

Male Competition Development Program Overview

April 2024

Earlier this year, a Male and Non-Binary Development training weekend was held in Richmond the weekend of January 27-28th. Invites were sent to all 2006-2011 male and non-binary athletes around the province. A total of 24 participants attended. The weekend included three on-ice practices, three scrimmages and two classroom learning sessions. We had 24 participants attend including athletes from Terrace, Kelowna, Comox, Burnaby, North West Vancouver, Vancouver and Chilliwack. In addition, a U12 Male and Non-Binary Showcase game for U12 athletes is being scheduled during Club Provincial Championships.

Overall feedback from the training weekend was that it was enjoyed by all. Participants indicated that they liked making new friends, scrimmaging with athletes that have similar playing styles and skills levels, learning information more specific to male athletes such as body positioning/body contact, not having to worry about where to change and connecting with other male and non-binary athletes (and their parents) and not having to hold back for fear of hurting someone. Areas for improvement included not enough food, early ice times and not enough athletes in the 2010/11 birth years. All participants indicated that they would attend another similar-type weekend with the Lower Mainland and Okanagan being the highest destinations of choice.

In the '*any other comments*' section, there was some feedback expressing disappointment in taking boys out of Zone as well as concerns regarding the future of male athletes in ringette.

Registration data for all divisions from Fun 1 to Masters for shows a total of 2,399 athletes registered for the 2023/24 season, an increase of 227 over the 2022/23 season. Male and Non-Binary participation in the province accounts for nearly 16 per cent of overall registration. In total across all divisions, there are 372 male and non-binary athletes; an increase of 25 male athletes over last season. We did not track non-binary athletes in 2022/23 but now have a baseline for future data.

2023/2024 RINGETTE BC SEASON – Male Registration Data										
MEMBER ASSOCIATION	FUN 1	FUN 2	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19	18+	Masters (30+)	Total
BNWRA	12	6	7	4	4	5	8	0	1	47
CRA	0	2	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	10
CMVA	0	0	4	4	3	0	2	0	1	14
CMA	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
DRA	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
FVRA	4	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	13
GVRA	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	6
HRA	2	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
KRA	0	10	1	0	0	0	4	5	0	20
NWVRA	0	4	0	4	0	0	1	0	5	14
PGRA	10	7	10	2	4	0	1	0	0	34
PCRMRA	10	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	15
QRA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
RRA	8	7	9	4	1	1	0	2	1	33
SRA	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
SWRRA	5	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	11
TRA	8	10	6	4	5	1	3	0	0	37
VRA	11	9	4	13	10	2	5	1	8	63
GVICRA	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
WRA	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	6
Total	78	61	55	42	31	19	29	18	19	352

2023/2024 RINGETTE BC SEASON – Non-Binary Registration Data										
MEMBER ASSOCIATION	FUN 1	FUN 2	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19	18+	Masters (30+)	Total
BNWRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
CRA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
CMVA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FVRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
GVRA	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
HRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KRA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
NWVRA	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
PGRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PCRMRA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
QRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SRA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
SWRRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
VRA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
GVICRA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
WRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	6	6	0	6	1	20

Male Competition Development Program:

Based on the 2023-2024 Male & Non-Binary registration data, the success of the Male participation development training weekend and the U12 Male showcase game hosted last season, the proposed 2024-2025 framework for Male participation and training development events is:

- Ringette BC will plan, organize, and implement two Male Development Competition training camps
 - These events would be open to birth year ranges of 2007 to 2012, with defined age divisions to be confirmed and set after the registration deadline.
- The teams formed out of the Male Competition Development Program will participate at the Provincial Championships and/or the Western Canadian Ringette Championships
- As BC is the host for the 2025 WCRC's, a Male division would be introduced at the event with invitations extended to the other three provinces to send one Male teams per Province. If there are only BC teams who commit to attend, Ringette BC will determine best format for the event based on number of BC teams (ie: best of three series).
 - To qualify to participate in the 2025 Western Canadian Ringette Championships Male division on a Team BC Team, athletes must attend a minimum one Ringette BC Male participation and training development event. Athletes are strongly encouraged to attend both events.
 - More details on locations, dates and event schedules will be released once they have been confirmed.

Guidelines for the Male Competition Development Program are currently in development, and will be distributed in May 2024.