



## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

### Team Staff Qualification Updates

Ringette Ontario recognizes the ongoing challenges in recruiting new coaches as we rebuild following COVID-19 impacted seasons.

Our objective is to work towards full alignment with Ringette Canada Coaching policies, but we understand that this will take time, resources, and support to do so.

For the current 2023-2024 season, the following exceptions to the current coaching standards will be permitted:

- Female Coaches

A minimum of one member of the Team Staff of U19 or younger teams must be a fully qualified female, age eighteen (18) or older, present for all team activities. This requirement may be filled by a Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Trainer.

If the HC or AC is not available and is the female on the bench, a second trainer may substitute to ensure a female is present.

- CI Certification Requirements

Ringette Ontario will focus on ensuring our U19AA and U16AA Head Coach and Assistant Coaches as well as U14AA Head Coaches, are fully CI Certified by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. U16A and U19A coaches will be the next priority group to complete certification. Coaches will not be removed from their bench if this requirement is not completed by end of season.

- Bench Staff Requirements Deadline

This season, there will continue to be enough spaces in coaching clinics offered for those who require training. The deadline for all coaching requirements, with the exception of CI evaluation, will be November 30, 2023. There will be no extension provided this season.

Please note that these changes are in place for the current 2023-2024 season only.

If you have any questions on these updates, please contact Steph Laurin at [operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com](mailto:operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com)