

FEBRUARY 12, 2021 ADDENDUM



PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASE

Sport Manitoba Clarified the following from February 9th's **Public Health Release**:

Follow your sport's return to guidelines. Ringette was identified by Sport Manitoba as permitted to return by name.

Please be advised that health orders and return guidelines must be followed in order to maintain this opportunity.

Should your association consider continuing with the season:

DISCLAIMER

The Return to Ringette guidelines included in this document are intended to be used for purposes outlined in this document.

Ringette Canada and Ringette Manitoba strive to provide relevant and timely information, however, information known about COVID-19 and recommended health and safety measures can rapidly change.

NO guarantee can be given at this time of the accuracy of the document. This information is accepted on the condition that errors or omissions shall not be made the basis for any claim, demand or cause for action. This is not a legal document. The Return to Ringette activity document(s) are to be used as a guide for participation under Ringette Manitoba. This document is not meant for legal advice - do not rely on this document or treat it as legal advice. This is not a substitute for actual legislation or orders of the Public Health Officers in Manitoba and Canada. In the event of ambiguity or conflict between the Return to Ringette guidelines and Public Health Act of Manitoba, regulations and orders within the Act will prevail.

Due to the continually evolving nature of COVID-19 information, any information about COVID-19 and the engagement in physical activity, fitness recreation, and/or sport should be obtained by the Public Health Authority. Ringette Manitoba's member organizations will comply with the requirements of each individual Provincial and local governments and health officials to maintain good standing

RINGETTE MANITOBA PHASE 3.5

Please refer the Ringette Manitoba [Return to Activity Playbook](#) Attestation forms and contact tracing MUST be made available upon request.

Safety Officer Required at both practices and games.

Physical Distancing- Minimize unnecessary contact.

Only RMB approved rostered coaches are permitted on the ice.

Team Managers and Safety Persons are not permitted on-ice.

Activity-

OUTDOOR- On-ice practices and games

INDOOR- Individual on ice instruction with 1:1 coach to player ratio up to 25% capacity

ON-ICE PRACTICES - OUTDOORS

Spectators- Based on Public Health Orders

-Coaches should minimize time at the board where athletes are required to congregate.

-Coaches should be aware of physical distancing and should speak to athletes from at least two metres away.

-If two teams are sharing ice, teams must remain separated on their half of the ice with their allowed roster.

-Utilize station-based skill development practice plans, recommended, and have players/coaches spread out to maintain physical distancing.

-Avoid drills that require players to stand in line or groups for a long period of time.

-If using the full-ice, utilize flow drills that allow for maximum spacing of athletes on the ice.

COMPETITION OUTDOOR FACILITIES

All Ringette Manitoba Regulations and Rules of Competition apply to outdoor ice rinks.

- Sanctioned activity will only be permitted on established, permanent municipal outdoor rinks. Sanctioned activity cannot take place at residential, semi-permanent rinks (i.e. backyard rinks) or on rivers/ponds/lakes.
- Only approved rosters are permitted for sanctioned ringette activities.
- Full equipment is required for players.
- Game format and length must be agreed upon by the respective Associations/Teams including the stoppage of a game due to weather/temperature.
- No outdoor game or practice is permitted when the temperature is colder than -25C or the wind chill exceeds -28C based on Environment Canada temperature, 2 hours before ,up to, and including ice time.
- Players, coaches, and officials should arrive dressed as indoor facilities may not be available. Spectators must follow public health orders for outdoor public gatherings.

ON-ICE OFFICIALS

All Ringette Manitoba sanctioned exhibition games must use registered officials. Only registered officials for the current season may be used.

- All attestation forms, codes of conduct, COVID-19 related documents must be completed 24 hours prior to attending.
- Officials will try to limit their presence around players between whistles.
- If dressing rooms are available, officials must follow facility guidelines and enforce physical distancing in dressing rooms. Only on-ice officials will be allowed in dressing rooms.
- Any official who is experiencing symptoms MUST inform Ringette Manitoba office immediately and is not eligible to officiate games for 14 days.
- To limit exposure to officials, referees are able to officiate a maximum of 2 games in a single day and both games must be within the same zone. Within a single competition week, they are limited to 6 games with a required break of 48 hours between games.
- Athletes and coaches must maintain social distancing when asking questions and speak to the officials.

GAME PROTOCOLS

- It is the responsibility of everyone to reduce the amount of time spent in proximity to others. Officials can help reduce the number of time players spend in proximity to each other by quickly blowing the whistle if the ring is not moving.
- Physical distancing must be maintained in player bench area and penalty box area.
- Players are expected to immediately leave the area upon stoppage of play and physically distance on the ice where possible.
- Officials are encouraged to not handle the rings and utilize players to move the rings to free pass dot.
- No pre or postgame handshakes permitted.
- Minor officials must be physically distanced.
- Registered teams are permitted to play outside their association. The intention of the act is for teams to not play multiple teams on the same day or weekend

INDOOR FACILITIES- PRACTICES

- Individual instruction only.
- 1:1 Coach to player ratio up to 25% rink capacity.
- Players must only work with their individual coach. No switching on ice.
- Full equipment is required for players.
- Players and coaches may have to arrive fully dressed as dressing rooms may not be available.
- Must maintain physical distancing.
- Players should stagger entering the ice surface from the dressing room. When leaving the ice, coaches should excuse players one-by-one in an orderly fashion to ensure athletes are given appropriate time to exit the ice surface without congregating. Adequate time should be planned within the practice to ensure this can be done.

FACE MASKS- INDOORS

- It is mandatory for players, coaches, officials, off-ice officials, volunteers, parents, and spectators to wear face masks when attending Ringette Manitoba-sanctioned activities.
- Face masks can be removed while on the ice and participating in physical activity indoors.
- Off ice warm ups not permitted at indoor facilities.
- Face masks are not required for outdoor activity.

SPECTATOR SAFETY

- Physical distancing should be enforced in all areas of the facility.
- Seating capacities/configurations will be established for each facility to comply with the Province of Manitoba's health and safety standards and the necessary physical distancing requirements.
- Spectators should avoid congregating in small or large groups anywhere in the facilities.
- All spectators are encouraged to leave the facility immediately following the ice session. If required, one parent per player may stay in the facility to assist their child and all others should wait in their vehicle.
- 25% facility capacity (indoors requirement).

TOURNAMENTS

Multi-team tournaments are not permitted.
Applications for tournament sanctions will not be accepted or approved at this time.

PROTOCOL FOR SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19/ POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS

Protocol form

EQUIPMENT

Hygiene checklist

CONCLUSION

As information regarding the COVID – 19 virus changes, our Return to Ringette plan will remain fluid and flexible to accommodate the necessary response to advice from the Provincial Health professionals.

Public orders may change at anytime it is up to individuals to stay informed.

Teams / Coaches must have association permission to participate in order to maintain sanctioning status and insurance for participants.

Please visit the [Return to Ringette Activity Playbook](#) for more information

[Public Health Release](#)

[Sanctioned Exhibition Game Application Form](#)

[Attestation form](#)

[Contact Tracing Form](#)