



# 2024 U12 Year End Event



CELEBRATING 50YRS OF RINGETTE IN BC

MARCH 8-10, 2024

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# **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

On behalf of West Kelowna City Council, staff and our community, we extend a warm welcome to the 17 teams and more than 600 players, coaches, parents, officials and volunteers who are in our beautiful city for the Ringette BC U12 Year End Event from March 8 to 10 at Jim Lind Arena and Royal LePage Place.

West Kelowna is excited to be hosting this year's marquee tournament. We greatly appreciate Westside Ringette and everyone who has provided support in organizing this incredible event. We also thank all those who will be playing host during the 40-game, three-day tournament.



Mayor Gord Milsom

The City of West Kelowna has a proud history of supporting the sport of ringette. We value the teamwork, comradery, leadership, good spirit and wellness it builds in our community's youth and we wish the sport continued success and growth.

We also hope that during the tournament, you will have an opportunity to discover the many wonderful things we love about our community and why West Kelowna is truly the place to be. Go to **visitwestside.com** to learn more about all that our community has to offer during your stay.

While we hope you will understand if we cheer a bit louder for the home team, we also truly wish you all a fun-filled weekend and the best of luck!



# **WELCOME MESSAGES**

It is my honor and pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all participants of the U12 Year End Event hosted by the Westside Ringette Association in the picturesque West Kelowna, BC.

As President, I am delighted to witness the coming together of talented young athletes, dedicated coaches, supportive families, and passionate fans for this exciting event. Your commitment to the sport of ringette and your dedication to excellence serve as an inspiration to us all.

West Kelowna provides the perfect backdrop for this gathering of ringette enthusiasts. I encourage you to explore local attractions and embrace the City.

To the organizers, volunteers, and sponsors who have worked tirelessly to make this event possible, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your hard work and dedication are instrumental in creating memorable experiences for our youth and fostering a love for sport that will last a lifetime.

As you compete on the ice, remember the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. Cherish the friendships forged and the lessons learned, both on and off the rink. Win or lose, your participation in this event contributes to the rich tapestry of Canadian sport, and for that, you should be immensely proud.

I wish each and every one of you the best of luck in your games and hope that this event leaves you with fond memories to cherish for years to come. May the spirit of camaraderie and competition unite us all as we celebrate the joy of ringette in the beautiful city of West Kelowna.

-Nathan Kurjata, President, Westside Ringette Association



Welcome to the 2024 Ringette BC U12 Year End Event!!!

On behalf of the Ringette BC Board of Directors and Ringette BC Staff, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all teams attending the U12 Year End Event.

We hope that this season has brought all our participants, coaches, officials and volunteers many great moments, memories, and exciting opportunities. We are so grateful and thankful for the dedication and passion of the ringette community.

Thank you to the U12 Year End Event Organizing Committee who have been working tirelessly to deliver this weekend of competition to you. Please take a moment to stop and thank them for their time and efforts. This event simply cannot run without their dedication and drive. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

As the competition gets underway, please be reminded that the ringette community is guided by the True Sport Principles and related Ringette BC Codes of Conduct. Ringette BC strives to foster a sport environment that is safe, inclusive and we have zero-tolerance for harassment, abuse, and maltreatment. We are particularly mindful of the impact to our youth athletes. Competition is exciting and it can bring out the best in people. Please remember our values as an organization and embrace and model these values and expectations. This is a small reminder that the negative behaviour of some can ruin it for the majority; it takes our collective efforts to foster a positive sport experience for all.

Wishing all the teams the best this weekend! We cannot wait to see how it all plays out. Go Team Go!!

Sincerely,

**Lesley Driscoll**Chair, Ringette BC

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**Matt Doherty** 

Executive Director, Ringette BC executivedirector@bcringette.org

Our Values: Community Focus, Partnership, Integrity, Respect, Sportsmanship

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

All events take place at either Jim Lind Arena or Royal LePage Place Arena. The hospitality table with a full schedule will be located in the lobby of Royal LePage Place.

Tournament Schedule

Game schedule can be found on TeamSnap Tournaments: Ringette BC 2024 U12 Year End Event. Round-robin games end after the Opening Ceremonies. Pool brackets start at 1:45pm Saturday and run until Sunday afternoon.

B.C. with an alumni game. Saturday March 9th. 12:15pm-1:15pm.

