

# Saskatoon Ringette Association Policies, Rules and Regulations

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The Policies, Rules and Regulations herein supplement the Constitution of The Saskatoon Ringette Association and provide the day-to-day operational guidelines of the Association. In the event of any conflict between the Constitution and these policies, rule and regulations, the Constitution shall prevail.

## SECTION I – FINANCES

- a) A proposed budget for the Association shall be prepared by September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- b) All expenditures shall be covered by invoice.
- c) All monies shall be received and disbursed by the Treasurer, who will supply regular financial statements to the Directors.

## SECTION II – COMMITTEES

- a) Committees shall be appointed by the President or Vice-Presidents when deemed necessary.
- b) Committees shall report to the Board of Directors in an established time frame.

## SECTION III - REGISTRATION

- a) Individual player registrations will be accepted on a continuous basis throughout the playing season. Coaches will be expected to accept new players throughout the playing season. Late registrants may be ineligible to play in tournaments and Provincials.
- b) Registration fee, tryout fees, payment structure and refunds will be determined and approved by the Board of Directors for each playing season.
- c) Players not having paid all fees by the determined date will not be allowed on SRA ice.
- d) The Association will use the SRA Draft System for the selection of all teams in all tiers at Novice and older age divisions.
- e) Bunny Players will normally be assigned by the Association to a “B” team closest to the player’s residence. Exceptions to this may be made in order to equalize the number of players per team.
- f) Registration of teams and players will be received to the Ringette Association of Saskatchewan no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- g) Players not properly registered will not be allowed to participate in any sanctioned Saskatoon Ringette function. Players added after January 31<sup>st</sup> will not be eligible for Playdowns or Provincials.
- h) Once a player is assigned to a team, that player may not move to another team without the approval of the Directors.
- i) The Players age, as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season, shall determine the division the player will be placed in as stated:

<b>Bunnies</b>	7 and younger
<b>Novice</b>	8 and 9 years
<b>Petite</b>	10 and 11 years
<b>Tween</b>	12 and 13 years
<b>Junior</b>	14 and 15 years
<b>Belle</b>	16 to 18 years
<b>Open</b>	18 year and older
<b>Masters</b>	30 years and older

- j) Players may only move up an age division upon approval by the board in extenuating circumstances. When there is a “AA” team in a division there will be NO PLAYER MOVEMENT allowed between “AA” division teams. After application to the Board, the player making application to move up must make the highest tiered team in the next level, or move back to her own age group.
- k) Players in a non-tiered division must make application to the Board to move up before teams are formed.
- l) Once a player has moved up an age division, she cannot revert back in that playing year, exception: goal tenders in all age divisions may be moved by the Board as they deem necessary.
- m) Registered Saskatoon Teams must have a minimum of ten (10) registered players.
- n) Players may affiliate to a higher level team with the concurrence of both coaches, the player’s parents or guardians and the Directors.
- o) Players may be picked up for tournaments, provincials and Westerns and Nationals with the concurrence of both coaches, the player’s parents or guardians and the Directors and Committee Officials where applicable.
- p) For league games, coaches are not allowed to pick up players unless they have less than ten (10) skaters and a goalie from their own registered team. Coaches may pick up players to fill their roster to a maximum of then ten (10) skaters and a goalie. Teams that are preparing for Provincials, Westerns and Nationals may pick up their affiliate roster pick—ups from February 15<sup>th</sup> of each playing season and onward, in order to give these players a chance to get the experience they need to play on that team.
- q) Coaches violating (p) above, will subject their team to a two game suspension from regular league play.
- r) All requests for releases will be discussed at a Board meeting before decisions are made.

