

3.19 RECIPROCATATION POLICY

As a member of Ringette Canada, RBC abides by this Ringette Canada Reciprocatation Policy.

DEFINITIONS

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a. Organizational Participants – All categories of membership defined in RBC Bylaws, as well as all Organizational Participants employed by, or engaged in activities with, Ringette Canada, PTSOs and Club Associations including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, convenors, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, Directors and Officers, spectators, and parents/guardians of athletes.
 - b. PTSO – Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations affiliated with Ringette Canada
 - c. Club Association – An association or league affiliated with a PTSO or with Ringette Canada

PURPOSE

2. The purpose of this Policy is to ensure national enforcement and recognition of all disciplinary sanctions applied by Ringette Canada, PTSOs, and Local Associations.
3. Ringette Canada recognizes the importance of safe sport for all Organizational Participants in Ringette throughout the country. Ringette Canada also recognizes the importance of information sharing for the consistent enforcement of discipline decisions and for preventing repeat violations by the same individual.

APPLICATION

4. This Policy applies to all Organizational Participants and Club Associations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

5. Ringette Canada will:
 - a. Provide copies of discipline and appeal decisions involving Organizational Participants to all PTSOs and to the Club Association(s) with which the Organizational Participant was affiliated. For discipline decisions provided to Ringette Canada by a PTSO or by a Club Association, determine per the Discipline and Complaints Policy whether to initiate further action against the Participant(s) named in the decision.
 - b. Recognize and enforce the disciplinary sanctions imposed by a PTSO and/or a Club Association.
6. RBC will:
 - a. Provide copies of discipline and appeal decisions involving Organizational Participants to Ringette Canada and to the Club Association(s) with which the Organizational Participant was affiliated.
 - b. For discipline decisions provided to RBC by Ringette Canada or by a Club Association, determine per its own policies whether to initiate further action against the Participant(s) named in the decision.

- c. Recognize and enforce the disciplinary sanctions imposed by Ringette Canada and/or a Club Association.
 - d. Update their governing documents to reference the reciprocity procedures described herein.
7. Club Associations will:
- a. Provide copies of discipline and appeal decisions involving Organizational Participants to Ringette Canada and to RBC.
 - b. For discipline decisions provided to a Local Association by Ringette Canada or by RBC, determine per its own policies whether to initiate further action against the Participant(s) named in the decision.
 - c. Recognize and enforce the disciplinary sanctions imposed by Ringette Canada, RBC, or any other provincial/territorial sport organization.
 - d. Update their governing documents to reference the reciprocity procedures described herein.

Appeals

- 8. Decisions made in accordance with this Policy are not appealable.