

## Ringette BC 2026 BC Winter Games Apprentice Coach Program

*An initiative to increase the number of legacy BCWG and competitive female athletes in coaching roles at the BC Winter Games.*

### Program Outline

Successful applicants to the 2026 BC Winter Games Apprentice Coach Program will take part in the Ringette BC Female Coach Mentorship Program for the 2025/2026 season. Please review the [2025/2026 Ringette BC Female Coach mentorship Program Outline](#) for more information. In addition, coaches in the 2026 BCWG Apprentice Coach Program will also:

- Participate in their assigned BCWG Zone teams six training sessions.
- Attend the 2026 BC Winter Games as an apprentice coach with their assigned Zone team and work alongside their team coaches as well as their Mentor Coach.
- Complete required training as outlined by [ViaSport's Program Guidelines for the BC Games Coach Mentorship Program](#)

### Program Goals

#### *Goals for the season*

- Take part in a multi-games experience while enhancing coaching skills.
- Learn how a successful practice is run and planned, that corresponds with a Yearly Training Plan for a condensed season
- Begin to offer specific feedback to athletes on skill development and the implementation of strategy
- Begin taking NCCP modules to support future coach certification

#### *Future Goals*

- After completing the Ringette BC BCWG Apprentice Coach program, coaches will be encouraged to take on roles as assistant or head coaches in these divisions in the future. These coaches will also be encouraged, and targeted, to apply for the 2028 BC Winter Games as assistant coaches.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must identify as female
- Must be a resident of BC
- Must be between the ages of 17 and 24 at the time of application
- Must have been a ringette athlete registered to a team in the last five seasons
- Must complete NCCP Module & Online Evaluation for Make Ethical Decisions (MED) at least 30 days prior to attending the Games
- Provide Ringette BC with the following upon acceptance
  - Criminal Record Check
  - Ringette BC Volunteer Screening & Disclosure Form
  - Signed Coaches Code of Conduct

## Requirements

- 100% attendance at the 2026 BCWG in Trail-Rossland, BC (February 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026)
- Must take part in the Ringette BC Female Coach Mentorship Program
  - Attend the Program Orientation
  - Attend Mandatory month check-ins
- Must adhere to any Ringette BC or BC Games mandated policies or procedures
- Must participate in a Guide to the Games (G2) session
- While in attendance at BC Games, attend two meetings per day with mentor coach (daily goal setting + daily debrief)
- Mentees should log their hours\* with their assigned BCWG team over the course of a season to support Ringette BC in completing a reference letter at the completion of the program
  - \*Logged in coach binder

## Selection & Assignment

- Coaches will be selected by Ringette BC based on their:
  - Previous experience
  - Current qualifications
  - Application Form
  - Ability to commit to the full program
  - Availability of BCWG Zone Teams – successful applicants will be placed on the team in their respective BCWG Zone.

## Review & Supervision

Ringette BC will:

- Host monthly Mentorship Program Check-Ins
- Check in with mentors and apprentice coaches to monitor progress
- Collect workbooks and assignments from apprentice coaches
- Provide access to courses and workshops as listed above