

1.6 PLAYER PICK-UP POLICY

A. PLAYER PICK-UP (Club Division)

- i. This Player Pick-Up Policy Section 5.1 applies to the U10 division, U12 division, and the U14 to 18+ A, B, and Masters Club Divisions.
- ii. The intent of this policy is to support the formation of smaller roster teams by allowing for easy replacement of players who are aware of, invited to, and unable to attend an event. This policy is not intended to create combination teams. Ringette BC has the right to deny a player pick-up at their discretion that is within policy to prevent the creation of combination teams.
- iii. A Club Division Team may only pick up to their regular roster size unless the team has less than 13 players on their roster, in which case they may pick up to a roster of 13 players.
- iv. U14-18+ Club Division Teams are permitted to pick-up players from Club Division teams of the same and lower age divisions from within their Club Association. 18+ Club teams refer to Section A.xi to xiv for eligible athletes for pick-up.
- v. U12 teams are permitted to pick-up players from U12 teams of the same and lower tier or age division from within their Club Association
- vi. Pick-ups from neighboring Club Associations may be allowed with permission from their League, provided that all age-appropriate Club Division players in the Club Association have been given the opportunity to participate. Club associations may be allowed, with permission from Ringette BC, to pick up athletes from outside their League for sanctioned events.
- vii. The roster of the Club Division Team picking up players must have more roster players than pick-ups (i.e. must be 50% +1 player original roster players) and the 50% male player rule still applies.
- viii. Player pick-up requests must be made by the receiving Head Coach to the supplying Head Coach. Players must not be approached without first obtaining the consent of that players' Head Coach.
- ix. The Head Coach of any supplying team must *work through* their roster before offering players a second opportunity to be picked up. Goalies may be worked through separately from skaters.
- x. By *work through*, it is understood that not every player on the supplying team may take the opportunity to play for the borrowing team, but that every player on the supplying team must be given this opportunity. An exception is that only players with an appropriate skill level are to be given the opportunity to play up a division.

- xi. All players are eligible to be picked-up for a maximum of 5 League games and one sanctioned tournament in a season. Ringette BC Provincial Championships does not apply to the limit on games.
- xii. If a player plays with a team of the same or higher age division of play in a second tournament or six or more League games, the team will forfeit these games. Such player will not have the right to become a member of that team and must return to their original team.
- xiii. 18+A Teams Can Pick-up the following athletes:
 - 18+A athletes
 - 18+ B athletes
 - 3rd year U19 Zone athletes
 - 3rd year U19 Club athletes
 - 3rd year U19 Single-Carded Team BC athletes
- xiv. 18+A Division Player Pick-up Eligibility:
The player must:
 - be registered with a local association and actively participating with the team that they are being picked up from (18+B, U19 Club, U19 Zone)
 - be approved by the borrowing athlete's coach
- xv. 18+B Teams Can Pick-up the following athletes:
 - 18+ B athletes
 - Masters athletes
 - 3rd Year U19 Club athletes
- xvi. 18+B Division Player Pick-up Eligibility:
The player must:
 - be registered with a local association and actively participating with the team that they are being picked up from (18+B, Masters U19 Club)
 - be approved by the borrowing athlete's coach.
- xvii. Masters Division Player Pick-up Eligibility:
The player must:
 - be a registered Masters athlete with a local association and actively participating with the team that they are being picked up from

B. PLAYER PICK-UP (Competitive Division)

- i. This Player Pick-Up Policy Section B applies to all Zone Teams
- ii. Competitive Division teams are permitted to add affiliate players to their team rosters for the season. These players must be added by the Ringette BC roster deadline.
- iii. Each team may have up to four (4) affiliate skaters on their roster and one to two (1 - 2) affiliate goalies, with a maximum of five (5) affiliates per team.

- a. Affiliates may only participate in the position (skater or goalie) they were evaluated and registered for.
- iv. Affiliate players may participate in League play, exhibition play, and tournament play.
- v. Competitive Division teams with a roster of less than their approved roster limit may pick up registered affiliates for any sanctioned event (League play, tournament, provincials) to bring their roster to their approved roster limit.
- vi. Affiliate players are able to participate in League games and sanctioned tournaments to replace an absent player(s) or injured player(s).

