

TILLSONBURG RINGETTE ASSOCIATION



Registration - Bond Hours

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidelines surrounding the requirements and fulfillment of Family Bond Hours within the Tillsonburg Ringette Association.

Application of this Policy

2. This Policy applies to all categories of membership defined in the Tillsonburg Ringette Association Bylaws as well as all individuals volunteering, or engaged in activities with, Tillsonburg Ringette Association. Persons affected by this Policy include, but are not limited to, athletes, coaches, convenors, referees, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, and directors and officers of Tillsonburg Ringette Association.

Mandatory Volunteer (Bond) Hours:

3. Each Family with players registered in U8 or above is required to provide 10 hours of volunteer time (15 hours for families with more than one registered athlete) to Tillsonburg Ringette Association as part of your registration commitment. Families that only have a registered player in LTS are only required to provide 5 hours of volunteer time. These volunteer hours can be redeemed through many of our fundraising activities, Coaching and Bench Staff, Score/Time Keeping, Tournament functions, etc.

For clarification, players and bench staff already have an obligation to the team that they are registered to for most fundraising and tournament activities.

Bond hours are reserved for parent/guardian involvement. In fulfilling bond hours towards your seasonal requirement, the following guidelines are followed:

- a. Parent/Guardian volunteer time is counted for any single activity (examples: Bottle Drive, Score Keeping, Shot Clock Operator, Tournament Administration)
- b. Historically, if more than one parent/guardian volunteers for a single event, then hours are counted for the event, not for each volunteer. For example, 2 parents attend a fundraising BBQ with their 2 registered players for 4 hours. While 4 volunteers have attended the event, 2 of them are supporting their team (players) and 2 of them are supporting a single event (parents). As such, 4 hours will be counted toward bond requirements.
- c. In the same manner, if 2 parent volunteers manage Scorekeeping and the Shot Clock (2 separate volunteer activities) for 1 hour during a game, then they have fulfilled 2 hours of bond requirements.
- d. Due to the amount of volunteer time that goes into Bench Staff, Coaching, and Executive involvement, any parents involved in those positions are considered to have automatically met their bond hour requirements for the season.
- e. In the same manner, Ice helpers also have their volunteer time counted towards their bond hours, and often meet their bond requirements in the first few weeks of the season.
- f. While bond hours are counted during our Annual Bottle Drive, it is considered our only mandatory event for all Players and Parents, so team involvement is required of everyone, even if your bond hours have already been met.

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4. In the end, as an association, we need to complete certain tasks to effectively run our season. If we cannot fill those positions with volunteers, then we will be required to fill them via paid assistance. Every dollar that we spend affects the budget, and subsequently, your registration fees. As an association, we do everything that we can to minimize and reduce registration costs, and your time volunteering is often our best money saving avenue. Thank you for your continued support!

During your on-line registration process, a volunteering option will show as a required input. Simply select 'Yes' to accept 10 hours (points) per registrant, or select 'No' to accept the added charge to your registration fee. When the system prompts you for "Job Selection", just check the box, complete the information portion, and click 'Continue' to proceed. The system will not assign you to a specific task.

Bond Cheques will be collected as usual, and volunteer hours will be tracked through to the end of the season. Bond Cheques can be completed as follows: 1 registered child in the LTS program (75\$), one registered child in U8 or above (150\$), **MORE** than 1 registered child (200\$).

Athletes will not be allowed to skate with their team until Registrations are paid in full, and bond cheques have been submitted. If you have a special financial request, please contact the Treasurer or President to discuss.