

# Ringette Ontario MEMBERSHIP POLICY

# 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to govern the admission and denial of Membership within Ringette Ontario and the responsibilities of accepted members to stay in good standing.

# 2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

This policy applies to all Ringette Ontario Members and potential Members.

#### 3. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS ARE DEFINED AS:

| LEVEL   | Voting   | Requirements  |   |
|---|--|---|---|
|   | CREDENTIALS  | SPORT DELIVERY  | SPORT MANAGEMENT  |
| QUALITY RINGETTE<br>PROVIDER  | AS PER BY-LAWS<br>1 VOTE FOR<br>EVERY 100<br>PLAYERS | SPORT DELIVERY   RESPECT IN SPORT FOR PARENTS   QUALIFIED BENCH STAFF AT THE START OF THE   SEASON   ROWAN'S LAW TRAINING   LTAD ALIGNED ATHLETE PROGRAMMING   CHILDREN'S RINGETTE PROGRAMMING   FACILITY AUDITS/INSURANCE CERTIFICATES   OBTAINED   ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION   EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS   ATHLETE PROTECTION GUIDELINES   PERSON IN AUTHORITY GUIDELINES   SIGNED CLUB DECLARATION FORM   LTAD TRAINING FOR COACHES/BOARD | SPORT MIANAGEMENT   CURRENT BY-LAWS COMPLETED   ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION   ADOPTION OF ALL RO POLICIES   OPERATING BUDGET   FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS SEASON   BOARD OF DIRECTORS TERMS OF REFERENCE W/ROLES   & RESPONSIBILITIES   BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAMES, CONTACT   INFORMATION AND DIRECTORS' AGREEMENT   GOVERNANCE TRAINING – SPORT FOR LIFE   VOLUNTEER SCREENING/TRAINING/RECRUITMENT   WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA   MARKETING – RECRUITMENT PLAN   NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR GENERAL MEMBER/TEAM   NOTIFICATION   RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY   ALL PLAYERS/STAFF/VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED WITH   RAMP   CURRENT CONTACT LIST PROVIDED WITH MEMBERSHIP   APPLICATION   NOMINATION PROCESS/BOARD RECRUITMENT |
| RO SANCTIONED<br>TEAM<br>ADULT TEAMS<br>CREATED FOR THE<br>PURPOSE OF<br>COMPETITION<br>RO SANCTIONED | N/A<br>N/A   | QUALIFIED BENCH STAFF<br>ORGANIZED GAME PLAY<br>ORGANIZED SCHEDULE OF GAMES   | POLICE RECORD CHECKS<br>CODES OF CONDUCT<br>ROWAN'S LAW<br>ALL PLAYERS/STAFF/VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED WITH<br>RAMP<br>CURRENT CONTACT LIST PROVIDED WITH MEMBERSHIP<br>APPLICATION<br>ADOPTION OF ALL RO POLICIES  |
| LEAGUE  | N/A  | ORGANIZED SCHEDULE OF GAMES<br>ORGANIZED SCHEDULE OF OFFICIATING<br>FACILITY AUDITS<br>SUSPENSIONS AND PENALTY TRACKING<br>COMPETITION EVENTS   | ADOPTION OF ALL RO POLICIES<br>LEAGUE RULES<br>OPERATING BUDGET<br>NAMES & CONTACT INFORMATION<br>ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH RO<br>ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE MEMBERS IN GOOD<br>STANDING<br>VOLUNTEER SCREENING/TRAINING   |

# 4. APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IS DEFINED BELOW AND IN RINGETTE ONTARIO'S BY-LAWS.

#### 5. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

- 5.1. NO ENTITY WILL BE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF RINGETTE ONTARIO UNLESS:
  - THE CANDIDATE MEMBER HAS MADE AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY RINGETTE ONTARIO.
  - THE CANDIDATE MEMBER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY MAJORITY VOTE AS A MEMBER BY THE BOARD OR BY ANY COMMITTEE OR INDIVIDUAL DELEGATED THIS AUTHORITY BY THE BOARD.
  - IF, AT THE TIME OF APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP THE CANDIDATE MEMBER IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER, THE CANDIDATE MEMBER IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING;
  - IF THE CANDIDATE MEMBER WAS AT ANY TIME PREVIOUSLY A MEMBER, THE CANDIDATE MEMBER WAS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AT THE TIME OF CEASING TO BE A MEMBER; AND
  - THE CANDIDATE MEMBER HAS SUBMITTED THE APPROPRIATE MATERIALS ACCORDING TO THE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP THEY ARE APPLYING FOR PLUS:
    - PROPOSED JURISDICTIONAL AREA.

