

Sport: Ringette

Event: 2027 Canada Winter Games

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the process that will be used by the Organization to select teams to represent the Organization at the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

2. Objective

- 2.1 The objective of this policy is to select 18 athletes for the creation of 1 team that will participate in the U20 Division of the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 To be eligible for selection, the team's athletes must be:
- a) U20 as of December 31, 2026.
 - i. Year of Birth 2007 or later
 - b) Canadian Citizens, or eligible for Canadian Citizenship and actively pursuing either Citizenship Certificates or Canadian Passports.
 - c) Residents of Manitoba at least six (6) months before the event.
 - d) Registered and in good standing with Ringette Manitoba, Ringette Canada and Sport Manitoba by December 31, 2026.
 - e) Female.
 - f) Fully registered with Ringette Manitoba at the start of the training process and throughout the process, including prior to and dates corresponding with the 2027 Canada Winter Games.
 - g) Must be registered on an A or AA team in the 25/26 season.
 - h) All athletes must be registered on a team in addition to the Canada Winter Games team in the 26/27 season and age eligible athletes are expected to attend Canadian Ringette Championships.
 - i) Agree to adhere to all of Ringette Manitoba's policies including its [Code of Conduct Policy](#).
 - j) Able to meet all eligibility requirements outlines in the Canada Games Council [Eligibility Policy](#).
- 3.2 Once selected the athletes will be expected to fully commit to the program for all practices, training sessions and competitions.

4. Selection Process

- 4.1 **ATHLETES** will participate in a series of tryout camps beginning late 2025. Athletes may be exempted from participation in the camps due to illness, injury or other circumstances with prior approval from the Organization's 2027 Canada Winter Games Team Staff and/or the Organization's 2027 Canada Winter Games Committee. These athletes shall still be eligible for selection provided they attend at least two (2) of the camps and provided a signed letter from a medical professional.

- 4.2 Online pre-registration will be required for athletes to self identify their interest in being selected to Team Manitoba.
- 4.3 Athletes cannot be selected without participating in the tryout camps. Tryouts are mandatory.
- 4.4 Once selected, all athletes will be required to sign an athlete contract.
- 4.5 The final approval of rosters will rest with Ringette Manitoba through the President (or designate), Canada Winter Games Committee, and Executive Director.
- 4.6 Player selection criteria will be determined by evaluations and fitness testing and shall include, but will not be limited to:
 - a) Physical ability and potential.
 - b) Technical ability and potential
 - c) Ability to work as a team player.

5. Timelines

- 5.1 The final selections shall be held prior to the first Canada Games Challenge Cup.

6. Unforeseen Circumstances

- 6.1 If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined in this document, the Organization reserves the right via the 2027 Canada Winter Games Committee, to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all candidates for selection will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

7. Authority for Selection

- 7.1 The 2027 Canada Winter Games Committee empowers the 2027 Canada Winter Games Team Staff to manage and make final team selection recommendations to the Canada Winter Games Committee. The final number of athletes on the roster to equal 18.
- 7.2 The Canada Winter Games Committee must be free from actual and perceived conflict of interest and, where conflict of interest may exist, committee members must identify the conflict and excuse themselves from decisions where there is a conflict.

8. Dismissal from a Team

- 8.1 An athlete may be dismissed from a team, if the athlete:
 - a) Fails to remain a member in good standing with the Organization.
 - b) Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of Ringette Manitoba.
 - c) Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as determined by Ringette Manitoba.
 - d) Does not attend ninety (90)% of scheduled training sessions without an excused absence from the coach.
- 8.2 Full time participation and commitment to the program is mandatory after selection. Players must remain in good standing with the program both personally and financially.

- 8.3 When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by an alternate (provided the alternate is still eligible) from among the alternates designated by the 2027 Canada Winter Games Team Staff. Replacement athletes are selected at the discretion of the Head Coach.

9. Alternate Players

- 9.1 There will be a maximum of 3 alternate players named. They will be ranked by position based on evaluations and eligibility for selection (section 3).
- 9.2 Alternate athletes are not on the official list of 18 and will only participate in the event a Canada Winter Games athlete is unable or is removed. Alternates must have ranked in the top 25 and remain an active player registered with the Organization to remain eligible. It is expected they will keep up with training in the event they are needed to step in to the Canada Winter Games team.
- 9.3 In the event an alternate is asked to participate they will be required to cover the costs of their participation, including but not limited to training and travel costs.

10. Appeals

- 10.1 Appeals of selection decisions will be dealt with according to the Organization's Appeal Policy.

11. Injured and Replacement Athletes

- 11.1 The 2027 Canada Winter Games Team Staff may apply to the Canada Winter Games Committee to remove any athlete from any stage of the selection process or from the team once selected. The Committee will review the application and if valid take it to the Ringette Manitoba board with recommendation. Reasons for removal will be communicated by written letter to the athlete from the Organization. Reasons for removal may include:
- a) Becoming no longer eligible for participation (under section 3)
 - b) Injury
 - c) Illness
 - d) Misconduct
- 11.2 2027 Canada Winter Games Team Staff may select alternate athletes as per section 9.

12. Team Staff Selection Process

- 12.1 Ringette Manitoba has the authority to select the coaches who will attend the 2027 Canada Winter Games. Coaches will be required to apply to Ringette Manitoba to self identify their interest. Coaches may not apply as a team.
- 12.2 Ringette Manitoba shall appoint the Canada Winter Games committee to be responsible for selecting a head coach. Once the head coach is selected, they will join the committee to offer opinions on assistant coach selection. The Canada Winter Games Committee must be free from actual and perceived conflict of interest and, where conflict of interest may exist, Committee members must identify the conflict and excuse themselves from selection decisions where there is a conflict. Parents of athletes, or other individuals deemed by the Organization to have special interest in the selection process, are not permitted to be members of the Canada Winter Games Committee.

- 12.3 A Head Coach and 3 Assistant Coaches will be selected.
- 12.4 The Canada Winter Games committee reserves the right to select coaches from outside the pool of applicants.
- 12.5 Coach must meet or complete by January 15th, 2026 the following requirements:
- a) Respect in Sport
 - b) Coach Initiation in Sport
 - c) Making Ethical Decisions Clinic
 - d) Making Ethical Decisions Online
 - e) Competition Introduction (CI) Clinic and certification (must have been completed prior to 2024).
 - f) Competition Development Multi Sport Modules (5 specific must be completed prior to sport specific training).
 - g) Competition Development Clinic and certification.
 - h) Bench Staff Code of Conduct
 - i) Criminal Record Check and completion of all screening forms
 - j) Other requirements as determined by Ringette Canada
 - k) One member of the team staff must be certified in standard first aid
- 12.6 The Canada Winter Games Committee reserves the right to dismiss a coach if, in its estimation the coach is not sufficiently preparing the athletes for the 2027 Canada Winter Games or if there are other legitimate reasons, as determined by the Committee or the Organization, for dismissal.

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