



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

2024-25 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 2024-25 season, the following exceptions to the current coaching standards will be permitted:

- **Female Coaches**

A minimum of one coach of U14-U19 or younger teams must be a fully qualified female Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach, age eighteen (18) or older, who present for all team activities. This fully aligns with both Ringette Ontario and Ringette Canada policy.

For U12 and below, the role of fully qualified female 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 U14AA, U16AA, and U19AA Head Coach and Assistant Coaches are fully CI Certified by the January 31st deadline. All coaches at U16A and U19A will be the next priority group to complete certification.

Coaches requiring certification must complete the application for evaluation in their profile at www.coachingringette.ca/c/

- **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, except CI evaluation, will be November 30, 2024. There will be no extension provided this season.

Please note that these changes are in place for the current 2024-25 season only.

If you have any questions on these updates, please contact operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com