

MEMBER NOTICE: 2025-26 TEAM STAFF REQUIREMENT UPDATES

Ringette Ontario has made some updates to the team staff requirements for 2025-2026 to align with the recently updated Ringette Canada Coach Certification Policy. Ringette Ontario's Team Staff Qualification Policy has been recently updated to reflect this alignment. Be sure that Club Coaching Coordinators and Coaches are aware of the requirements and policies.

The current requirements can be found here. The pathways for each division are currently being updated.

Changes Include:

- All coaches at U14, U16, and U19 'B' and 'C' levels may now take either the Community Sport Initiation (CSI) or the Competition Introduction (CI) clinics.
 - Previously, all coaches at all levels of U14, U16, and U19 were required to complete the CI training.
- The Canadian Women in Sport "Keeping Girls in Sport" e-module is now required for coaches at all levels of U12-U19.
 - o Previously, this was not a requirement at any level.
- Safe Sport Requirement can be met with either Respect in Sport Activity Leaders OR the Coaches Association Safe Sport Training (Direct Athlete Contact) e-module.
 - o Previously, only Respect in Sport-Activity Leaders was accepted.

Ringette Ontario teams will now be required to fully comply with the Ringette Ontario Female Coach on the Bench Policy. All divisions and levels must have at least one woman coach (18 years old and older) fully qualified for the coaching position they hold on the bench. Open and Masters' Divisions are exempt from this requirement. This must be a coach - trainer and junior helpers do not meet this requirement.

All team staff requirements must be met by November 30, 2025.

Virtual CI and CSI clinics will be posted at www.coachingringette.ca/c/ throughout August and September. Instructions on how to register for either clinic can be found here.

Ringette Ontario has increased our capacity for CI certification evaluations. Any coach requiring the certification evaluation (and who did not complete CI training in the current season) will be required to complete the evaluation prior to January 30, 2026. We encourage coaches who require CI certification to apply for the evaluation as soon as possible via their profile at www.coachingringette.ca/c/

If you have any questions on these updates, please contact the Ringette Ontario Operations Director: operationsdirector@ringetteontario.com