

1.10 GENERAL SPORT RULES

A. VIOLATION OF PARTICIPANT RULES:

There shall be a fine levied for each violation of the following participant rules.

- i. Player/team found to have played in the wrong age division without Association, League, or Ringette BC approval.
- ii. Player/team found to have played at the wrong competitive level without Association, League, or Ringette BC approval.
- iii. Player found to have played in more than one championship event.
- iv. Bench staff found to have the incorrect qualifications (where applicable).
- v. Player/team/team staff participating in regularly scheduled games while under Ringette BC or league suspension.
- vi. Coaches who have a team member (player or team staff) who violates the participant rules will be subject to further disciplinary action by the league or the RingetteBC.

Note: Teams playing in events prior to November 30th of the current playing season will play in their tiered level designated with league approval.

B. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

- i. A player who is not registered and verified with Ringette BC.
- ii. A player in a division other than the one she is registered in (they may move up a division or caliber but not down).
- iii. A player playing while under Ringette BC and/or league suspension.

C. INELIGIBLE TEAM STAFF:

- i. Team staff members that are not registered with Ringette BC.
- ii. Team staff members that do not have the required qualifications/certifications (where applicable).
- iii. Team staff participating while under Ringette BC and/or league suspension.

D. NO FEMALE BEHIND THE BENCH:

A fully certified female coach, 19 years of age or older, is required behind (on) the bench for the U19 division and below. Violation of this rule may result in the team being disqualified from the tournament.

E. Inter – Division Competition

- i. Games are not permitted between teams that are more than one division apart
 - a. Example

- U12 Team cannot play against a U16 team
- ii. Only players who have been evaluated and approved to advance to a higher age division than their birth year, and are fully rostered in the advanced division, may participate in games one division above their assigned team
- iii. Teams may not utilize underage pick-up players in games against teams in a higher division
 - a. Example
 - A U14 team may not call up a U12 athlete to participate in an exhibition game against a U16 team
- iv. Youth athletes and youth division teams will not participate in games against adult division teams. Adult division teams include 18+ and Masters.
EXCEPTION:
 - A) Third year U19 aged players may be affiliated or picked up (as per Player Pick-Up Policy) and participate in games against adult division teams in the 18+ category
 - B) When written sanctioning is provided by Ringette B.C., for competition between a U19 team and a squad of players under the age of 22 (U22) in the same sporting context

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