

# 2026 BC Winter Games

## Ringette Technical Package

February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – Trail/Rossland, BC

Technical Packages provide details of the eligibility requirements as well as event and competition information. To fully understand the rules and requirements for participation in the BC Games, it is expected that the BC Games General Rules will be read, in addition to the sport-specific information contained in the 2026 BCWG Ringette Technical Package.

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## **1. ZONE REPRESENTATIVE (“Zone Rep”)**

British Columbia has been divided into sport zones by the BC Games Society. These zones are common for every sport that participates in the BC Winter and Summer Games. For more information about BC Games Society and the Sport Zone, please go to [www.bcgames.org](http://www.bcgames.org).

Each zone is required to supply Ringette BC with a Zone Representative. The Zone Rep does not have to be a parent of a player eligible for BC Winter Games. The role of the Zone Rep is to act as the contact person in their Zone for Ringette.

If an individual applying for the role of Zone Representative is considering applying for a coaching position for any BC Winter Games team, they are not eligible to be a Zone Rep. The Zone Rep does not attend the Games with the team. If the Zone Rep is a parent of an athlete on a Zone team roster, then they are able to attend the Games as a parent.

## **2. ZONE REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. Organizing and scheduling Head Coach and Assistant Coach Interviews. This includes the formation of the selection panel, scheduling of interviews and ensuring that all panel members submit required documents and/or forms as outlined in the coach selection process.
- b. Organizing and publicizing the selection or tryout camp for their zone. This includes ensuring that all individuals eligible to compete are made aware of the tryout dates and locations, as well as forwarding this information to all associations in that zone.
- c. Confirm the primary address of all athletes attending the Zone tryout and confirm that the athlete's primary residence is within the Zone.
- d. Consulting and communicating with the Provincial Advisor on any questions concerning eligibility of athletes and other aspects of the tryout camps.
- e. Registering all qualified athletes and coaches for your zone via the Online Registration process no later than the date as set by BC Games.
- f. Complying with the deadline dates outlined in the sport Critical Time Chart mailed to you by BC Games.
- g. For BC Winter Games, the Zone Rep takes on the financial accountability and communications responsibility of the team prior to the event.
- h. The Zone Rep will not travel with the teams to the games and is not accredited for the Games.

## **3. TEAM SELECTION AND MAKE UP**

Tryouts will begin in October. All athletes are guaranteed two (2) tryouts and must attend a minimum of two (2). Zone Reps are responsible for obtaining ice, scheduling, and coordinating tryouts. Zones should utilize the Ringette BC [Evaluation Manual](#) and [Evaluation Forms](#) for

tryouts to provide each athlete with an ordinal and select the team according to section 7 of the Evaluation Manual; coaches can create their own practice plans for their sessions.

- a. Tryouts will take place in October. Tryouts must be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Final rosters are to be submitted to Ringette BC by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Ringette BC will approve rosters by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.
- b. There will be one (1) team per Zone consisting of a maximum of 16 athletes per zone.
- c. A minimum of 80% of the team **MUST** be female.
- d. Tryout information should be circulated to all eligible athletes (2010 & 2011 birth years).
- e. When possible, tryouts should take place across all areas included in the Zone.

***Athletes who are unsure of their eligibility status should contact Ringette BC.***

Note: For the 2026 BC Winter Games, when a Zone cannot field any players, the Zone with the highest number of athletes trying out may be permitted to field a second team according to the BC Games Society Replacement Team Procedure.

#### **4. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

Teams are permitted to designate three (3) substitute players to their Zone Team. Substitute players are activated **ONLY** if a rostered athlete is unable to attend the games due to a season ending injury. Medical Doctor's notes are required. To have substitute players attend the games, teams must register all substitute players when the team rosters are submitted.

The latest that a team may activate their substitute players is seven (7) days prior to the date of travel. After that date the team will not be eligible to activate their substitute players.

Ringette BC understands that as a team sport it is difficult to leave a teammate behind even though they are injured and unable to compete; however, in the spirit of the Games and in the spirit of competition if an athlete has suffered a season ending injury and there are athletes who are able and eligible to replace that athlete, the substitute athlete should be activated.

Injured athletes are not eligible to attend the BC Games as a member of the team – they may participate as a spectator at their own expense. Injured athletes will **not** be provided Games level access at the BC Winter Games facilities.

#### **5. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Athletes born in 2010 and 2011 are eligible to participate in the BC Games.
- b. A total of 128 athletes are permitted for Ringette at the games.
- c. Athletes born in any other year will not be permitted to try out.
- d. Athletes fully rostered to Team BC U16 (CRCs) are not permitted to try out
- e. Any athlete who competed in the 2024 BC Winter Games is not eligible to participate in the 2026 BC Winter Games. Athletes are only permitted to play in one BC Winter

Games for the sport of ringette. Smaller/developing zone teams may be permitted to bring a Games-returning over age athlete or returning athlete only in extenuating situations where it means filing a zone team and must be approved by the Ringette BC Provincial Advisor and BC Games staff.