Opening Ceremonies Royal LePage Place

Join West Kelowna Mayor Milsom, all 17 U12 Teams, RBC, and the West Coast Ringette Historical Society as we celebrate 50 years of ringette in

Weekend 50/50 and Online Silent Auction

Check out the 50/50 here:

https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/westsideringette

And the Silent Auction here:

https://U12yearendbidbeacon

Come Try Ringette Jim Lind Arena

Check out the fastest game on ice with your youngster at our Come Try Ringette event **Sunday March 10th. 9:15am-10:15am.** Ages 12 and under. Helmet, gloves, skates recommended.









### **KRA Icebreakers**

Introducing the Icebreakers, a spirited U12 ringette team composed of 17 dynamic and enthusiastic young athletes. These girls, each with her own unique background, come together to form a formidable force on the ice. Guided by their devoted coaching staff, the Icebreakers have fostered a strong sense of teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill development. With every player contributing her strengths, they create a cohesive and versatile unit that excels both on and off the ice. From swift breakaways to seamless passes, the Icebreakers showcase not only their individual talents but also their ability to collaborate as a unified team. Their dedication to fair play and respect for the sport reflects the principles instilled by their coaches, creating an environment where each player feels supported and empowered. Beyond the rink, these girls are not just teammates but also friends, sharing laughter, encouragement, and a genuine love for the game. Whether it's during intense practices or exhilarating game days, the Icebreakers exude positivity and determination, making every moment a memorable one. Throughout the U12 ringette season, the Icebreakers aim to not only achieve success on the scoreboard but also to grow personally, building character and resilience that will extend far beyond the arena. With their unwavering spirit and passion for the game, these young athletes are poised to make a lasting impact on the world of ringette. Keep an eye on the Icebreakers as they hit the ice with skill, enthusiasm, and the unbreakable bond!



### **VRA Bacon**

Introducing Team Bacon – where sizzle meets spirit on the ice! Nour ringette squad is fueled by a love for the game and a passion for positivity that's as contagious as a Saturday morning breakfast aroma. With every stride and every pass, Team Bacon brings the heat, delivering a sizzling performance that keeps fans on the edge of their seats. We're not just a team; we're a family united by our shared love for ringette and a commitment to bringing out the best in each other. But it's not just about winning games; it's about embracing the journey with bacon-sized enthusiasm. Whether we're on the ice or cheering from the sidelines, you can bet we're bringing the bacon and spreading smiles wherever we go. So, watch out, opponents! Team Bacon is here to bring the sizzle and steal the show. Get ready to witness the power of positivity and the thrill of the game, served up hot and crispy by the one and only Team Bacon! 🖠



**BNWR Sour Skittles** 

The Sour Skittles love their post game snacks, the more sugar the better! Our team loves Ringette and all our players have worked hard on their skills this year under our amazing coaches Diana and Amanda. Most of our players are multi-sport athletes that are committed to fun, improvement, and good sportsmanship. The team is super excited about this year end tournament and are looking forward to meeting their competition on the ice.



**PGRA Wild Destroyers** 

We are the U12 Wild Destroyers. We are a Northern team made up of males and females from both Prince George and Quesnel. We are a great group of kids who have all fallen in love with the amazing sport of Ringette. We have amazing coaches that help us improve our athletic abilities and supportive parents that get us to all of our practices and tournaments.



**BNWR Wizards** 

We are the BNWR Wizards! Our team chose this name because its Cool and Fun just like our players. We think it is a fitting name as wizards are often depicted as small and unassuming making them often underestimated by their opponents just like our team! The wizards welcome all to the sport with smiles and share their passion for the sport every time they step on the ice.



**SRA Storm** 

The Shuswap Storm is made up from players in the Salmon Arm and surrounding area. We have a small, but mighty, team of hard-working, kind, and energetic players. Our team has put in a lot of work to create a memorable season that was filled with laughter, learning, and making new friends. We are so excited to celebrate at the wrap-tournament with everyone! Friends on ice!



**GVRA Black Widows** 

The Black Widows are a dynamic group of girls that range in age from 10-12. They all love this sport because it challenges them both physically and mentally while still allowing them to have fun and make lasting memories with their teammates! The Black Widows name was chosen because it is catchy, a little intimidating and matches the team's extraordinary group vibe! The best part about the Black Widows is that they show up with great attitudes, they play fair and win or lose - they always have fun (of course a little music always helps with the fun part!).



