

1.4 TEAM FORMATION POLICY

Policy Section	Change	Date Approved
A. ii	Evaluations required in U10	July 26, 2026
E. ii. 5.	Addition of requiring no more than 50% male players dressed at each game	July 26, 2026
F.	Added section on 18+ Team formation	July 26, 2026

A. ZONE AND CLUB DIVISIONS

- i. The purpose of the Team Formation policy is to guide Club Associations and Leagues to create teams that provide meaningful competition. Players in the U14 to U19 divisions can choose to evaluate for placement on a Zone Division Team or be placed on a Club Division team.
- ii. Evaluations are mandatory from U10 up. Club Associations must follow the standardized evaluation procedures and skill matrixes provided by Ringette BC for all teams in the U10, U12, U14, U16, and U19 divisions.
- iii. U16 and U19 ZONE Teams have a season goal of competing at the Western Canadian Ringette Championships and are required to attend tournaments or play weekends as indicated in the published guidelines each season.
- iv. U14 to U19 Club teams play with the goal of competing at the Ringette BC Provincial Championships and may attend tournaments at the discretion of the team.
- v. Further information on each division can be found in the current Ringette BC guidelines for the Club and Zone divisions.

B. FUN1 and FUN2 TEAM FORMATION

- i. FUN1 and FUN2 participants should practice together as a group.
- ii. Squads should be created as equally as possible for game play to facilitate meaningful competition.
- iii. A squad for FUN1 should be 8 to 10 participants.
- iv. A squad for FUN2 should not exceed 12 participants.
- v. Associations should use the FUNdamentals 1 & 2 Assessment criteria to assist with balancing squads. Assessments can be done multiple times throughout the year to

track participant development.

C. U10 TEAM FORMATION

- i. Teams are formed within each individual Club Association.
- ii. Club Associations should aim to create as many balanced U10 teams as possible. Smaller rosters are encouraged at U10 to engage as many participants as possible in events.
- iii. Teams may be formed using assessment criteria and Coach input, or by player draft between Head Coaches. In either case, the Club Association is responsible for overseeing the creation of the rosters.
- iv. Two (2) to four (4) balancing games between teams in the same Club Association will take place prior to the roster deadline. Players may be moved between teams to ensure the teams are fair prior to the roster deadline.
- v. Newly registered players will be added to the existing rosters with care to maintain equality between the existing teams.
- vi. Leagues should consider scheduling games in smaller sections to allow for movement of teams between groups and improve meaningful competition.

D. U12 TEAM FORMATION

- i. All players will be evaluated against individual skill development levels per the appropriate divisional guidelines.
- ii. Evaluators must be impartial and therefore may not include divisional Head Coaches or other coaching staff, or the parents of players being evaluated.
- iii. Club Associations must follow the standardized evaluation procedures and skill matrices provided by Ringette BC for U12.
- iv. When a Club Association has enough players to form more than one team, the teams will be tiered into A and B teams following standard evaluations (iii). Refer to Ringette BC's Community Division Guidelines for more detailed Team Formation processes.
- v. Players who register after the completion of evaluations will be evaluated and added to the appropriate roster within their Club Association. Clubs can consider team roster sizes when placing the athlete based on their evaluation.

E. U14, U16 and U19 TEAM FORMATION

i. Player Evaluations:

1. All players will be evaluated against individual skill development levels to establish a player ordinal.
2. Evaluators must be impartial and therefore may not include Divisional Head Coaches or other coaching staff, or the parents or guardians of players being evaluated.
3. Leagues may provide additional evaluation opportunities for those players wishing to participate in the Zone Division. However, the player ordinal is the primary consideration for player selection.

ii. Team formation specific to the Club Division:

1. When there are enough players to form more than one team, it will be the Club Association's responsibility, through a designated coordinator or coordinators, to create balanced teams based on player ordinals.
2. Clubs must offer both Club (All Gender) and Female Club in their registration in U14, U16 and U19. FUNdamentals, U10, U12, and 18+ divisions are All Gender.
3. Clubs will determine by September 15th which teams their association has enough players to host, declaring their teams to Ringette BC (ie U16 Club, U16 Female Club)
4. Should a Club Association declare a Female Club team, and that team wishes to change categories to Club (All Gender) during the season, they must notify their league and Ringette BC in writing no later than November 1st.
5. Club teams in U14, U16 and U19 must have no more than 50% male players on their roster. Teams should ensure they also have no more than 50% male players dressed at each game.
 - Club teams entering any tournament or Ringette BC event must enter with an actively dressed roster of no more than 50% male athletes (not withstanding any unforeseen circumstances during the event)

iii. Team formation specific to the Zone Division:

1. Zone teams are female only or male only.
2. Zone teams for the U14, U16 and U19 divisions will be formed based on Player Registration and as outlined in the Zone Guidelines.
3. The League encompassing each zone is responsible for selecting a Head Coach by July 31st of each season, in adherence to the Team Staff Selection policy.
4. The Head Coach will make the final player selection decisions for each Zone team. Final player selection must include the top 70% of players by ordinal (overall or by position) includes the right to one veto of the top 70%. The remaining 30% of the roster, goaltender(s) and affiliates are at the discretion of the Head Coach.

5. U14, U16 and U19 Zone Division teams will have a minimum of 11 players, and a maximum of 16 players on their roster.
6. Final Zone Division Team rosters must be submitted to Ringette BC by September 30th of each season. Roster changes will only be permitted after this date at the discretion of Ringette BC, in extenuating circumstances.
7. All U14, U16, and U19 Zone Teams must submit a deposit to Ringette BC as part of the Commitment to Attend process. The amount for the is \$5000 for U16, and U19, and \$2500 for U14. The deposit will be held in trust by Ringette BC and will be returned to the team after the completion of the event.

F. 18+ TEAM FORMATION

- i. Club Associations may choose how teams will be formed in the 18+ division
- ii. Below is a list of possible methods of team formation include but are not limited to:
 - Team Registration - teams can choose their own eligible players and submit the roster to the club for registration as a whole
 - Declaration of desired calibre
 - Drafts to form even teams of the same calibre when there are enough athletes for more than one team in one calibre
 - Formation of teams with evaluations and/or tryouts
- iii. 18+ Teams will declare, following their league processes, whether they are an A, B, C or D team
- iv. 18+A Teams are required to follow the Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRC) Technical Package that requires teams to dress at least 80 percent females on their roster to be eligible to compete.

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