#### SECTION IV – TEAM OFFICIALS

- a) Each team shall have a Coach and Manager.
- b) Each team will be responsible for providing one minor official (scorekeeper or timekeeper) at each league game.
- c) Head Coach should be 18 years of age or older. In circumstances where a 16 or 17 year old applies to be head coach, a committed Adult Assistant Coach must accompany the request.
- d) It shall be the coach’s responsibility to maintain strict control of their players. Swearing, illegal use of sticks, rough play, objectionable conduct and attitudes reflect the control exercised by team management. Failure to exercise said control will result in disciplinary actions prescribed by the Directors.
- e) Coaches will develop an attitude of equal playing time.
- f) Team managers, coaches and officials are expected to attend coaching clinics and at least one officials clinic.
- g) Coaches will not abuse officials or other coaches. Disputes will be taken up with the appropriate personnel. Disputes taking place in the rink will not be tolerated. Failure to adhere to the rules will result in severe disciplinary action.
- h) The Directors will advertise locally for coaches. “AA” and “A” coaching application must be received by May 15<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming playing season. All other coaching applications may be submitted up until the time of drafting the teams.

## SECTION V – PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

- a) Game protests are on rules only, as set out in the Association’s Rule and Regulation and the Ringette Canada Rule Book.
- b) Protests and all supporting evidence must be in writing and presented to the appeals committee, along with \$50.00 (non-refundable) bond within 48 hours of the occurrence.
- c) Complaints of a general nature must be submitted in writing to any Saskatoon Ringette Board Member or the Saskatoon Ringette Office.

## SECTION VI – DISCIPLINE

- a) Referees must submit to the Director of Officials, in writing on the back of the game sheet, full details of special penalties or altercations which take place. This includes: all misconduct, major or match penalties.
- b) Protest and Appeals – Committee shall consist of a representative from the Referees Association, Commissioner of the Division (or if directly involved – a Commissioner from another Division as appointed by the President), and the V.P. of Coaching and Player Development. This committee rules on the appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee is effective immediately and will be followed up by a letter to the Referee’s Association, Coach involved and/or the player involved. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.
- c) Any player or coach involved in special penalties, altercations, or receiving a misconduct, major or match penalty will be suspended until the Discipline Committee (made up of a representative from the Referees Association, the Division Commissioner (or a Commissioner as appointed by the President), and the V.P. Of Coaching and Player Development, or alternate Board Member) decides within forty eight (48) hours of the infraction on the further discipline.
- d) Any player accumulating a total of ten (10) minutes of servable penalty time during a game, including overtime, is immediately ejected from that game. A teammate, other than a goalkeeper, must serve the penalty time of the ejected player.
- e) Saskatoon Ringette follows the rules regarding penalties warranting suspensions as outlined below:

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>SUSPENSION</b>
Coach pulling team from ice	2 games
Hair pulling	3 games
Face Masking	3 games
Head Butting	3 games
Spearing	4 games
Butt Ending	4 games
Stick Swinging	4 games
Kicking	4 games
Deliberate attempt to injure	4 games
Fighting:	
Instigating	4 games
Participating	
(including those in addition to original two participants)	2 games
Abuse of an Official:	
Excessive Verbal	2 games
Physical:	
Minimal (touch/brush)	3 games
Moderate (push)	5 games
Excessive	
(punch/attempt to punch/push causing fall)	7 games

Players receiving such penalties in RAS sanctioned tournament events will receive the same suspension in Saskatoon League Play.

Any individual assessed a misconduct will receive an automatic one game suspension. If that same individual receives a second misconduct within the same game or playing season they will be assessed a three game suspension. A third misconduct will result in a five game suspension while a fourth misconduct will result in that individual having to appear before the Saskatoon Ringette Disciplinary Committee.

Any individual assessed a match penalty will be assessed a minimum of three games to a maximum of seven depending on the severity of the penalty. A second match penalty assessed in the same game, same playing season, or consecutive playing season will be suspended for twice the amount of games that the penalty warrants. A third match will result in that individual having to appear before the Saskatoon Ringette Disciplinary Committee.

Any individual assessed a combination of one misconduct and one match penalty, within the same game, same playing season, or consecutive playing season will be suspended for a minimum of four games to a maximum of eight games, depending on the severity of the match penalty assessed.

Any individual assessed a combination of one misconduct and two match penalties within the same playing season or consecutive playing season will be suspended for a minimum of seven games to a maximum of fifteen games, depending on the severity of the match penalties assessed.

Any combination of four misconduct and/or match penalties within the same or consecutive playing season will result in that individual appearing before the Saskatoon Ringette Disciplinary Committee.