**DRA Dementors** 

While their team name suggests Harry Potter, the Delta Dementor's secret weapon is actually a rubber chicken named Harold. He has been the soul behind the team and their winning season this year and they look forward to watching Harold work his magic at the Year End Tournament!!"



**RRA Rockin' Rebels** 

The Rockin' Rebels are a ringette team that knows how to have fun on and off the ice. They have been playing together since they were in the Fun's, and they still rock the rink with their skills and teamwork. They are not afraid to show their personality and creativity, as they are famous for their Tik Tok dances and glow stick parties. They are always ready to make new friends and enjoy the game. They are looking forward to a weekend filled with fun, competitive ringette and pool time at the hotel. They are the Rockin' Rebels, and they are here to play!



**SWRRA Hawks** 

We are a U12 team with players from Surrey and White Rock. There are some new players that joined our team this year and many that have been playing ringette for years. We are excited for our first out of town tournament in West Kelowna!



### **PCRM Flaming Potatoes**

We are the Port Coquitlam Ridge Meadows Flaming Potatoes. We come in all shapes and sizes from nugget to russets! This season we've grown eyes in the back of our heads and We have been on fire the latter part of our season. We hope to be the hottest potatoes in town this weekend!! Go POCO!!



### **TRA Kermodes**

Our team is named after the Kermode bear (otherwise known as the "Spirit bear") which is a subspecies of the North American black bear. They have a rare recessive gene that makes their fur white/cream coloured. Kermode bears are only found in British Columbia's north and central coast. First Nations communities in our area call the Kermode bear "moskgm'ol" and consider them sacred. We are very much looking forward to representing our Northern BC community at the U12 Year-End Event.



### **WRA Ring Rats**

The WRA Ring Rats are the most positive team on the planet! We are lead by "Coach Monkey" and our two amazing mentors, Kory and Syd. Some of us have played lots, some of us are brand new! Our common goal is to have fun and make new friendships. We love ringette because we love to travel, love to be active, and get to hang out and play with our friends!



### **CRA Champions**

We're a team of mostly players that are new to the sport. Everyone loves playing because they find it a fun atmosphere and a great group to get along with.



### VRA Wasabi

By being a fun, spicy and flavouring team, Wasabi is here to play their best, laugh and create beautiful gameplay for them and everyone cheering on.

Although chosen randomly at the end, the name Wasabi, like the plant, reflects the notorious growth and great conditions required for the players to reach their potential throughout the season. For many players, this is their first Ringette season ever, and our team loves Ringette because they are supported and boost their skills. The games make us feel connected and have enjoyable moments. Our team lives True Sport by encouraging inclusion, accepting all skill levels, being valued and respected, and making them feel they belong to our team. Practices and games are intended to be lively, enjoyable, and challenging.



### **GVRA Villains**

Introducing the Vernon Villains also known as GVRA U12-1 Team! Coming to you from the city of Vernon this dynamic team embodies tenacity, skill, and an unbreakable spirit.



### **FVRA Racoons**

We are the Fraser Valley U12 Raccoons.
When they aren't rummaging in trash cans the
Raccoons love playing ringette with their friends. They
especially enjoy tight turns, power pushes, and
backwards cross overs.

# **50TH YEAR MESSAGES**



Ringette BC is very excited to partner with the WestCoast Ringette Historical Society to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ringette being played in the province of British Columbia. Together we've created this special anniversary logo that will be used

throughout the year to celebrate this incredible milestone. The alumni game celebrations are an opportunity to showcase the history of ringette to the future of the sport."

- Matt Doherty, Executive Director, Ringette BC

The West Coast Ringette Historical Society is excited to be working with Ringette BC to commemorate the 50th anniversary of ringette in our beautiful province. Ringette has been a big part of my life since I was a child and I've seen it grow and positively impact the lives of many others. The alumni games will be a wonderful opportunity for former players to come together and support the sport they love, while embracing the next generation of players."

- Yvonne Johnson, Director, West Cost Ringette Historical Society

Thank you to Ringette BC, Ringette Canada, and viaSport BC for granting West Kelowna the opportunity to host the 2024 U12 Year End Event and the 50th year alumni game. Your support in making this event happen is greatly appreciated.

-Organizing Committee, U12 Year End Event-Westside Ringette Association





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