



## POLICY: TRAVEL TEAM POLICY

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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 [Sport Tours - Azorcan](#)
- May - Montreal [Défi Ringette Montreal](#)
- June - Ottawa [7th Annual Capital Ringette Classic](#)
- July - Czech or Finland [Lions Cup Tournaments](#)

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.

### **Head coach application process**

- Head coach must submit a proposal to RRA which includes:
  - Coaching résumé
  - Confirmed staff - assistant coaches and/or manager
  - Team selection time frame
  - Travel destination and time frame
  - Age group (birth years)



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- 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, share information package 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 RRA, the head coach will implement the approved selection process.
- Head coach will provide selected roster to the RRA Registrar who will register the team with Ringette Saskatchewan.

### **Player eligibility**

For teams intending to compete at the B level:

- Players with any 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 the A/AA level:

- All athletes in the player pool will be eligible