- f. Athletes can only try out in the zone where they live. This may not be the zone where the athlete plays on an Association team. **Proof of residence will be required at tryouts.**
- g. **Athletes cannot be released to a different zone.**
- h. Athletes **must** be registered with Ringette BC through their home association and actively playing on a Ringette team to be eligible to try out and participate in the Games.

## 6. BENCH STAFF

- a. Each zone team is allowed to accredit up to four (4) bench staff.
- b. This will include: one (1) Head Coach and 2-3 Assistant Coaches.
- c. One coach must be female.
- d. Teams may allocate one of their roles to an Adult Supervisor in lieu of a coach in certain circumstances. Adult Supervisors are not given Games level access.
- e. The bench staff must reflect the gender balance of the team.
- f. At the Games, the Bench Staff / Adult Supervisors take responsibility for the management of the team.

### 6.1 Eligibility

- a. Selected coaches shall reside in the Zone in which they have been selected to coach.  
\*Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by Ringette BC.

### 6.2 Certification Levels

- a. **ALL** Coaches **MUST** be Competition Introduction (CI) certified by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- b. All Bench Staff must have the following completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025:
  - i. Making Ethical Decisions module *and* MED Evaluation.
  - ii. CAC Safe Sport module
  - iii. CAC Making Headway in Sport module
  - iv. CWS Keeping Girls in Sport module
  - v. Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders

### 6.3 Coach Selection Process: ☐

- a. Applications received
- b. Reviewed by each Zone Representative and panel
- c. The panel will consist of
  - i. Zone Representative
  - ii. Local association representative(s) from each association within the zone
  - iii. Ringette BC Representative
- d. Interview – **Head Coaches only**

- e. Selection and offers
  - i. Upon receiving an offer, all coaches must submit the following documentation within 7 days:
    - i. Ringette BC Screening & Disclosure Form
    - ii. Signed Coaches Code of Conduct
    - iii. Criminal Record Check
    - iv. List of proposed bench staff

## **7. BENCH STAFF REQUIREMENTS**

- a. All bench staff will be required to travel and supervise their team throughout the entire BC Winter Games. This includes travel to and from the Games, accommodation sites and at BC Games events. Bench Staff will stay overnight in the BC Winter Games accommodation, in accordance with BC Winter Games rules and policies.
- b. All bench staff are required to follow the Rule of Two throughout the BC Winter Games process, including all events leading up to the Games, during the Games and any events following the Games.
- c. During the BC Winter Games, the bench staff is required to follow the BC Games schedule for all meals, games and bus transport to and from the arena.

## **8. ACCOMMODATION**

- a. All athletes and bench staff are required to stay in BC Games accommodation, including athletes who live in the vicinity of the host city. The usual arrangement is that Ringette teams will stay together, usually in a local school. Each team will have their own classroom to use as their living space (sleeping). The games will provide sleeping mats; however, athletes must bring their own sleeping bag and pillow. The school entrance has 24-hour security and athletes will be required to check in and out of accommodation.
- b. Curfew in BC Games accommodation is 11:00 pm. Athletes who do not meet curfew will be disqualified from competition.
- c. Parents are **not** permitted at the accommodation sites. Breaking this rule results in player disqualification.

## **9. ATHLETE REGISTRATION, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS**

- a. A BC Games registration fee of \$175.00 (inclusive of taxes) for each athlete will be assessed for participation in the Games. There is no fee for bench staff.
- b. Each Zone coordinator will also collect an additional \$525 per rostered athlete to cover the administrative costs of the program such as apparel, uniforms, and technical costs of the program.
- c. Participants are provided with transport to and from the Games, transport to competition games and events, all meals, evening snacks, accommodation. The games will arrange special meals if needed for medical reasons. Information about these requests will be in the game packet sent to the athlete.

- d. The team staff must send one cheque or e-transfer to Ringette BC for team payment by **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.
- e. The Zone Reps will register their zone athletes online by the registration deadline as set by the BC Games Society.

## **10. TEAM COST LEADING UP TO GAMES**

BCWG Zone teams are required to pay for their own ice, referee costs and expenses leading up to the games. All finances shall be done through a team bank account, managed by the Zone Representative and one other signing authority. No money should pass through personal bank accounts.

## **11. PARENTS**

Parents are encouraged to attend and support their athletes at BC Winter Games but will not be able to see their child in the Game's accommodation, take them out to meals or transport them to and from their games. Parents must arrange their own transport and accommodation.

