rule. Substitution must be approved by RO Operations Director.
- 2.7. A player may only participate in one Championship (A or AA) Event per season. The U12 year-end event and 18+ Championship do not count towards this maximum.
- 2.8. Goalies from "A", "B" or "C" teams that are not attending an A/AA Championship are allowed to be added as an additional goalie for the A/AA 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.

- 2.9. At all Championship Events, except the U12 Year-End Event, skaters are required to wear ringette pants.

3. SUBSTITUTE BENCH STAFF FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- 3.1. Any Ringette Ontario registered bench staff with the appropriate qualifications, that have been obtained prior to December 31st 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.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All Championship Event Entry Fees are to be submitted to the Ringette Ontario office by the communicated deadline
- 4.2. These fees will be payable to Ringette Ontario and are part of the Intent to Proceed to Championships Process.
- 4.3. Teams may pay through via two methods:
 - Cheque made out to Ringette Ontario, clearly indicating which team, level of play and which event the cheque is for.
 - Via e-transfer – please refer to the Intent to Proceed to Championships Form for instructions.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. The filing of the Intent to Proceed Forms with the required fee constitutes registration for the event. All other rules and policies apply for qualification.

6. ACCOMMODATIONS: STAY-TO-PLAY EVENTS

- 6.1. Where Ringette Ontario has indicated there are partner hotels or a partner hotel booking system for an event, teams (excluding local – within 100km) must use those hotels or that booking platform for Championship Events.

- 6.1.1. Teams are defined as players, parents, guardians, and bench staff members attending the event
- 6.1.2. For 18+ teams, a minimum of 5 rooms must be booked for a minimum of 2 nights, or the team will be fined \$500.
- 6.1.3. For U14-U19 teams, a minimum of 8 rooms must be booked for a minimum of 2 nights, or the team will be fined \$1,000.