

Sport: Ringette

Event: 2026 Canadian Ringette Championships

## 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 2026 Canadian Ringette Championships.

## 2. Objective

- 2.1 The objective of this selection policy is to select up to 36 athletes for the creation of 2 teams that will participate in the 2026 Canadian Ringette Championships. There is one team in each of the following categories.
- a) U16 AA Female (up to 18 athletes. Minimum 17 players must be selected, 1 additional player will be at coaches discretion).
  - b) U19 AA Female (up to 18 athletes. Minimum 17 players must be selected, 1 additional player will be at coaches discretion).

## 3. Eligibility

- 3.1 To be eligible for selection, the team's athletes must be:
- a) Residents of Manitoba at least six (6) months before the event.
  - b) Year of birth restrictions for each category. U16 (2010 and 2011), U19 (2007, 2008, 2009)
  - c) Must be fully registered with Ringette Manitoba and participating on a U16 AA or U19 AA team as of December 31st, 2025.
  - d) Members in good standing with Ringette Manitoba and Ringette Canada.
  - e) Agree to adhere to all of Ringette Manitoba's policies including its [Code of Conduct Policy](#)
- 3.2 Athletes selected for one of the Organization's Provincial teams will be expected to fully commit to the program for all practices, training sessions and competitions.

## 4. Selection Process

- 4.1 U19 AA Team will be selected from the AA tryouts in Spring of 2025.
- 4.2 U16 AA athletes will participate in the September CWG tryout camp. Coaches will also scout athletes over the course of the season.
- 4.3 Online pre-registration will be required for athletes to self-identify their interest in being selected to Team Manitoba.
- 4.4 Coaches will select their team and present it to the Canada Winter Games Committee. Coaches must keep notes on all players and submit those with selections. All notes must be dated and detailed with the ice time they were observing. The Committee will review their selections against the submitted notes and the rankings from the 2025 tryouts. Coaches must justify the selection of any players who are outside the top 20 players in tryouts.

- 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 The Coaches and the Canada Winter Games committee will seek to create Provincial teams with players best able to compete for a national medal.
- 4.7 Player selection criteria 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.
- 4.8 Alternate players will not be selected, however in the event of an athlete on Team Manitoba needing to be replaced, an athlete may be selected from within the development program for U16 AA. U19 AA may be allowed to select from the U19 A program.

## 5. Timelines

- 5.1 Players will be scouted up to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Final rosters will be announced December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## 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 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 Organization empowers the Canada Winter Games Committee to select coaches who will manage team selection and submit it for final approval. The roster must include 17 players, however coaches will have the option to include an 18th player.
- 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.
- 7.3 In the event of a parent coach being selected, they must excuse themselves from final team selection and designate another coach on the roster to work with the committee for final team selection.

## 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. AA Provincial Team Selection Policy
  - d) At U19 AA - Does not attend ninety (90)% of scheduled training sessions without an excused absence from the coach.
  - e) At U16 AA – Does not attend ninety (90)% of scheduled training sessions without an excused absence from the coach post Provincials.

- 8.2 When necessary and appropriate, at U16 AA an athlete may be replaced by an athlete from within the development program, provided they meet all eligibility criteria. Any replacement would be selected at the discretion of the coaching staff. At U19 AA they may be replaced by an athlete in the U19 A program.

## 9. Appeals

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

## 10. Injured and Replacement Athletes

- 10.1 The coaches may apply to the Canada Winter Games Committee to remove any athlete from Team Manitoba 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 can include:
- a) Becoming no longer eligible for participation (under section 3)
  - b) Injury
  - c) Illness
  - d) Misconduct
- 10.2 The Canada Winter Games committee and coaches will not designate alternates, however, at U16 AA may approach an athlete within the development program, and at U19 AA may approach an athlete in the U19 A program if one of more of the originally selected athletes are dismissed prior to the 2026 Canadian Ringette Championships.

## 11. Team Staff Selection Process

- 11.1 Ringette Manitoba has the authority to select the coaches who will attend the 2026 Canadian Ringette Championships. Coaches will be required to apply to Ringette Manitoba to self identify their interest. Coaches may not apply as a team but may indicate who they are interested in working with as part of their application.
- 11.2 Ringette Manitoba shall appoint the Canada Winter Games committee to be responsible for selecting head coaches. Once head coaches are selected, they will join the committee to offer opinions on assistant coach selection for the 2026 Canadian Ringette Championships. 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
- 11.3 Interviews will take place in the spring. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
- 11.4 For all teams a head coach, a minimum of two assistants, and a manager will be selected. All rosters must have a minimum of one certified female coach over the age of 18.
- 11.5 The Canada Winter Games Committee reserves the right to select coaches from outside the pool of applicants.

- 11.6 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
  - f) Bench Staff Code of Conduct
  - g) Criminal Record Check and completion of all screening forms
  - h) Other requirements as determined by Ringette Canada
  - i) One member of the team staff must be certified in standard first aid
- 11.7 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 2026 Canadian Ringette Championships or if there are other legitimate reasons, as determined by the Committee or the Organization, for dismissal.

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