



MALE COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT

Program Guidelines

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Ringette BC is committed to developing and operating participation and competition opportunities for male athletes in a male-only stream of participation. 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, Ringette BC will be offering a Male Competition Development Program during the 2024/2025 season.

The Male Competition Development Program will include the following key areas:

1. The introduction to male only training and competition environment
2. Creation of multiple teams, pending registration, creating the opportunity for meaningful competition and training
3. Opportunities to participate at high level competitions, including the Provincial Championships and/or the Western Canadian Ringette Championships
4. Recruitment opportunity to attract more male players to a competitive environment specifically for male athletes

Athletes within the program continue to participate on their local teams, either Club or Zone, providing them with their main competition and training environment. This program is also open to athletes who are not currently registered with a local association. Age divisions will be determined after registration, and team formation will occur where numbers permit. Program coaching staff will be selected to develop coaches alongside athletes. Ringette BC staff will be primarily responsible for program organization and delivery.

1.1 STAGES OF LTD AND RINGETTE

Athletes in the Male Competition Development Program will be in the Train to Train and Train to Compete Stages of the Long Term Development Model.

- **Train to Train Stage:** Athletes may be participating in either a competitive or community based programming, focusing on skill and performance development.
- **Train to Compete:** Athletes who are seeking higher levels of competition, improving their skills to achieve consistent performance

The Male Competition Development Program will provide male identifying athletes with development and training alongside their peers, providing meaningful training and competition opportunities.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the Male Competition Development Program include

- Providing additional opportunities for male athletes to increase their skills;
- Recruitment opportunity attract more male athletes to a specific male pathway;
- Introducing athletes to the a male competitive pathway of the competition model; and
- Providing opportunities for athletes to gain competition experience in a male pathway

1.3 PROGRAM PRINCIPLES

The Male Competition Development Program will meet the standards and guiding best practices of safe sport initiatives, policies and practices. The program will embody the following principles:

- Athletes, Coaches and Administrators will be guided by the True Sport Principles and will be ambassadors of True Sport in Ringette;
- the program guidelines and policies will work to promote the principles of meaningful competition and the Guiding Principles of Competition;
- the program will be as financially accessible as possible;
- the program will have a foundation in the Ringette Canada Corporate Values and the Values of Ringette BC.
- The program guidelines and policies will work to promote the creation of a network of coaches who will follow the Competitive Athlete Pathway
- The program guidelines and policies will build a competition structure that can evolve with increased participants and support a growing sport.

2.0 GOVERNANCE

The Male Competition Development Program will be operated by Ringette BC. Ringette BC will reach out to each league for support in acquiring ice and other regional resources as required.

Ringette BC will be responsible for program oversight, finances and personnel. Ringette BC will create the calendar, and collaborate with program coaches to determine program themes each year, ensuring they are developmentally appropriate, and set up to engage with and support athlete development.

3.0 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Male Competition Development Program will increase the program offerings and improve the male participation pathway. It will continue to offer learning and development opportunities to all interested, of-age athletes across the province of BC, while in addition, strengthening our athlete pathway and competition opportunities for male athletes in the Train to Train and Train to Compete stages of the Long Term Athlete Development Model.

3.CONTENT AND EVENTS

The Male Competition Development Program will offer in person training opportunities to all interested athletes (see eligibility below).

These events may include

- Two training camps that will include both on and off ice train sessions
 - Sessions may include topics such as
 - strategy and tactics
 - goal setting

- sport psychology
- nutrition
- fitness & injury prevention
- Participation at the Provincial Championships and/or the Western Canadian Ringette Championships

Sessions may be led by the program coaches, or by other approved speakers such as alumni athletes, Mental Performance Consultants, Nutritionists, Athletic Trainers, etc.

A program overview and tentative schedule will be provided to athletes upon confirmation of dates.

3.2 REGISTRATION & FEES

The program budget will be set and managed by Ringette BC. Participants will be made aware of any changes to the program budget and will receive a final year end statement following the culmination of the program.

