

**Rockyford, Indus, Strathmore Extreme**  
**R.I.S.E. Ringette**

**Rockyford, Indus, and Strathmore Ringette Associations are pleased to offer U12/U14/U16 Ringette Teams for the 2023-2024 Ringette season.**

**Who:**

Associations involved are Rockyford, Indus, and Strathmore

- This **is NOT** an amalgamation, rather three separate associations working collaboratively to provide an unique opportunity for our U12/U14/U16 athletes.
- Ringette Alberta is aware and in support of our intentions since the 2022-2023 Ringette Season

**What:**

Rockyford, Indus, Strathmore Extreme (R.I.S.E.) Ringette Teams

- The aim is to support the development of all players by forming joint representative or “Rep” teams at the U12, U14 and U16 age groups for the Rockyford, Indus and Strathmore Associations.
- The level of play will be determined once evaluations are complete, while there is an intention to field viable and competitive “A” tiered teams.

**Where/When:**

- **Every athlete is to register to their home association. Once teams are formed R.I.S.E. athletes will be transferred to the host association once fees are paid in full.**
  - Host teams will be determined after Ringette Alberta’s decision on tiering in early June.
  - Host teams at each division will be communicated at that time.
- **Each team will rotate practices through each association ice.**
  - Ice schedules will not be consistent until all three associations have set teams and facilities are ready.
- Teams will be guaranteed two practice ice times per week
- Home Game schedules are contingent upon the Chinook League Ice Scheduler
- Teams will continue to play in the Chinook League

**Why:**

- One of the big challenges smaller associations face is providing developmentally challenging, competitive opportunities to local athletes at all levels/tiers.
- Instead of fielding A, B, and C teams, our associations are often faced with numbers to support 1 or 2 teams with a wide range of player skill levels on each team.
- Through R.I.S.E., local players who desire playing at a higher level have the opportunity to do so with like-skilled athletes.
- R.I.S.E. allows for maximizing player development and enjoyment

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

### **Has Ringette Alberta approved this?**

- Yes, Ringette Alberta has been contacted and supports the formation of these teams.
  - AC Thunder (Airdrie/Cochrane) has formed similar teams in our Zone

### **Is there an extra cost associated with R.I.S.E.?**

- There is a non refundable \$100 evaluation fee. You will also be required to pay the Ringette Alberta insurance fee prior to evaluating. These fees are separate from your registration fee. Full registration fees will be due to the appropriate association once teams are set.
- R.I.S.E. registrants will not be eligible to take advantage of the SMRA Early Bird opportunity.
- Price difference is due to increase of weekly ice time
  - U12- \$712.50
  - U14 - \$762.50
  - U16 - \$812.50
- These registration fees do not cover
  - Ringette Alberta Insurance Fee \$69.50
  - Non-Refundable Evaluation Fee \$100
  - Chestermere Recreation Centre Membership fees \$58/Player or \$85/Family
    - To be paid directly to Chestermere Rec Center

### **What name, logo and colors will the teams be wearing/representing?**

- All associations feel it is beneficial for the R.I.S.E. teams to use rebranded Jerseys and colors, if possible.
- Will explore sponsorship opportunities to offset cost of jerseys at the U12 level.

### **Which association should my athlete register in if they want to try out for the joint R.I.S.E. team?**

- Players should register in their home association. Additional details for R.I.S.E. team will be made available prior to evaluations.

### **Who can try out?**

- Any ringette player registered with Rockyford Minor Hockey and Ringette Association, Indus Ringette Association and Strathmore Minor Ringette Association, can try out in their respective age group (U12, U14 and U16 only).

### **Does my child have to attend R.I.S.E. evaluations?**

- Yes, Evaluations are required for all athletes wishing to play on a R.I.S.E. team

### **How will this partnership affect remaining local association teams?**

- There will be no changes to local association teams. Each association can continue to form additional teams at the U12, U14 and U16 level as before.

### **Which arenas will R.I.S.E. team use for practices and home games?**

- R.I.S.E. teams will practice a guaranteed two times per week. Practices will rotate out of Rockyford, Strathmore and out of Indus/Chestermere per week.
  - Keep in mind different associations also have ice allotment in different communities.
- It is intended for R.I.S.E. organizers or Ice Schedulers to work with Chinook League to encourage home games are played in each community as much as possible.

### **How will coaches be selected?**

- Coaching interest/applications will be sent out from your home association
- Interested coaches will have an opportunity to apply for coaching positions at a later date.
- Coaches will be selected by a committee comprised of people from each association.
- Our hopes are that each association can be represented on the bench, if possible.

### **How will teams be selected?**

- Players will participate in a separate evaluation tentatively starting the week of September 5th.
  - These evaluations will not interfere with with your home association evaluations as the associations involved will be working together to ensure so
  - Both R.I.S.E. teams will be using the same evaluation process
  - Evaluators will be selected from an outside group/third party/independent evaluators as much as possible.

### **Will there be a fixed number of Players from each Association on each R.I.S.E. team?**

- No, it is not realistic to set fixed player numbers from each Association. Player selection will be based on player ability/skill. This ensures consistency in talent/skill amongst selected player groups and provides for strong/competitive team structures that are fun and exciting to play within.

### **Will Local League players be eligible to be an Affiliated Player “AP” to the R.I.S.E. team?**

- Yes, players from all three associations will be eligible for AP opportunities.