

Coach the Coach

Additional Resources

The following links will direct you to helpful resources to support skill development, practice planning, and help you develop as a coach. If you should come across any other resources that you found helpful, please let us know at reginaringette.coachthecoach@gmail.com.

As Regina Ringette does not maintain these links, some resources may not be available.

Fun 1, 2, and 3

Remember that teaching game strategy at this level of development is not necessary. Focus on the basic skills of skating, balance, checking, ring control and mechanics of shooting.

✚ Ringette Saskatchewan: <http://www.ringettesask.com/long-term-athlete-development/childrenringette/>

- Practice plans and assessment forms that will help you determine what your focus should be on for this group of players.

✚ Ringette Canada: <https://www.ringette.ca/play/childrens-ringette/>

- Lots of practice plans and tools to help you develop the skills they need at this stage of development.

✚ Ringette BC: Children's Ringette Manual
<https://www.ringettebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/FUNdamentals-1-Coach-Manual-eVersion.pdf>

- Practice organization and practice drill ideas

Many hockey drills can also be adapted for ringette focusing on the technical aspects of skating. <https://www.purehockey.com/c/top-10-hockey-drills-for-beginners>. These drills can be adapted for ringette. Key is to focus on the basic skill development.

In developing a practice plan for young athletes (U10) remember that you will have varying degrees of initial skill levels and potentially limited attention spans (☺). Breaking the team into smaller working groups, doing skill based activities, and rotating the players to the different stations will help keep the players engaged and allow coaches a bit more 1-1 time with their players.

U12

There are plenty of resources available that can be found by searching U12 ringette drills in your favourite browser. Practice focus should primarily be on skill development, but basic game play strategies will need to be introduced at some point. Keep it simple! For example, for any free pass play (offense or defense), focus on proper execution of one or two options as opposed to having a wider playbook.

- ✦ **National Ringette School:** <https://nationalringetteschool.com/drills>
- ✦ **Ringette BC:** <https://www.ringettebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/U12-U14-Evaluation-Session-1.pdf>
 - These are primarily evaluation drills but can be encompassed into your practices to work on conditioning, tempo, or to increase repetition of a skill.
- ✦ **Ringette Alberta:** <https://ringettealberta.com/coaching-resources/>
 - Templates, drills, warmup exercises, team building ideas, etc.

Teaching Videos

Basics of Ringette:

Ringette Alberta: <https://www.youtube.com/@ringettealbertaofficial>
Tons of great videos! Just search "Ringette Alberta Basic" to locate many of the skill based videos you will need for Fun and U12 player development.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWPH0Pp5h30&pp=ygUdYmFzaWMgcmluZ2V0dGUgc2tldGluZyB2aWRlb3M%3D> – Basics of Ringette

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPHdARlzTF4&list=PLRugLhCWmJ6dmYzEA8jwuXrfjdaxQXWg> - Ringette Introduction - game situations, rules & referee signals

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ringette+ontario+skills+matrix
Demonstration of the basic skating skills needed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HZLgn_91jI
Passing fundamentals.

Skating Drills for Beginners: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMDQPXePY7I>

For the Goalies!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_ZiBfNyv5w - Ringette Goalie Drills

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngt3C5iCNiY> - Goalie Drill Examples For Beginners

Audio is terrible but the demonstrations and screen clips of what to teach are helpful!

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=bkra+goalie+instruction

Coach Resources:

PowerTech Development Podcast

This is a hockey training podcast focused on more elite players. However, lots of good insights into developing and coaching players, dealing with parents, role of the coach, etc.

Mind Gym: An Athlete's Guide to Inner Excellence

<https://www.amazon.ca/Mind-Gym-Athletes-Guide-Excellence/dp/0071395970>

Not something recommended for implementing at the Fun/U12 level but interesting insights into developing mental aspects of sport that can be useful for those athletes who have a more competitive nature to them.

Coach.ca - <https://coach.ca/coaching-basics>

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