



POLICY TITLE: GOALTENDER POLICY

Effective Date: July 14, 2020

1.0 PURPOSE

To address recruitment, development and retention of goaltenders within SGRA.

2.0 SCOPE

To provide opportunity for growth and development as a goalie in the sport of ringette.

3.0 PRINCIPLES

1. Ringette Canada – reference LTAD and Athlete Development Matrix, wide range of skills. Early specialization counter to these principles and detrimental to development.
2. All U10 players shall be provided with goalie instruction.
3. Each team shall have access to quality goalie instruction.
4. Identify U10 players that intend to continue pursuing goaltending into U12. Encourage those who may be still deciding or unsure.
5. Host goalie clinics for U10 to U14 teams, with a minimum of 2 goalies per team required to attend.
6. Create instructional materials for coaches and parents.
7. Mentor coaches on how to support goaltenders.
8. Encourage mentoring between goaltenders of different divisions and levels. Create excitement and passion (role models) for young goalies.

4.0 PROCEDURE

1. Everyone who wants to try the goaltending position shall be given the opportunity to try it.
2. Goalie opportunities are encouraged to all players in Active Start through to U12
3. Reduce barriers to trying the position by training coaches to understand the goalie position and create passion for the position.
4. Allow initial participation in a less-stressful environment. (e.g. practice, exhibition game)
5. Provide equipment for athletes that need it in AS, U10 and U12.
6. Provide registration credits for full-time goalies for that purchase their own equipment (u14, U16, U19 and Open/18+) to be assessed at the mid-point of the season. Goalie-specific and non-association goalie clinic taken while during the playing season, will receive a credit to be determined by the board on an annual basis.
7. SGRA considers full-time goalies at the U14 level and up.
8. U14/16/19 – Goalies are considered full-time and, in some instances, there could be more than one goalie on a team sharing the duties. Coaches are encouraged to ensure there is equal opportunities for play.

9. U10 – encourage 100% of players to try goalie practice or a game. To follow Ringette Alberta's guidelines of Children's Ringette.
10. U12B&C – encourage 75% of players to try goalie in practice or play in a game. To follow Ringette Alberta's guidelines of Children's Ringette. U12A, as it is generally the start of a more competitive stream, may be subject to different guidelines with respect to playing time based on interest, skating skill set vs. goalie skill set.
11. Number of goalies per team will be at the discretion of the Oversight Committee with the goal being that every team has a goalie. This will be based on interest, evaluation feedback and number of goalies.
12. For goaltenders U12 and up specific goaltender skill testing may be applied for final team placement and to ensure that each level is viable.
13. All U10 players will evaluate as skaters and placed appropriately.
14. All U12 players will evaluate as skaters first, then may play goalie for game play. Goalie evaluators will be used to provide a goalie evaluation. Goalie evaluation and UAA scores (as skater) will both be used to determine team placement. Directors to discuss with goalies and parents to help with determining final placement, based on interest, skating skill set vs. goalie skill set, as well as potential playing time.

6.0 COMPLIANCE

Failure to adhere to this policy will result in disciplinary action under the SGRA Code of Conduct and the SGRA Disciplinary Policy, which may include removal of practice ice and/or suspension of coach(es) or other sanctions deemed appropriate.

APPENDIX 1:

LTAD Stage	Ringette Alberta Groups	Goaltending Focus	Full Time Goaltender Permitted	Goal Equipment	Nets	Modified Ice surface for competition
Active Start	Active Start 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Active Start 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fundamentals	U10-1	Introduce goaltending concept and rotate position to all players.	No	Stick	Small	Divided
	U10-2	Stress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basic grip • stance • stick on ice 		Stick and Gloves		Full
Learning to Train Early	U10-3	Continue to introduce and refine goaltending concept and rotate position to all players. Same skills as above plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skating • ring skills • mobility • stick work • positioning • ring distribution 	No	Full equipment. Goal skates can be used by those goalies wanting to try goal skates and where properly fitting skates are available.	Small May introduce full size net towards the end of the season in inter-squad scrimmages for those players showing an interest in playing goal full time or part time in the future.	Full
Learning to Train Late	U12	Identify and develop every interested player. Same skills as above plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication / interaction. 	*Yes, however no player may play more than 50% of the games. **U12A may be subject to different guidelines, dependent on evaluations	Full equipment. Goal skates could now be used	Full	Full
Train to Train	U14		yes	Full equipment		
Train to Compete	U16		yes	Full equipment		
Train to Compete/ Learn to Win	U19		yes	Full equipment		

** The 50% maximum is intended to ensure other players can try the goaltending position. When they are not playing goal, individuals are encouraged to play other positions rather than "sit".*