

1.6 PLAYER PICK-UP POLICY

Policy Section	Change	Date Approved
A. v.	Teams may only pick up skaters when their roster drops below 13 skaters	July 26, 2026
A. vi.	Goaltenders can be picked up at any time, pursuant to the contents of this policy.	July 26, 2026
A. ix.	All Gender must maintain 50% when using pick ups	July 26, 2026
A. x.	All players in all pathways are eligible for pick up for 5 league games and one tournament (plus provincials)	July 26, 2026
A. xii.	Underage goaltenders playing up a division may be eligible for pick up by teams in their respective age division.	July 26, 2026
Table 1 Table 2	Added Tables outlining athlete eligibility for pick up	July 26, 2026
A. xiv.	Added Pathway and Division Specific Requirements for Pick up	July 26, 2026
C. i. c.	Westerns Pick ups must have played a minimum of four (4) counter games	July 26, 2026

A. CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

- i. This Player Pick-Up Policy applies to all divisions in U10 and above.
 - a. It is expected that FUNdamentals teams collaborate and share players as necessary to ensure meaningful game play.
- 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 nor to create a competitive advantage. 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. In the event of a conflict between the pick-up player's rostered team and the receiving team, the player must attend their rostered team's event, unless mutually agreed upon by both Head Coaches.
- iv. A player cannot participate with more than one team at any event.
- v. When picking up skaters, player pick ups may only be utilized when a teams roster drops below 13 skaters. Teams picking up players should have no more than 13 skaters dressed.
- vi. When picking up a goaltender, player pick ups may be utilized at any time, given all other criteria in this policy are met
 - a. Goaltenders may be picked up as a backup. Pick up goaltenders may only be played in the event of illness, injury or absence of a full-time goaltender.
- vii. A Team with less than 13 skaters may pick up additional skaters to bring their roster to no more than 13 skaters.
- viii. The roster of the Team picking up players must have more rostered players than pick-

Table 2 – Pick up in 18+

Pick Up Players Permitted	To Receiving Team				
	Open D	Open C	Open B	Open A	NRL
U19 Club			✓ ✧	✓ ✧	
U19 Zone			✓ ✧	✓ ✧	✓ ✧
U19 TBC				✓	✓
Open D	✓	✓			
Open C		✓	✓	✓	
Open C/D Spare	✓	✓			
Open B			✓	✓	✓
Open A				✓	✓
Open A/B Spare			✓	✓	✓
Legend	✓	eligible player	✧	3rd year U19s only	

xiv. Pathway and Division Specific Requirements

- a. FUN 1 and FUN 2
 - teams may pick up from any eligible, registered athlete to allow for meaningful game play
- b. U10 & U12
 - Teams must pick up from within their association first. If association players are not available, pick up is allowed from eligible athletes within the league.
- c. U14, U16 and U19 Club
 - Teams must pick up from within their association first. If association players are not available, pick up is allowed from eligible athletes within the league.
 - Merged club teams can pick up eligible athletes rostered to teams from within the Club Associations that make up their team
- d. U14, U16 and U19 Zone
 - Teams must pick up eligible athletes rostered to teams from the Club Associations within their Zone, as defined by their League.
- e. 18+
 - Teams can pick up any eligible, registered 18+ athlete (rostered or Spare), or U19 athletes as indicated in Table 2, from within their league.
 - To be eligible to be picked up for the Ringette BC Provincial Championships, 18+ Spare athletes must have completed a minimum of four (4) counter games ahead of the event. These games can be completed with any team(s).
- f. In U10 to 18+, pick up from outside of the league is allowable for tournaments or provincial events with a demonstrated need, upon approval from Ringette BC through the submission of a Team Adjustment Form.

B. PICK UP PROCEDURES

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
 - a. By *work through*, it is understood that not every player on the supplying team may take the opportunity, or be a good fit, to play for the borrowing team, but that every player on the supplying team must be given this opportunity as appropriate.
- iii. Athletes should be marked as Pick ups (P/U) on the game sheet for all sanctioned events and games
- iv. Player pick ups during League games are monitored by the League
- v. This player pick up policy and its procedures must be followed for all sanctioned activities including league games, tournaments, provincial championships and any out of province events sanctioned by a club or PSO associated with Ringette Canada.
- vi. Any player pick-up requests for sanctioned tournaments must also meet the sanctioned tournament guidelines for player pick-up rules.
- vii. 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.
- viii. Tournaments must be aware of this policy, and should not accept any team that does not meet the standards in this policy.

C. PLAYER PICK UP FOR THE WESTERN CANADIAN RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- i. Teams in U16 Zone, U19 Zone and 18+A are permitted to pick-up players to augment their roster for competition at the WCRC.
 - a. U16 and U19 Zone teams
 - Teams may pick up eligible *aged* players from any Zone or Club team to bring their WCRC roster to 18 athletes.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- All pick-ups must be registered athletes and have played a minimum of four (4) counter games prior to 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 list above.
 - 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. 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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