All athletes will be required to register for the program through RAMP. Registration will open on August 1st and close on September 1st. Registration fees are currently estimated to be between \$500 and \$1000. Registration fees will include

- Two training camps
- Program jersey
- Participation at the season's designated competition(s)
- Tournament fees;
- Coach travel and accommodations;
- Specified team food;
- Operational costs (ice, gym, referees);
- Administration;
- Any sport science and IST (psychology, athletic therapy, fitness trainer).

The Male Competition Development Program budget does not include

- athlete travel and accommodations at training camps and tournaments
- additional team swag and apparel items beyond the designated items

Program fees will be set and available upon the opening of registration. Registration may be available to athletes after the registration deadline, pending program space. Divisions will be set after registration closes.

3.3 SCHEDULE & TIMELINE

August 1	Program Registration Opens
August 15	Head Coach Selection
September 1	Program Registration Closes
September 30	Calendar and Format Finalized, Assistant Coaches Selected
September/October	Virtual Orientation
November/December	Training Camp #1
February	Training Camp #2
March	Provincial Championships (if applicable)
March	Western Canadian Ringette Championships (if applicable)

A program overview and tentative schedule for the Male Competition Development Program will be provided to athletes ahead of registration.

4.0 ATHLETES

4.1 ELIGIBILITY

Athlete eligibility for the Male Competition Development Program

- Male, non-binary or male identifying athletes
- U14 to second year U19
- Registered and currently participating on a local club or zone team
 - Athletes not currently registered are eligible, but must register directly with Ringette BC for insurance
- Member in good standing

Divisions will be determined after registration has been completed, and will be depending on the group of athletes in a given year.

5.0 COACHING & TEAM STAFF

5.1 ELIGIBILITY & CERTIFICATION

Coaches from across the province are eligible to be selected in the Male Competition Development Program, and must achieve Competition Introduction (CI) Certified status, no later than December 31st.

All coaches, regardless of position, will also be required to

- Complete a criminal record check and participate in a screening process as per the Ringette BC Coach and Team Staff Selection Policy
- Be a member in good standing with Ringette BC and their local association and league
- Complete the following no later than December 31st
 - Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders
 - CAC Safe Sport online eModule
 - Making Ethical Decisions – module and evaluation

The minimum certification requirements for coaches in the U14 Train to Excel Program are listed below:

Position	Coaching Level Required	Timeline
Head Coach	Competition Introduction (CI) – Certified	At the time of application
Assistant Coach	Competition Introduction (CI) – Certified	By December 31st
Coach in Training	Community Sport Initiation (CSI) – Trained OR Competition Introduction (CI) - Trained	By December 31st

Other team staff such as Managers and Trainers must meet the standards outlined by Ringette BC under the Coaching Development Policy. Managers and Trainers *will not* be permitted on the bench at any competition.

6.0 TEAM FORMATION GUIDELINES

6.1 TEAM FORMATION

6.1.1 ROSTER SIZE

Rosters must have a minimum of 9 athletes, and a maximum of 18 athletes.

6.1.2 ATHLETES EVALUATION

Athletes will be informally evaluated at the first training camp to support with the formation of teams ahead of the second training camp and relevant competition(s).

In divisions where registration supports the formation of multiple teams, teams will be drafted evenly, following the guidelines in the appendix of this document.

ATHLETE ABSENCE AND INJURY

Athletes must attend at least one (1) of the training camps to be eligible to participate at any program competitions.

If an athlete is unable to attend a training camp they must complete the [Athlete Absence and Injury Form](#), following the [Injury and Absence Policy](#) at least 21 days in advance. Requests received less than 21 days prior to the event will be considered on a case by case basis.

6.1.3 DRAFT & TEAM SELECTION

Before the second training camp, in divisions where registration supports the formation of more than one team, athletes will be drafted to multiple rosters. If an athlete was not present for the first training camp, coaches may decide to either utilize their local organization evaluations for the purposes of the draft, or evaluate them at the first ice time of the second training camp prior to assigning them to a team.

