

# 2024 Ringette BC Club Division Updates Overview

April 2024

This season, the debate about male athletes playing ringette has been more divisive than ever before. Further, defaulting to All Gender Teams in our Club division has led to concerns from both male and female athletes and parents.

For the 2024/25 season, Club Associations will be permitted to offer both Female Club Teams and All-Gender Club Teams based on the following criteria:

## Registration

- Club Associations must offer both Female Club and All-Gender Club division registration options in RAMP.
- The name of these Club division registration options is:
  - Female Club
  - Club (all-gender)
- Club Associations will only be able to accept late player registrations after the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline in their declared Club division option(s).
- There will be no changes to the registration for Fundamentals, U10, U12, 18+ or Masters divisions.

## Team Formation

- A minimum of 9 athletes is needed to form a team in any given Club Division category.
- Club Associations will notify registrants on September 1<sup>st</sup> to provide an update on the current status in their registration category of choice.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Club Associations will declare, based on their registration information, whether their teams are Female Club or Club (all-gender), or both in each Club division.
- If the Club Association is not able to run a division due to low registration, they will be required to provide registered athletes with a player release so they are able to find a team within another Club Association in their preferred Club divisional offering.
- Club (all-gender) teams cannot have greater than 50 percent males as rostered athletes, including pick-ups.
  - This includes during participation in League play, Tournaments, and Provincial Championships.
- Further, please note that Ringette BC wants to ensure that athletes are participating at the appropriate age division and calibre for their individual skills. As the governing body, we reserve the right to advance players of skill, calibre, and ability to compete at a higher age category, in accordance with the Player Movement Policy. Risk assessments may be conducted to affirm appropriate placement.

## League and Tournament Play

- Teams will only play against teams in the same division and category during sanctioned league and tournament play
- Teams may arrange exhibition games against teams in the same category, one division above or below, following Ringette BC's General Sport Rules policy
- Ringette BC sanctioned tournaments are encouraged to offer Female Club and Club (all-gender) divisions to align with the changes in the competition framework for the 2024/25 season, with a minimum of three teams needed for a division to proceed.

For more information on the Club Division, refer to the documents below:

- [Club Division Guidelines](#)