#### 6. EXPIRATION OF MEMBERSHIP

ALL MEMBERSHIPS WITHIN RINGETTE ONTARIO WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30TH OF EACH YEAR.

#### 7. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

- Membership within Ringette Ontario does not renew automatically.
- NO RINGETTE ONTARIO MEMBER WILL BE RENEWED AS A MEMBER OF RINGETTE ONTARIO UNLESS:
  - THE RENEWING MEMBER HAS MADE AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY RINGETTE ONTARIO.
- THE RENEWING MEMBER IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING; AND
- THE RENEWING MEMBER HAS SUBMITTED, THE APPROPRIATE MATERIALS ACCORDING TO THE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP THEY ARE APPLYING FOR ACCORDING TO THE TABLE IN SECTION 3.

#### 8. MEMBERSHIP DUES

MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL BE DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD UPON THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ARE TO BE PAID ANNUALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION.

#### 2023-2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:

| Membership Level                        | MEMBERSHIP DUES |
|---|-----------------|
| QUALITY RINGETTE PROVIDER (QRP)         | \$150.00        |
| Adult Affiliate Team (Independent Club) | \$50.00         |
| SANCTIONED LEAGUE                       | \$50.00         |

# 9. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPANT FEES

- MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPANT FEES WILL BE DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD UPON THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
- FAILURE TO PAY ANY OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP FEES BY JUNE 30TH WILL RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM RINGETTE ONTARIO.

# 2023-2024 PARTICIPANT FEES:

| CATEGORY        | Membership | <b>D</b> UES & INSURANCE | TOTAL FEE |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| LTS/FUN1/FUN2   | 37.50      | 11.25                    | 48.75     |
| FUN3(U10) - 18+ | 51.00      | 11.25                    | 62.25     |
| Bench Staff     | 36.50      | 11.25                    | 47.75     |
| OFFICIAL        | 39.00      | 11.25                    | 50.25     |
| VOLUNTEER       |            | 11.25                    | 11.25     |
|                 |            |                          |           |
| TEAM FEE:       |            |                          |           |
| B/C TEAMS       | \$100.00   | N/A                      | \$100.00  |
| A TEAMS         | \$115.00   | N/A                      | \$115.00  |
| AA TEAMS        | \$250.00   | N/A                      | \$250.00  |

\*Team fees apply to teams U12-U19 only.

#### **10.GOOD STANDING**

- A MEMBER OF RINGETTE ONTARIO WILL BE IN GOOD STANDING PROVIDED THAT THE MEMBER:
  - HAS NOT CEASED TO BE A MEMBER.
  - HAS NOT BEEN SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM MEMBERSHIP, OR HAD OTHER RESTRICTIONS OR SANCTIONS IMPOSED.
  - HAS COMPLETED AND REMITTED ALL DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE CLUB.
  - HAS COMPLIED WITH THE BY-LAWS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS OF THE CLUB.
  - IS NOT SUBJECT TO A DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATION OR ACTION BY THE CLUB, OR IF SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION PREVIOUSLY, HAS FULFILLED ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD; AND
  - HAS PAID ALL REQUIRED MEMBERSHIP DUES OR DEBTS TO THE ASSOCIATION, IF ANY.
- MEMBERS WHO CEASE TO BE IN GOOD STANDING MAY HAVE PRIVILEGES SUSPENDED AND WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT MEETINGS OF MEMBERS OR BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE MEMBER HAS MET THE DEFINITION OF GOOD STANDING AS SET OUT ABOVE.

#### **11. WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IS DEFINED IN THE RINGETTE ONTARIO BY-LAWS.
- A MEMBER MAY RESIGN FROM RINGETTE ONTARIO BY GIVING A WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE BOARD. THE MEMBER'S RESIGNATION WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE THE DATE ON WHICH THE

REQUEST IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

- A MEMBER MAY NOT RESIGN FROM RINGETTE ONTARIO WHEN THE MEMBER IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATION OR ACTION.
- A MEMBER WILL BE EXPELLED FROM RINGETTE ONTARIO FOR FAILING TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES OR MONIES OWED TO RINGETTE ONTARIO BY THE DEADLINE DATES PRESCRIBED BY RINGETTE ONTARIO.
- IN ADDITION TO EXPULSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES, A MEMBER MAY BE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM RINGETTE ONTARIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH RINGETTE ONTARIO'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS.