6.2 TRAINING & COMPETITION

6.2.1 TRAINING

Participants in the Male Competition Development Program will attend two (2) training camps ahead of the season's designated competition(s).

The first training camp will consist of group on and off ice training, with informal evaluations. Ahead of the second training camp, athletes will be drafted to teams where applicable.

The second training camp will consist of team practices, exhibition play, and large group on and off ice training.

6.2.2 COMPETITION

In divisions where more than one team can be formed, athletes may participate in one or more competitions, including the Provincial Championships and/or the Western Canadian Ringette Championships.

In divisions where more than one team cannot be formed, Ringette BC will gauge interest to determine whether alternative competition formats may be possible to support participation and competition.

7.0 APPENDIX

A. DRAFT PROCEDURE

In divisions where it is determined that more than roster will be formed, a draft will occur to create two relatively equal teams.

OBJECTIVES

1. Equally-balanced teams
2. Transparency
3. Fair and non-judgmental process for all players
4. Allows for matching coaching style to player style

SELECTION ORDER

Round	Coach #1	Coach #2
1	1 st pick	2 nd pick
2	4 th pick	3 rd pick
3	5 th pick	6 th pick
4	8 th pick	7 th pick
5	9 th pick	10 th pick
6	12 th pick	11 th pick
Continue this pattern		

DRAFT GUIDELINES

- a) Both teams will draft the same number of players.
- b) Skaters and goalies shall be drafted in separate drafts.
- c) First pick shall be decided by a coin toss. The winner of the coin toss shall have the choice of drafting either goalies or skaters first and gets the 1st pick of the first draft.
- d) The loser of the coin toss shall have first pick of the second draft.
- e) Affiliate athletes will be drafted after the agreed upon roster size has been filled, and start at point a) again
- f) Draft order shall remain confidential to the coaching staff and Ringette BC
- g) A Ringette BC representative will observe the draft and ensure Coaches are following this drafting process.
- h) Each team is permitted a maximum of one staff member (Head Coach) to attend the draft
- i) When two or more teams are to be formed where Head Coaches are parents of players involved, the Coaching Staff of all teams and the Ringette BC representative shall meet prior to the draft and to determine in which round of the draft that parents shall select their child, and the assistant coaches' children. All Coaches and the Ringette BC representative must agree prior to the start of the draft. During the draft, the child shall be picked in that position, no exceptions. If unanimous agreement cannot be reached,

the Ringette BC designated representative shall make the decision and that decision shall be final

- j) As Assistant coaches are not assigned to specific teams ahead of the draft, any Assistant Coach with a child participating in the draft shall be assigned to the team their child is selected to. Following point g. above, the Head Coaches and the Ringette BC representative will determine which round the Assistant Coaches' children are selected.
- k) Except under exceptional circumstances, requests for specific Coaches or placement on a certain team will not be entertained. The Ringette BC representative shall be responsible for assessing and deciding upon exceptional circumstances. In each case, the Ringette BC designated representative's decision is final.
- l) Coaches are encouraged to draft a mix of athletes from multiple teams and Club Associations to provide athletes with new friendship possibilities and exposure to players that may become future teammates.

B. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities	Ringette BC	Leagues	Clubs	Head Coach	Team Staff
Program Guidelines	X				
Program Calendar	X				
Head Coach Selection	X				
Team Staff Selection	X			X	
Team Staff Approval	X				
Player Registration & Fees	X				
Planning & Running Virtual Sessions				X	X
Planning & Running Regional Sessions	X			X	X
Player Evaluations				X	X
Team Formation	X			X	X
Tournament Registration	X				
Ice and Facility Booking	X			X	X
Ice Allocation				X	X
Training Camp Logistics	X			X	X
Tournament Logistics				X	X
Discipline (Staff / Players / Parents)	X				
Officials Payment	X				
Coach Development	X				