



POLICY: TRAVEL TEAM POLICY
Last Update: February 2023

Note: This policy is in effect until the end of August 2025, at which time the policy will be reviewed.

The Regina Ringette Association allows the formation of teams for the purpose of traveling to destinations beyond the prairies and/or outside of the regular season. For example:

- Christmas, Spring, or Summer - European Ringette Tour <https://www.azorcan.net/sport>
- May - Montreal <https://arjsports.com/defi-ringette-montreal>
- June - Ottawa Capital Ringette Classic <http://www.capitalringetteclassic.com/>
- July - Czech or Finland Lions Cup Tournaments
<https://lionscup.fi/ringette/tournaments-in-europe/>

RRA encourages the formation of travel teams with participants from B-level ringette who have fewer ice times and ringette travel opportunities than high-performance athletes.

Travel teams are initiated by the head coach application process (see further on in this document).

- Travel teams are affiliated with RRA but do not play as a team within the RRA league. For insurance, all players must be registered with their local ringette association in all seasons in which the travel team exists (for this purpose, a season is May 1 to April 30). For example:
 - If a team is formed in June 2023 for travel in April 2024, all players must be registered for the 2023-24 season.
 - If a team is formed in September 2023 for travel in July 2024: all players must be registered for both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons.
- Travel teams may include players from other associations to complete the roster.
- All players must play on an association club team as well as the travel team.
 - This allows the association to have club teams that are as competitive as possible and have all registered athletes playing in the appropriate division for their age.
- During the regular season (October to March), players must prioritize the activities of their club team over the travel team.
 - Travel team management must make every effort to avoid conflicting activities.
- Travel teams are permitted to enter tournaments or arrange exhibition series during the regular season as long as they do not conflict with their players' club teams.
- For travel teams (up to a maximum of 2 teams) confirmed by **July 31st each year**, RRA will schedule and charge for 2 full ice times per month, October to March (12 in total), that do not conflict with the regular RRA ice time for the travel team's age group(s).
 - One ice time per month may be used for an exhibition game. – The travel team must arrange the opponent and officials.
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Head coach application process

- Head coach must submit a proposal to RRA which includes:
 - coaching resume
 - confirmed staff - assistant coaches and/or manager



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- team selection time frame
- travel destination and time frame
- age group (birth years)
- desired competition level
- selection process and criteria
- proposed budget and fundraising plan
- number of tied athletes (children of coaches, manager, etc.)
- planning to coach a club team in the same season(s) or not.
- RRA will review:
 - proposal
 - coaching credentials
 - coach survey results from the last 3-5 seasons
 - history of discipline
- If approved, the head coach will be asked to provide an information package for player recruitment.

Player recruitment and selection

- RRA will send the information package to eligible RRA registered athletes and poll for interest.
- The package will clearly state the number and type of player positions available.
- If there's not enough interest within RRA, the information package should be shared with BPRA (and MJRA in the future) to poll eligible athletes; and then with SRA (Saskatoon) and WRA (Warman) to poll eligible athletes.
- If there's more than enough interest within the RRA, the head coach will implement the approved selection process.
- Head coach will provide the roster to the RRA Registrar who will register the team with Ringette Saskatchewan.

Player eligibility

For team intending to compete at the B level:

- Players with an AA-experience would not be eligible.
- Players with more than one year of A-experience would not be eligible.
- Players who are selected for an A or AA team in the same season would no longer be eligible.

For teams intending to compete at A/AA level:

- All athletes in the player pool will be eligible.