

Greater Sudbury Ringette
A/AA Program



Competitive A/AA tryouts

What families need to know about the
GSRA competitive program



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Why Ringette?



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What is Competitive Ringette?





- Competitive Ringette or Provincial ringette are teams at the A/AA level and you must tryout for a place on the team.
- It provides athletes with an opportunity to participate within a structured, competitive environment.
- As per Ringette Canada's long-term athlete development, competitive programs in the "Train-to-Train" stage of development also provide a foundation for athletes who wish to pursue competitive excellence. It may open doors to playing AAA, National Ringette League, and University Ringette



What is the Commitment Requirement at each Level?

- In most cases the commitment is more demanding than B and C level of play in both time and cost.
- The head Coach will have a parents meeting during the tryout process to go over the commitment requirements and general idea of the budget. Players who accept a spot on the team will be required to sign a commitment contract.
- GSRA A/AA teams play exhibition games against the Sault, Timmins, West Ferris, Barrie and sometimes other southern teams if possible. Teams usually meet at a half-way point.



What is the Commitment requirement at each Level?

- Competitive teams may attend 5-6 tournaments a season. U14-U19 A/AA teams may also attend Provincials if they qualify.
- Due to being in the North there are less teams in our area to play which means more travel and tournaments to gain the experience, this increases the time commitment and cost.

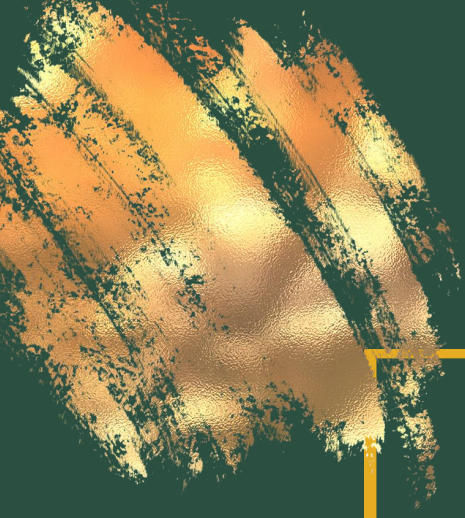




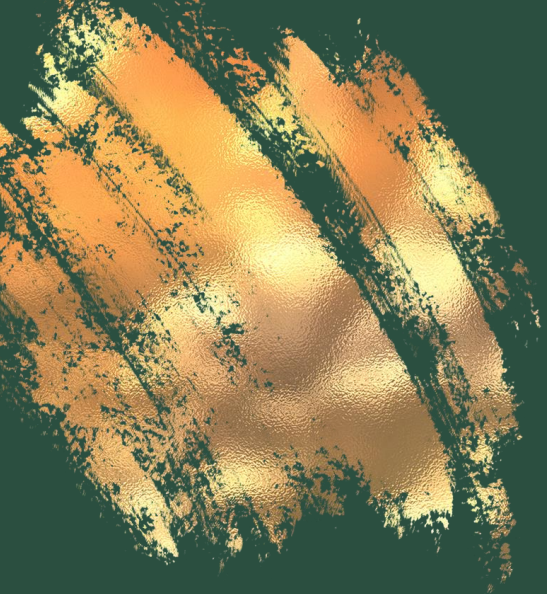
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Who Can Tryout?



Any ringette player is eligible to tryout for a competitive team, as long as they are registered with their home association. No release is needed to tryout



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What is the Process?

U12A Update (Feb 2023)

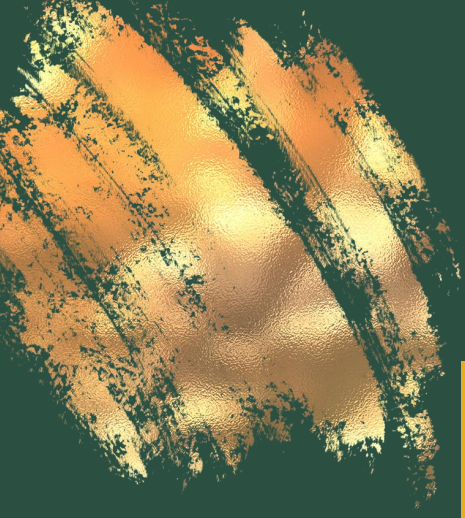


- Tryouts/evaluations will occur in the fall of 2023 (September 2023)
- U12 teams will be tiered A, B or C. The programs for these teams should look similar- however, with our unique northern experience, A teams may look slightly different.

U12A Update (Feb 2023)



- All A, B and C teams will be eligible to participate in a Ringette Ontario end of year event
 - Ringette Ontario will host multiple year end mixed level events to accommodate all teams
 - Attendance is optional and will be up to the team
 - End of year format will include gold, silver and bronze medals
 - Further details will be provided by Ringette Ontario in the fall



There is a specific process
players must follow in order
to tryout for an A/AA team



Tryout Process for Families

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Register/Pay for Tryouts

Tryouts will be posted in mid-March and players will have to register and pay in order to attend

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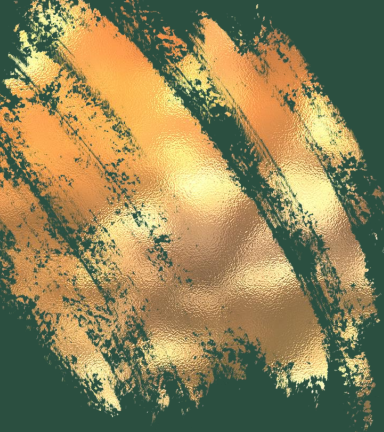
Attend Tryouts

Players may attend tryouts at their home association and any other association (if applicable) payment will be required for each association.