Parents will not be permitted in specific areas of the competition venue that have been restricted to athletes only.

All parents are required to abide by the Ringette BC Spectator Code of Conduct at all times at the Games, and at all Ringette BC affiliated events. Any parent found to be in violation of the Ringette BC Spectator Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the facility immediately and may face further sanctions before, during or after the completion of the event.

## **12. TEAM TRANSPORT**

Team travel is required for all zones and all sports. The location for team travel will be established for each team compliments of BC Games based on the location that the majority of the team comes from.

Charter buses or flights will be arranged for Game participants from the predetermined Zone pick up points for arrival in Trail/Rossland on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> or Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> (please see section 18). Participants may be required to leave very early in the morning. The BC Games Society will determine if any zones require flights. There will not be any change to the Game's services.

- a. Teams will travel to the Games using BC Games travel arrangements.
- b. Teams will be required to travel to all meals arranged by the Games, regardless of the distance or time.
- c. Teams will NOT change their bus schedule at any time during the Games.
- d. Parents are not permitted to transport athletes during the games.
- e. Please make sure your athletes understand this before they try out.
- f. Ringette will be allocated buses for travel to, from and during the games for the 2026 BC Winter Games. In some instances, Ringette teams may be required to travel with

another sport from their Zone. Teams will be notified should this be the case.

### 13. UNIFORMS

- a. Teams are required to order their on-ice jersey and walk out tracksuit with sweatshirt through the Ringette BC Office by November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- b. Teams must wear their BCWG Designated Zone Color for all competition clothing. All teams will wear plain black ringette pants, or hockey pants as part of their on-ice uniform.
- c. Payment for the uniform will be required immediately with the order to Ringette BC.
- d. Any additional apparel or items for athletes or spectators **must** be approved by Ringette BC.

### 14. GAMES/MEDICAL INFORMATION

The Games will send out a package in February 2026 with BC Winter Games information, transport times, baggage tickets and medical forms which will need to be filled out and submitted to the Games.

### 15. ACCREDITATION

Upon arrival at the games, athletes will complete accreditation at the Ringette accommodation site, where they will sign in and receive their schedule and passes.

### 16. TEAM EVENTS

After tryouts, each BC Winter Games team may have a **maximum of six (6)** scheduled team events in the lead up to the BC Winter Games. This includes on- or off-ice practices, team parties, or team bonding sessions. Each scheduled team event shall be **no longer than four (4) hours** in length from start to finish.

### 17. OFFICIALS

Ringette is permitted to send eight (8) officials and two (2) officials' supervisors to the 2026 BC Winter Games (based off an 8-team schedule). Officials will be provided hotel accommodation (2 per room) and opted for Games Meals. Ringette BC will provide one (1) rental vehicle for the officiating team to be driven by the lead Officials Supervisor. Officials will also have access to the Games Courtesy Shuttle.

#### 17.1 Officials Certification Requirements

- a. Officials must be at minimum 2-U19 or 2-U16 ranking with one 2-U16 evaluation
- b. Registered as an official with Ringette BC for the 2025/2026 season, and listed as a member in good standing with the PSO
- c. Signed Officials Code of Conduct and Waiver of Liability
- d. Completion of the NCCP module Safe Sport Training
- e. Criminal Record Check dated no more than one year from the end of the Games

## **17.2 Officials Selection Process**

Officials interested in participating in the BCWG **must fill** out the Ringette BC Major Event Application – On Ice Officials Form no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- a. Applications received.
- b. Applications reviewed by Ringette BC's Manager of Coaching & Officiating and the Officiating Selection Panel. The Panel will consist of:
  - i. Ringette BC Provincial RIC
  - ii. Ringette BC Manager of Coaching & Officiating (or designate)
  - iii. Two (2) members of the Officiating Development Committee
- c. Selection

## **18. 2026 BC WINTER GAMES SCHEDULE**

**TBD by BC Games**

## **19. SOCIAL**

**TBD by BC Games**

## **20. TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 BC WINTER GAMES**

- August 18 to September 15 – Confirm Zone Reps for all BC Winter Games Zones
- June 1 - 30 – BC Winter Games Coach Application Period
  - AC Application Period has been extended to August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 2026 cycle
- August 4 – 31 – HC & AC Coach Interviews
- September 8 – Coaching Staff Confirmed
- October 1 – 31 – Athlete Tryout Period
- November 1– Rosters confirmed for all BC Winter Games teams for the 2026 BC Games and submitted to Ringette BC
- November 3 – Rosters finalized and Approved by Ringette BC
- November 21 – Jersey & Walkout Wear Orders Due to Ringette BC
- November 21 – Payment due to Ringette BC
- January 19 – Athlete Registration Deadline (BC Games)