## SECTION VII – OFFICIALS

- a) Once referees are named, they are league officials for the game and are responsible to the Saskatoon Ringette Referees Association.
- b) Officials must follow the Ringette Canada Rule Book and the Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- c) All referees must attend Officials Clinics and be evaluated each year.
- d) Officials are responsible to see that game sheets are properly filled out and signed by both team coaches and by the referees.
- e) Referees must wear helmets.
- f) All officials are required to be at the rink at least 15 minutes before game time and on the ice at game time.
- g) Officials will treat players and coaches with proper respect and dignity.
- h) Officials will determine the length of periods and will inform each team to insure all allotted ice is used.
- i) The official game will be completed after two periods of play.
- j) The third period statistics will be recorded but do not count in the win/loss category.

## SECTION VIII – GENERAL

- a) It is compulsory for all players in the Association to wear CSA approved helmets with CSA approved face masks, knee and shin guard, elbow pads, hip tailbone and pelvic protection, heavy gloves, BNQ approved close fitting throat protectors and hockey type skates. Ringette approved sticks must be used. Officials will not allow improperly dressed or equipped players to participate.
- b) Coaches are expected to have their teams ready to play prior to game time. All games not started on time, will result in the delaying team being assessed a two minute delay of game penalty. Any team delaying the start of the game ten (10) minutes will have one (1) goal awarded to the opposing team and one (1) additional goal every five (5) minutes thereafter.
- c) Games are to consist of two equal periods with a break at half time. Games will not go beyond the scheduled time.
- d) Novice and Bunny age groups will consist of two (2), fifteen (15) minute stop time periods. Petite Division and older will consist of two (2), twenty (20) minutes stop time periods. As stated in the Canada Ringette Rule Book.
- e) Timing of playoff and tournament games will be decided by the Commissioner of the division or by the Tournament chairperson.
- f) Any person ejected from a game, be it player or team official, must proceed immediately to the dressing room and remain there for the balance of the game, or leave the rink.
- g) Each team will be responsible for their spectators. Spectators out of control could lead to forfeiture of the game.
- h) Coaches must ensure that an adult female (16 years of age or older) is in attendance on the bench and in the dressing room for all games in the Belle Division and under (including all out of town games).
- i) Teams are responsible to notify the Commissioner of any out of town travel or cancellation changes to the league schedule.
- j) Every team in Saskatoon shall have a different name.
- k) Saskatoon Ringette Association encourages the use of the shot clocks in the Petite B Division and in all divisions above that.

## SECTION IX – INTERNATIONAL

- a) The Saskatoon Ringette Association will support, encourage, promote, and approve the involvement of SRA players, coaches and officials with Ringette teams and organizers from other countries.

## SECTION X – CITY AND PROVINCIAL QUALIFYING RULES

- a) Pick-up players will be allowed, to a maximum of ten (10) skaters, not including goal tenders. These players have to be from the division below the one you are in.
- b) You must have a minimum of seven (7) players in order to play. If you do not, you will forfeit your game.
- c) Whatever the score at the end of regulation time is, is the final score. Regulation time is either the completion of two full periods or the end of your allotted ice time whichever come first.

## SECTION XI – EQUIPMENT

- a) All players are required to wear the mandatory equipment outlined by Ringette Canada.
- b) Shoulder pads and internal mouth guards are recommended by the Association
- c) The Association will supply at least one ring, a pair of pants and a jersey to each member of each team, for the use of games in the ringette season.
- d) A non-refundable surcharge may be applied per player for equipment replacement and repairs.
- e) A uniform deposit will be applied to each team for the use of the uniforms.
- f) A cashable payment for the uniform deposit will be required upon dispensing of uniforms.
- g) A refund will be issued upon return of all uniforms.
- h) A fine may be issued for the wearing of SRA pants or team jerseys during practices.
- i) A fine may be issued for lost, stolen or non-returned SRA equipment or uniforms.
- j) Long pants are mandatory for division eligible to attend Westerns or Nationals.
- k) Long pants are recommended for all divisions.
- l) Teams must carry team jerseys in garment bags.
- m) The Association will supply jersey and rings for scrimmages during tryouts.