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Selection

Players MUST play for the A/AA team in their home or closest to their home association. Players who accept a spot on an A/AA team in another association must follow the "out of association player policy"



GSRA 2023-2023 U14 A and U16AA Tryouts

All ice at Countryside Arena

April 13, 2023

U14A - 6:15 PM

U16AA- 7:15 PM

April 15, 2023

U14A - 5:15 PM

U16AA- 6:15 PM

April 16, 2023

U14A - 3:15 PM

U16AA- 4:15 PM

What to
Expect at
Tryouts!





What Does the "Out of Association Policy" mean?

- If a player from another association makes any of the GSRA A/AA teams they must ask for a temporary 1 year release from their home association in order to be eligible to play for the team. More information can be found here: [Out of Association Policy](#)
- You will register with and be a GSRA player for that season.
- This player can return to their home association the following season
- GSRA stands by their commitment to ensure players are playing in their proper caliber and not playing on two teams if it is not required



Accepting Out of Association Players

- Accepting out of Association players will be at the discretion of the head coach. Some things that will be taken into consideration are:
 - Can the player attend all programming- this includes practices, games, dryland, other team events
 - Does the team need players outside the city from other associations to make the team viable
 - Will accepting a player from another association affect the viability of their competitive team/program?



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Other Important Information





How do the Tryouts Work?



- A google registration form will go out mid-March for sign-ups
 - There will be 3 tryouts each for U14-U16 (and U19 if applicable)
- Players **MUST** sign-up and pay in advance in order to attend the tryouts and be allowed on the ice
- Players must attend all 3 tryouts- for extenuating circumstances use the google form to let us know why the player can't make a tryout.



How do the Tryouts Work for A/AA teams



- If a player belongs to another association they **MUST** tryout in their appropriate division/tier in their home association (if applicable). They **MUST** also attend GSRA tryouts to be considered to that team
 - Example 1- Kylie is a member of the Walden Ringette association, She tries out for the GSRA U14A team and the Walden U14A team. She makes both teams. Kylie **MUST** accept the offer from her home association team.
 - Example 2- Danica is a member of West Ferris and attends West Ferris U16A tryouts, but opts out of trying out for GSRA U16AA team. She is not selected on the West Ferris U16A team. Unfortunately, Danica can't play for the GSRA U16 AA team as she did not attend tryouts.



How do the Tryouts Work for AA teams

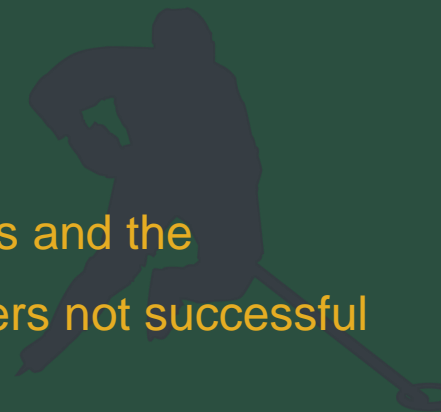


- Any player can tryout for a AA team in the region
- If you tryout for your home association A team and then the GSRA AA team and are offered a spot on both teams- you may accept the offer from GSRA (see accepting out of association player slide)- since your home association does not have a AA team.

Example 1- Leah is a Walden player, she tries out for her U16A team and for the GSRA U16AA team. She is offered a spot on both teams- she can accept the offer from GSRA U16AA since her association does not offer a AA program. She now needs a release.



You Made the Team!



- Depending how many players are attending a tryout- coaches and the assessment team may opt to make cuts after 2 tryouts. Players not successful will receive a notice by email
- After the 3rd tryout, the coach and assessment team meet and decide on the final team.
- All players are notified by email whether they make the team or not. Coaches are asked to notify the players within 48 hours of the final tryout.
- Players will have 24 hours to accept or reject the offer (this may vary depending on when other associations have their tryouts). This offer may be extended to that player until they know whether they made their home association team or not.

You Did Not Make the Team

- A letter will go out to all players who are not successful in the tryout process at the same time as the emails go out to successful players
- If this player tries out for another association A team, they can now accept a roster spot on that team should they want to. The rejection letter from GSRA will be your proof to be able to accept another associations offer.
- You can also attend tryouts for B teams in the fall with your home association



Very Important Information!!



- If you make a team other than your home association team you have a little more work to do
- Once you have accepted a roster spot outside your home association you will be required to fill out the *Player Release Form* from Ringette Ontario
- Your associations registrar or president can help you with this process



Questions?



If you are not a member of GSRA contact your competitive rep or president in your home association

A member of GSRA? Please email gsringette@gmail.com. Your email will be answered by the competitive player coordinator and/or the president