

MEMORANDUM

To: Club Presidents

From: Karla Xavier, Executive Director

CC: Josh Hamilton, Membership Coordinator

RE: Membership & Registration Fees - 2025-2026 Season

At the most recent Ringette Ontario Board of Directors the Board passed a motion and approved an increase as part of our continued commitment to enhancing the athlete experience and strengthening the support we provide across our community, we wish to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to membership fees for the 2025–2026 season.

Effective in the 2025–2026 season, membership fees will be adjusted as follows:

CATEGORY	MEMBERSHIP	DUES & INSURANCE	RC FEES	TOTAL FEES
LTS/FUN1/FUN2	\$25.00	\$14.00	\$36.00	\$75.00
FUN3(U10)-18+	\$40.00	\$14.00	\$36.00	\$90.00
BENCH STAFF	\$33.00	\$14.00	\$26.00	\$73.00
OFFICIAL	\$33.00	\$14.00	\$26.00	\$73.00
VOLUNTEER	N/A	\$14.00	N/A	\$14.00
TEAM FEE:				
B/C TEAMS	\$100.00	N/A	N/A	\$100.00
A TEAMS	\$125.00	N/A	N/A	\$125.00
AA TEAMS	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	\$250.00

^{*}Team fees apply to team U12-U19 only.

Why the Increase?

This necessary change reflects the rising costs associated with key areas that are vital to the continued growth and development of our sport, the sustainability of our operations, and the standard of service our members have come to expect and deserve.

The increased revenue will be directed toward the following strategic areas:

Investing in Officiating Programming (\$3.50):

1. Reducing Costs for Officials

To mitigate financial barriers, Ringette Ontario will subsidize the costs of mandatory rule refresher clinics and professional development opportunities for all RO-registered officials.

2. Expanded Training & Development

We are pleased to announce an expansion of our evaluations budget, allowing for an increased number of official evaluations each season. This initiative is intended to support officials' advancement through the officiating pathway and enhance overall officiating quality.

3. Enhanced Mentorship & In-Person Development

Officials will benefit from additional in-person opportunities, such as mentorship summits and fall introduction to officiating on-ice sessions, to supplement existing online clinics.

Strengthening Grassroots Programming (\$1.00):

4. Resources for Clubs and Coaches

We are developing a comprehensive resource hub to support Children's Ringette (FUN1, FUN2, FUN3) at the grassroots level. This hub will include skill videos, practice plans, and workshops tailored to coaches, trainers, athletes, and parents. Our goal is to promote quality, consistency, and meaningful engagement in early athlete development province wide.

Operational Excellence:

- 5. To ensure the continued scaling of our services and supporting athletes, clubs, and volunteers, we must account for:
 - Partial contribution toward our independent third-party Safe Sport complaint management system (\$1.00)
 - Ringette Canada membership increase (\$1.00)
 - Cost adjustment to cover the fee for RAMP Game Sheets each season (\$.50)
 - Insurance premium increase to accommodate both current and prior increases (\$.50)
 - Adjustment based on cost of living and market analysis to ensure competitive staffing and administrative support (\$2.50)

We recognize the importance of transparency and are providing this information in advance to help you relay it clearly to your members and staff.

Thank you for your continued leadership, partnership, and dedication to delivering an outstanding sport experience for all athletes.

Sincerely, Ringette Ontario