



"A" Level Commitment and Expectations

The "A" level runs at U12, U14, U16 and U19 age levels. If a player is interested to play on a "A" team, the player must register for tryouts by early August. The "A" team can be composed of 12-17 players including 1-2 goalies.

Playing at the competitive level of "A" requires increased commitment, participation and dedication at all team events that include but not limited to; league games, tournaments, practices, dryland and/or team bonding.

Team Fees can vary starting from \$700-\$1,000 and includes but not limited to; practice ice, dryland, tournaments and team clothing. However, team fees will depend on the number of players on the team, tournaments, travelling costs, fundraising, etc. Coaches' expenses are paid by the team. Please note that team fees are separate from registration. Registration only covers but is not limited to RMB and WRL fees, community centre fees, administration fees, WRL league games, referees and minor officials.

All players on a "A" team are expected to pay the exact same team fee. If a player is injured and/or away for a period time, the player is still expected to pay the same amount as their teammates.

Please note, players may need to travel outside of SJRA to compete at the "A" level.

U12A & U14A Teams

- Approximately 3-4 ringette events (practice, dryland, games) per week.
- Often 1 hour of ice contract per week. Other ice sessions will vary based on ice availability.
- Approximately 20 league games.
- Participation in 2-3 tournaments including a potential opportunity to travel outside of Winnipeg and/or Manitoba.
- Participation in WRL playoffs that begin in mid-February and Provincials that go through until the end of March.

U16A & U19A Teams

- Approximately 4-5 ringette events (practice, dryland, games) per week.
- Often 2 hours of ice contract per week. Other ice sessions will vary based on ice availability.
- Approximately 20 league games.
- Participation in 3-5 tournaments each year. Typically, there will be at least one tournament that will require players to travel outside of Winnipeg and/or Manitoba.
- U16A and U19A do not play in WRL playoffs. Teams only compete at Provincials that take place mid-February and typically run for 7 days.
- Should an U16A and/or U19A team be successful at Provincials, they qualify for the Western Canadian Ringette Championship (WCRC) as Team Manitoba. WCRC can be held in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba in late March. All players are expected to attend Western Championships, if the team qualifies.
- If WCRC is held in Manitoba, the top two teams (1st & 2nd place) qualify for WCRC. The team who finished second will become the Host Team.
- If going to WCRC, players are required to purchase jackets, Team Manitoba jerseys and sometimes new ringette pants. There are also extra costs such as banquet tickets and team photos which are mandatory. If the WCRC is held outside of Manitoba, there are extra travel expenses required (e.g. bus, hotel, flight, meals, etc.)