



RINGETTE ONTARIO

Information for U12-aged participants

As part of the implementation and road map for the next five years of the Strategic Plan, Ringette ON will be providing clarification to the competition framework and our athlete pathways.

The U12 Division

The U12 Pathway is focused on sport for life, long-term athlete development and long-term participant development. The key focus of the U12 program is to consolidate and refine the basic ringette skills learned in the FUN3(U10) program.

Key Characteristics:

- The U12 division will be categorized as mixed gender at all levels of play to align with the Ringette Canada [Equal Opportunity for Participation Guidelines](#).
- Player evaluations will be conducted in the Fall (after September 1st).
- U12 teams will be tiered as an A, B or C team. The programs for these teams should look the same regardless of the level of play the team identifies as.
- If a Club has multiple U12 teams, they can choose to tier the teams or balance the teams depending on the level of skill and experience the group has based on the evaluations done at sort outs. If Clubs have multiple teams at the same level those teams should be balanced.
- Further details on team formation at the U12 level will be communicated in the spring.
- Teams may participate in up to five tournaments over the course of the season (September – April) including the end of the year Event. All tournaments at U12 should offer 3 game guarantees.
- All A, B and C teams will be eligible to participate in a Ringette Ontario U12 Year-End Event:
 - ✓ RO will host multiple year end mixed level events to accommodate all teams.
 - ✓ Committing to attend is optional and will be up to the team.
 - ✓ End of year event format will include gold, silver, and bronze medals.
 - ✓ Details on the RO U12 Year End Event will be communicated in the fall.