RINGETTE ONTARIO
NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS

Team Staff Qualification Updates

Ringette Ontario recognizes the challenges in recruiting new coaches as we rebuild after two seasons of COVID-19.

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 2022-2023 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.
  For U12 and under, U14, U16, U19 B, C and House league teams 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, the female requirement is still required, and a substitute female HC or AC is the ideal option. In emergency cases a second trainer may substitute, pending approvals, 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 31st deadline. If you require an evaluation, please register as soon as possible.
  Instructions can be found here: CI-EVALUATION-RO.pdf (ringetteontario.com)

- **Bench Staff Requirements Deadline**

  With the overwhelming interest in coaching clinics and shortage of facilitators we anticipate needing to host additional clinics in December to ensure everyone can register.
  For the 2022-2023 season the deadline for all coaching requirements, with the exception of CI evaluation, will be December 15th, 2022.

Please note that these changes are in place for the current 2022-2023 season only. We will review and communicate our plan to achieve our alignment goals this coming spring.

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