Affiliate players are only able to participate at the Provincial Championships to replace an athlete who is unable to attend due to an illness or injury, documented by a doctor's note.
- vii. Affiliate players may participate in a total of 10 games with the Competitive team, which includes all League play and tournament play. Provincials and WCRC can be in excess of the 10 games.
- viii. In the event a team uses an affiliate in excess of 10 games, the team will forfeit the games. The player will not have the right to become a member of that team and must return to their original team.
- ix. Affiliate Player Eligibility U14, U16, U19:
 - a. The player must:
 - be registered with a local association and actively participating with a club team
 - have attended evaluations for the Competitive team.
 - May only be affiliated to one Competitive team.
 - b. In the event that no players meet the above requirements, then players from the competitive division team in the age group below may be invited to affiliate.
- x. In the event of a conflict between the affiliate's rostered team and the Competitive team they are an affiliate for, the affiliate must attend their rostered team's event. An affiliate cannot participate with more than one team at any event.
- xi. Affiliates are able to participate in practices and training opportunities with the team they are affiliated to. This does not count towards the players' 10 games. The affiliate's head coach should be included in any requests for practice or training attendance.

C. PLAYER PICK UP FOR THE WESTERN CANADIAN RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- i. Teams in these divisions are permitted to pick-up players to augment their roster for competition at the WCRC.
 - a. U16 and U19 Zone teams
 - Rostered CRC Team BC athletes are not eligible to participate at the WCRC.
 - Teams may pick up eligible *aged* players from any Zone or Club team to bring their WCRC roster to 18 athletes.
 - Athletes who are unavailable to attend the WCRC may not be replaced by a pickup, thus count in the total roster size permitted.
 - Teams must provide their roster for the WCRC to Ringette BC no less than 48 hours after the completion of the final game at Provincial Championships
 - b. 18+ A Teams
 - Teams may pick eligible players from 18+ teams, or eligible third year U19 athletes to bring their WCRC roster to 18 athletes for the event.
 - Teams with existing, approved rosters of over 18 athletes, may carry their roster of no more than 22 to WCRC, but may only replace injured or ineligible players up to a total of 18 athletes, unless replacing or picking up a goaltender.
 - Athletes who are unavailable to attend the WCRC may not be replaced by a pickup, thus count in the total roster size permitted.
 - c. Athlete Eligibility
 - CRC Team BC U16 and U19 rostered athletes are not eligible to attend WCRC.
 - Rostered NRL athletes, and NRL APs who have played ten (10) or more games are not eligible for WCRC.
 - d. To pick up players, teams must follow the steps below.
 - Provide a list of players to Ringette BC within 24 hours of being declared the WCRC Team BC for approval and eligibility confirmation.
 - Begin contacting players to confirm their participation once Ringette BC provides approval.
 - Provide Ringette BC with final roster within 48 hours of being declared Team BC
 - **NO TEAM shall solicit players to attend WCRC earlier than 24 hours after the final game of the provincial championships, or 24 hours after the WCRC Team BC Team has been declared in their division.**
 - If Ringette BC has been granted two positions in a single division, the highest-ranking team selects pick-ups first, and must follow the procedure above in a. After this list has been approved and the roster confirmed, the second attending team will be permitted to seek their pickups for the event, following the same timeline above, with time starting at the confirmation on the first team's roster.

D. Pick Up Procedures – All Divisions

- i. Athletes should be marked as Pick ups (P/U) on the game sheet for all sanctioned events and games

- ii. Player pick ups for League play are arranged between the Head Coach of the team requesting the pick up, and the Head Coach of the pick-up athlete's rostered team, following the applicable policies and procedures noted above.
- iii. Player pick ups during League games are monitored by the League
- iv. This player pick up policy and it's procedures must be followed for all sanctioned events, including tournaments, provincial championships and any out of province events sanctioned by a club or PSO associated with Ringette Canada.
- v. Any player pick-up requests for sanctioned tournaments must also meet the sanctioned tournament guidelines for player pick-up rules.
- vi. For any sanctioned tournament, event or provincial championships outside of regular League play, teams must complete the Team Adjustment Form to request the pick ups. A teams' roster is not considered official until confirmation is received from Ringette BC that pick ups have been approved.
- vii. Tournaments must be aware of this policy, and should not accept any team that does not meet the standards in this policy.

E. Emergency Goaltender Pick Ups

- i. Tournaments and events may opt to activate, in their tournament rules, an Emergency Goaltender Pick up Policy, in which a list of available goalies in each division are made available to the teams, in the event of illness or injury at an event.
 - a. This option may not be available due to availability of goaltenders, but will be communicated along with event information prior to the commencement of the tournament.
 - b. *Available goaltender is defined as an age appropriate athlete who has yet to play in the tournament / event. Once an individual has been activated as the available goaltender, they can not play for any other team in the tournament / event. Furthermore, a zone rostered athlete would not qualify to be an available goaltender for a club team.*

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