



## **STATEMENT**

Effective immediately, and as a result of increasing spread of COVID-19 across the province, Ringette Ontario is mandating that competition amongst teams stop and that travel between associations, and teams, be discontinued until no earlier than January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. This mandate will be to be revisited based on health care conditions as they evolve. We appreciate this is a difficult situation, and that it continually evolving based on local and provincial health conditions.

Ringette Ontario is also strongly recommending that all ringette activities stop, including social events and any combined ice activities. We encourage Clubs to monitor their local health unit requirements and follow all health and safety requirements should they choose to continue to utilize ice times for single team practices etc.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. What about Tournaments in January?**

All tournaments scheduled to take place in January have been cancelled by the local Public Health Units or Clubs. Ringette Ontario supports Clubs who have made these decisions prior to the PHU as we expect further shutdowns happening after the holiday break.

### **2. What about Tournaments in February/March?**

Ringette Ontario has been consulting with tournament hosts to review ice contracts and develop contingency plans as required. We are concerned about the risks for Clubs to plan and run events in February and will be working closely with the tournament hosts and monitoring conditions in those local public health units to decide on tournaments as early as possible.

### **3. What about the AAA program?**

Unfortunately, we will have to cancel the AAA activities scheduled for Dec 27 – 29 and January 21 - 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be assessing the remaining program planned and evaluating our competition schedule for 2022.

### **4. Can two-team players participate in practices with both teams?**

During this period, we strongly encourage athletes to only attend ice time with one team if that Club is continuing single team practices during the break.

### **5. Can coaches on multiple benches attend practices for all teams?**

During this period, we strongly encourage bench staff to only attend ice time with one team if that Club is continuing single team practices during the break