

## 1. General

- 1.1 Local Associations are required to register all players on the current Ringette Manitoba (RMB) Registration form. Minimum registration is seven (7) athletes with a maximum of twenty-two (22) athletes per team with a maximum of eighteen (18) athletes on the bench for games. All teams must indicate any changes in surname.
- 1.2 RMB will register all players with Ringette Canada annually. RMB shall pay 50% of the player fees to Ringette Canada by December 31<sup>st</sup> and the remaining balance by February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- 1.3 A, B, & C Team Registration shall be submitted electronically with all fields fully completed to RMB accompanied by registration fees by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.4 AA Team Registration shall be submitted electronically with all fields fully completed to RMB accompanied by registration fees by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Exceptions can be made in a Canada Winter Games year.
- 1.5 Local Associations are responsible for verifying proof of birth date for all players not registered in the previous season. Acceptable documentation includes verification of any government issued identification such as Birth Certificate, Passport, Provincial Medical Card, Driver's License.
- 1.6 Changes to registrations of all teams (additions/deletions) may be made up to and including January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. RMB to use their discretion where a player has been inadvertently left off a roster if adequate proof of participation is shown.
- 1.7 RMB Members Committee is responsible to review registration levels and determine appropriate number of AA and A level teams annually.
- 1.8 RMB recognizes that Magic may include St. James, Interlake, North Winnipeg, Macdonald and River East, and that Angels may include Transcona and BVRA, in any given year.
- 1.9 Players Placement outside of normal age divisions must be in keeping with the Player Placement Policy.
- 1.10 Teams are not eligible to play until the teams are registered with RMB. Conversely, no player will be allowed to compete before they have registered with their Local Association and RMB as well as providing the Local Association with proof of birthdate.
- 1.11 Players may register with only one team per season.
  - a) Any player wishing to play on another team must be released from the team on which they are registered.
  - b) Anyone registering with more than one team without proper release may be suspended with a right to appeal.
- 1.12 Players who register with a Community Center/Town or Local Association for three (3) consecutive years shall be considered a member of that Community Center/Town or Local Association with all the rights and privileges of that Local Association.
- 1.13 Previously registered players who move to an area governed by a different Local Association must register with that Local Association unless they were registered for three or more consecutive years with the former Local Association. In such cases, the choice of registration is the players. Once the decision is made, they must participate with said Community Center/Town or Local Association in subsequent seasons, unless approval is granted by RMB.

- 1.14 Late charges will be levied should a Local Association not register teams by the dates stipulated in 1.3 and 1.4 above. The late fee shall be \$25.00 per team or \$100.00 per Local Association per week, whichever is the lesser of the two.
- 1.15 Local Associations shall determine placement of their U10 and older teams in the A, B or C categories. RMB may overrule said placement for valid reasons. RMB shall accept the philosophy that players in the U12 level and up be allowed to play at their level of competitiveness.
  - a) An Association or Town/Club opting to not fully participate in the Ringette 4 U program as outlined by RMB, will be considered a member not in good standing as per RMB By-Laws. The sanctions will include but not limited to, member participation in or hosting of all tournaments, up to and including RMB Provincial Championships. These sanctions will apply intra and inter-provincially and will be for all age categories and levels, including AA, A, B and C.
  - b) Where numbers permit, an Association can form more than one team at any age division.
- 1.16 RMB takes player safety and wellbeing seriously. We promote Safe Sport, a model that fosters safe and inclusive environments that are free of abuse, harassment, and discrimination.
  - a) RMB has adopted the Ringette Canada Equal Opportunity for Participation Guidelines.
  - b) To promote a barrier free and inclusive environment, all ringette activity will be considered mixed.
  - c) Leagues may offer female only divisions provided they can also offer meaningful competition at the same level of play for mixed.

## 2. Player Residence/Transfers

- 2.1 Player registrations are in effect for one year and shall expire September 1<sup>st</sup> annually.
- 2.2 For annual registration purposes a player's residence shall be determined as of September 15<sup>th</sup>. They may remain on the team related to their residence of September 15<sup>th</sup> or register with the team at their new residence up to and including September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.3 Players in the U19 and below divisions shall register with the Local Association in which they reside (Town/Community Center) or with the closest Community Center/Town offering a Ringette program in their Local Association. Should the Local Association not provide a Ringette Program, the Local Association shall complete a Player Release form and submit it to RMB for the player's release to another Local Association. RMB will determine placement of said player.
- 2.4 In the Open 18+ divisions RMB will allow Local Associations to accept players from other Local Associations/Towns/Community Clubs without requiring a Player Release Form.
- 2.5 U10 eligible players shall remain at their home Community Club/Town. If a Community Club/Town does not have sufficient U10 eligible players to form a team, the players from that Community Club/Town shall, wherever possible, be transferred as a group to the nearest Community Club/Town requiring players.
- 2.6 If a player resides in the boundaries of a Community Center or Town which does not have a team of their age category, or where a player is unable to be included on a team, they shall request a release from their Local Association for permission to play for a team in their age category at the nearest Community Center/Town that requires their services, provided they do not replace any other player(s) in said Community Center/Town team.

- 2.7 Any community club or Local Association who KNOWINGLY registers a player(s) from outside of their Community Club/Local Association boundaries without prior completion of a Player Release form may be fined \$100.00 per infraction by RMB. Should a Community Club/Local Association discover registered player(s) live outside its boundaries, it must immediately notify the guardians and the appropriate Community Club/Local Association to resolve the situation, or a \$100.00 fine may be assessed.
- 2.8 A release shall not be considered by a Local Association for a player who has not reported to their said Community Center or Town. Releases require signature of the Local Association President or designate.
- 2.9 If a team uses a player before being granted permission by the Local Association, they will be liable for suspension.
- 2.10 Release of players between two Local Associations must be first approved by the Local Associations concerned, with final approval being granted by RMB.
- 2.11 A Community Center or Town will normally not be permitted to release a player to another Community Center or Town within the same Local Association and then bring in a player in the same age division and category of play from the same Local Association.
- 2.12 All releases are granted on a one-year basis and those released players shall return to their home Community Center or Town the following year.
- 2.13 At the discretion of the Local Association and final approval from RMB, a release may be granted after January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season.
- 2.14 Amalgamations exceeding two (2) associations in the U14 and younger ages must obtain RMB approval.

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