



## Out-of-Association Player Policy

The West Ottawa Ringette Association recognizes its responsibility to players residing within the Association's boundaries as being paramount. It also recognizes its responsibility to ensure all players, whether from home or outside associations, can play at their skill level.

### **Applicability**

This Out-of-Association Player (OAP) Policy applies to tryouts and team formation for all AA and A teams hosted by the West Ottawa Ringette Association.

The OAP Policy does not apply to players released for level of play (i.e., their home association does not host a competitive team at the level the player wishes to try out for).

For purposes of this policy, a player who has relocated to West Ottawa and, per Ringette Ontario (RO) rules, is eligible to submit a "Player Relocation Form" will be considered to be a West Ottawa player.

### **Definitions**

An "Out-of-Association" player is any player who, per RO rules, requires a Release from another association to be eligible to register with and play for West Ottawa. This is usually, but not always:

- a player who resides within the geographic boundaries of and has played for another local association; or
- a player who resides outside the geographic boundaries of any association in Ontario and has played for a local association other than West Ottawa.

A "Relocated" player is a player who has played for another association during the previous season and who has relocated from a residence outside the geographic boundaries of West Ottawa Ringette to one within the boundaries of West Ottawa.

### **Policy**

"Out-of-Association" players may try out for any West Ottawa AA or A competitive team provided they are in good standing with their home association.

**U19A & all AA teams:** West Ottawa selects the best players available.\*

**All other A teams:** Out-of-Association players must rank in the top half (50%) of the team to be selected.\*

**Goalies:** Out-of-Association goalies will be considered for A and AA teams if they are deemed to be of caliber for that level of play. If a WORA goalie is deemed to be of caliber for that level, they will be offered the initial spot. An Out-of-Association goalie may be selected if they are deemed to be notably superior to any WORA members being considered.

\*The Executive of the West Ottawa Ringette Association may set a maximum number of Out-of-Association players that will be accepted on any AA or A team in order to assist long-term player development within the Association. The Executive may also waive the “top half” criteria in order to ice a viable team.

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