# **APPPENDIX A:**

# **PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP**

| PRIVILEGES OF MEMBE                          | -  | _  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| QRP  | Adult Affiliate Team                         | Sanctioned League  |  |
| A COPY OF THE BY-LAWS OF RINGETTE            | A COPY OF THE BY-LAWS OF RINGETTE            | A COPY OF THE BY-LAWS OF RINGETTE                                    |  |
| ONTARIO                                      | ONTARIO                                      | Ontario  |  |
| A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL AND          | A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL AND          | A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL AND                                  |  |
| SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS                     | SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS                     | SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS   |  |
| BE COVERED UNDER THE RINGETTE                | BE COVERED UNDER THE RINGETTE ONTARIO        | BE COVERED UNDER THE RINGETTE ONTARIO                                |  |
| ONTARIO INSURANCE POLICY                     | INSURANCE POLICY                             | INSURANCE POLICY   |  |
| TAKE PART IN NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND           | TAKE PART IN NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND           | N/A  |  |
| EVENTS, IF ELIGIBLE                          | EVENTS, IF ELIGIBLE                          |  |  |
| ENTER TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE            | ENTER TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE            | N/A  |  |
| CANADIAN RINGETTE                            | CANADIAN RINGETTE                            |  |  |
| Championships/Eastern Canadian               | CHAMPIONSHIPS/EASTERN CANADIAN               |  |  |
| RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS, IF ELIGIBLE          | RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS, IF ELIGIBLE          |  |  |
| ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN RO                | ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN RO SANCTIONED     | N/A  |  |
| SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS $\&$ EVENTS           | TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS (QUALIFIERS,            |  |  |
| (QUALIFIERS, CHAMPIONSHIPS)                  | Championships)                               |  |  |
| ATTEND ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL            | ATTEND ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL            | ATTEND ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL                                    |  |
| MEETINGS                                     | MEETINGS                                     | MEETINGS   |  |
| ATTEND TECHNICAL MEETINGS AS                 | ATTEND TECHNICAL MEETINGS AS SCHEDULED       | ATTEND TECHNICAL MEETINGS AS   |  |
| SCHEDULED                                    |  | SCHEDULED  |  |
| VOTING PRIVILEGES AS DEFINED BY THE          | N/A  | N/A  |  |
| RINGETTE ONTARIO BY-LAWS                     |  |  |  |
| REGISTER PARTICIPANTS, SUBJECT TO ALL        | REGISTER PARTICIPANTS, SUBJECT TO ALL FEES   | REGISTER PARTICIPANTS, SUBJECT TO ALL FEES                           |  |
| FEES AND ASSESSMENT AS DETERMINED BY         | AND ASSESSMENT AS DETERMINED BY THE          | AND ASSESSMENT AS DETERMINED BY THE                                  |  |
| THE BOARD                                    | BOARD  | Board  |  |
| COACH DEVELOPMENT                            | COACH DEVELOPMENT                            | N/A  |  |
| ATHLETE PROGRAMMING                          | ATHLETE PROGRAMMING                          | N/A  |  |
| RO DISCIPLINE & COMPLAINTS SUPPORT           | RO DISCIPLINE & COMPLAINTS SUPPORT           | <b>RO DISCIPLINE &amp; COMPLAINTS SUPPORT</b>                        |  |
| SUPPORT IN CREATION OF RULES &               | N/A  | SUPPORT IN CREATION OF RULES & POLICIES                              |  |
| Policies                                     |  |  |  |
| MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT             | MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT             | MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT                                     |  |
| N/A  | N/A  | LEAGUE STANDARDIZATION ACROSS THE                                    |  |
|  |  | PROVINCE   |  |
| <b>RO EDUCATION WEBINARS &amp; RESOURCES</b> | <b>RO EDUCATION WEBINARS &amp; RESOURCES</b> | <b>RO EDUCATION WEBINARS &amp; RESOURCES</b>                         |  |
| GRANT WRITING ADVICE & SUPPORT               | N/A  | N/A  |  |
| GRASS ROOTS PROGRAMMING THROUGH              | N/A  | N/A  |  |
| Come Try Ringette                            |  |  |  |
| RO NOTICES & NEWS                            | RO NOTICES & NEWS                            | RO NOTICES & NEWS  |  |
| ACCESS TO RO LEGAL SUPPORT                   |  |  |  |
| ACCESS TO NO LEGAL SUFFORT                   | ACCESS TO RO LEGAL SUPPORT                   | ACCESS TO RO LEGAL SUPPORT   |  |
| Access to Administrative tools such as       |  | ACCESS TO RO LEGAL SUPPORT<br>ACCESS TO ADMINISTRATIVE TOOLS SUCH AS |  |