

MEMO: Policy Updates

To: Ringette BC Member Clubs and Leagues

From: Rebecca Tamil Selven (Executive Director)

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Subject: Policy Updates

Over the past few months, Ringette BC staff, the Governance Committee, and the Board of Directors have reviewed numerous policies. During their review, our objectives were to increase consistency, provide more clarity, and make adjustments that remove barriers while still maintaining fairness and competitive integrity.

The following policies have been updated. Please ensure you and your executive review them and are familiar with the updates ahead of the upcoming season. At the upcoming Presidents Meeting, we will present the policy changes and go over any areas that remain unclear.

- Team Formation
- Player and Team Registration
- Operations (formerly Policies Policy)
- Adult Ringette (formerly Masters Policy)
- Team Leadership Qualifications
- Volunteer Screening
- Fines and Fees
- Player Release
- Discipline and Complaints
- Player Movement
- Player Pick Up

Additional documentation will be circulated related to Adult Ringette and the new Player Pick up Policy to support the dissemination of knowledge to coaches, athletes and other relevant members. These resources will include additional examples and explanations to support the transition to new expectations.

Within this document, we have highlighted the major changes to the policies and provided examples where more context may be necessary to support understanding. If you have immediate questions related to these policies, please reach out to Tanya (tanyamagee@bcringette.org) and Rebecca (executivedirector@bcringette.org) and one of us will be happy to support you in your understanding.

Sincerely,

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Summary of Major Policy Changes

July 2026

1.3 Player and Team Registration

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	A.vi., B.iv.	Processes related to Adult Ringette	Align with new division structure
Revision	A.x.	Process Updates	align with current practices
Removed		Duplicate Content with other policies	increase clarity

1.4 Team Formation

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	F.	Section related to Adult (18+) Team Formation	Align with new division structure
	A.ii.	Evaluations in U10 (resources will follow)	Support with scheduling of like-skilled teams during league and tournament play
Revision	E.ii.5	Club All Gender teams must maintain their 50% ratio of male to female players for any adjusted rosters and for each game.	Clarity and consistency of policy
Removed		Affiliates in Zone	see Player Pick up Policy below

1.5 Player Movement

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	A.viii.	Require players to move up based on previous or current season results or evaluations (U12 to 18+)	Placing outlier athletes in a competitive category most appropriate

1.6 Player Pick Up

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	Table 1, Table 2	Updated chart to support identifying eligible athletes for pick up in each division.	Align with new division structure
	A.ii.	General guidelines for each pathway and division	Increase clarity and understanding
Revision	A.x.	ALL player pick ups eligible for 5 games, 1 tournament and provincial championships with a single team	Consistency across divisions and pathways
	A.v.	Teams may only engage pick-ups once they drop below 13 skaters	Increase equity between teams of various sizes, aligning with the ability to pick up up to 13 skaters
Removed		Affiliates in Zone	Increase number of players available for pick-up

Examples

Pick Up on Teams Comprised of Athletes from Multiple Associations

- A U16 Zone Team comprised of athletes from Club A, B and C can pick up the following athletes
 - o U14 and U16 Club from Club A, B and C
 - o U14 Zone athletes from Club A, B and C
- A merged U19 Club Team comprised of athletes from Club D and E can pick up the following athletes
 - o U16 and U19 Club from Club D and E
 - o If the above are not available, the team can pick up U19 Club athletes from other teams

General Player Pick up

- A team has an original roster size of 15 skaters and 2 goalies. They are missing 2 skaters for an upcoming game. They ARE NOT eligible to pick up skaters to replace the missing players, as they still have 13 skaters available.
- A team has an original roster size of 14 skaters and 1 goalie. They are missing 3 skaters and their goalie. They are eligible to pick up 2 skaters (bringing their total to 13 skaters) and 1 goalie.

1.7 Volunteer Screening

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	B.viii.	Require screening and disclosure form annually as needed if a coach/volunteer's situation has changed since their last Police Information Check	Align with sport sector standards and decrease administrative burden on Member Organizations
Revision	B.vii.	Police Information Check and Screening Form required every 3 years (increase from 1 year)	Same as above

1.9 Player Releases

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Revision	F.ii.	If a release is requested for personal reasons by an athlete and approved, re-application is no longer necessary.	Support retention of athletes and decrease administrative burden where possible.
	F.i.	If a release is requested due to lack of team availability in their home Club, re-application will be necessary in following seasons.	

Examples

F.i. – Release Requiring Re-Application

- An Athlete requests a release to another association as their club is offering All Gender and they wish to play Female Only. This athlete will need to re-apply for a release if desired in following seasons.

F.ii. – Release not Requiring Re-Application

- An athlete requests a release due to the availability of transportation and family circumstances. Once approved, the receiving club becomes the athlete's new home club, and re-application is not necessary in future seasons.

2.1 Team Leadership Qualifications

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Revision	C.d., Table of Requirements	Adjustment in requirements for Youth Coach in Training Program	Remove barriers to participation and increase accessibility to leadership opportunities for youth

2.3 Adult Ringette

Formerly Masters Policy

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	I.	Processes related to the advancement and retreat of teams	Support proper placement within and after a season
	J.	University Programs	Provide consistent processes and expectations for University ringette
Revision		Updated processes and requirements	Align with and support the new division structure
	C.	New Division Structure	Create divisions that better suit the diversity in skill level across adult ringette players

3.6 Discipline and Complaints

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	Appendix D	Appendix related to Jurisdiction	Increase clarity on responsibilities
	104-108	Section related to Onsite Discipline	Increases transparency on allowances of onsite discipline
Revision	5	All Process 1 complaints are handed by Members Organizations. All Process 2 complaints are handled by the ITP	Supporting Capacity of Member Organizations
	73	Decisions rendered under Process 1 are not subject to Appeal.	Supporting Capacity of Member Organizations
		Language updated in processes to allow Member Organizations to follow the procedures when handling Process 1 complaints	Increased clarity on processes.

Check out additional resources on the Ringette BC website

- [Safe Zone](#) - a confidential, welcoming space operated by ITP Sport, where individuals can ask questions, share experiences, and receive guidance on issues such as harassment, bullying, abuse, or other forms of maltreatment.

Ringette BC's new Independent Third Party, ITP Sport, will be hosting workshops to go over the updated Policy on the following dates. Registration links will be distributed in early September.

- Monday, September 14th at 8:00PM
- Thursday, September 24th at 8:00PM

3.15 Operations

Formerly Policies Policy

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Revision	E.ii.5	Require all clubs and leagues to adopt specific policies to improve governance across Member Organizations	Sets a standard for club operations.

Community Sport Coordinator, Tanya Magee, will be in contact with Clubs to provide more information on the processes and expectations related to this policy.

3.18 Fines and Fees

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	Section	Summary of Change	Rationale
Addition	I.	Fines for permitting Team staff to continue without the proper qualifications	Ensure compliance with requirements and maintain insurance coverage
	C., G., H., J.	Addition of Refund Policies	Increase Clarity and transparency
Revision	B.iv.	Adjust deadline for announcing fee changes for upcoming season	Providing adequate time to receive fee updates from NSO and other Partner Organizations
	D.i.	Sanctioning Fees and Deposits	Create a more scalable fee structure based on the size of the event
	D.v., D.vi.	Fines for violating Event Sanctioning Agreements	Upholding expectations and increasing consistency and expectations across events