



RINGETTE ONTARIO SANCTIONED EVENTS 2023 A/AA CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORMAT

The A and AA 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.

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: Effective for the 2023 Ringette Ontario Championships, the AA Championships will feature U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, 18+AA and 18+ University Divisions. The A Championships will host feature U14A, U16A, U19A and 18+ A. The 18+ Championships will include BB, B, CC, C and Dev divisions.

Format for A Championships:

- All teams are eligible to attend if they have attended a minimum of two Sanctioned Ontario tournaments and submit intent form by the November 15th deadline.
- Teams will have the opportunity to declare the tier they wish to compete in at the Championships (Tier 1 or Tier 2). A minimum of 6 teams must declare that tier for it to be a viable division. Tier 1 U16A and U19A will compete for a spot in the Eastern Championships. The deadline to determine tier will be January 20th.
- There will be a five game guarantee for each team, pending ice availability.
- In a division with less than eight (8) teams, the top three (3) teams will advance to the medal round which will consist of a bronze and gold medal game.
- There will not be any overtime in the Round Robin games.

Format for AA Championships:

- All teams are eligible to attend if they have attended a minimum of two Sanctioned Ontario tournaments and submit intent form by the November 15th deadline.
- Game matchups will be done via a live draw.
- There will not be any overtime in the Round Robin games.
- If there are twelve (12) teams or less, they will play together in an unbalanced format.

Shot Clocks will be used in all games at the Championship Events.

All medal games will be played until a winner is declared.

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:

RO Championship Events, from U14 to U19, are Age Class Events. NO OVERAGE players are permitted.

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.

Any 18+A University team intending to proceed to a Championship Event must participate in the University Division providing there are a minimum of five (5).

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 Provincial Competitions Committee/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 (3.5.8).

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 Provincial Competitions Committee/RO Operations Director.

A player may only participate in one Championship Event per season.

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. Regional Competitions Committee approval is required. All other Championship participation rules apply.

At all Championship Events, skaters are required to wear Ringette pants.

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 the communicated deadline, which will be no later than December 31st.

A Championship: U14A, U16A, U19A, 18+A - \$1800.00

AA Championship: U14AA - \$1800.00

U16AA, U19AA, 18+AA, 18+ University - \$ 1950.00

These fees will be payable to Ringette Ontario and are part of the Intent to Proceed to Championships Process.

- Teams may pay via e-transfer. Please refer to the Intent to Proceed to Championships Form for instructions.

REGISTRATION

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

All teams participating at the "A/AA" Championship Events are required to use and support the sponsoring hotels. Teams are defined as players, parents, guardians, and bench staff members attending the event.

Non-Sponsoring hotels are hotels which have chosen not to support our Championship events and if you choose to stay in a non-sponsoring hotel, you will be fined \$1,000.

Any questions reach out to accommodationsro@gmail.com