

ONTARIO RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

RINGETTE FLASH!

GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

TO ENSURE OUR MEMBERSHIP KNOW ABOUT CHANGES IN THE WORLD OF ONTARIO RINGETTE WE URGE YOU TO FOLLOW OUR RINGETTE FLASH! NEWSLETTERS:

2017-2018 SEASON UPDATES:

AA:

- All U14AA, U16AA and U19AA teams must submit by July 15th a list of 6 tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference. Teams must include tournaments from at least 4 different Regions. All teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments that they wish to attend. This is a preference and not a guarantee. To be eligible to attend Provincials, teams are required to attend a minimum of 4 ORA sanctioned events and 2 of those tournaments must be out of the home Region.
- All 18+AA teams must submit by July 15th a list of 6 tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference. Teams must include tournaments from at least 3 different Regions. All teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments that they wish to attend. This is a preference and not a guarantee. To be eligible to attend Provincials, teams are required to attend a minimum of 3 ORA sanctioned events and 1 of those tournaments must be out of the home Region.
- The winning percentage for the AA ranking will be based on the number of scheduled ranking games played. If a team withdraws from a ranking game, then that team will receive "0" points for the game and the opposing team will receive "2" points and a score of 1-0. Percentages will be used for final rankings.

New this year: 18+AA teams will be permitted to draw substitutes from ORA registered U19 players who are eighteen years old by December 31st of the current playing season.

Any team that has played at the 18+AA level (formerly known as the 18+A Jacks) the previous season must have G&T approval to reseed to 18+A.

2017-2018 Championships

U12 Provincial Event
Waterloo
March 1-4, 2018.

Provincial AA Championships

Gloucester-Cumberland
March 8-11, 2018.

Provincial A Championships

Kitchener
March 15-18, 2018.

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- All U14A, U16A and U19A teams must submit by July 15th and all 18+A teams by September 14th a list of 6 tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference. Teams must include tournaments from at least four different regions and a minimum of two tournaments must be prior to December 1st. The top four tournament selections must include two options from out of Region. All teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments that they wish to attend as well as how many they would prefer to attend prior to December 1st (preference not guarantee). To be eligible to attend Provincials, teams are required to attend a minimum of four ORA sanctioned events at the appropriate level. Every U14 Tween A through 18+ Open A team must attend a minimum of one tournament by the end of the first weekend in December.
- As requested by the Membership, the Provincial G&T Committee will be putting more emphasis on maximizing team exposure at tournaments and as a result, teams could be asked to reconsider their tournament selections to assist with this priority. The majority of these requests will be made between July 15th and August 1st with the possibility of a few more to be made the weekend of August 11th-13th.

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U12:

- All teams must submit by September 18th a list of 5 tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference. Teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments they wish to attend (preference not guarantee). To be eligible to attend the Provincial Event, all U12 Provincial teams are required to attend a minimum of two ORA sanctioned events at the appropriate level one of which must be out of region and a maximum of 5 including the U12 Provincial Event. Teams need to do their best to attend one tournament by November 20th and a second by January 15th.
- Each team must also submit a completed team grid form <http://www.ontario-ringette.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/GT-F-11.pdf> to their Regional G&T Coordinator by September 18th.
- Tournaments and ranking games will be assigned to the U14AA, U16AA and U19AA teams at the August SCM, tournaments to the U14A, U16A and U19A teams at the August SCM, to the 18+ teams during a conference call the week of Sept. 22nd and tournaments to the U12's during a conference call the week of Sept. 29th. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in the teams being assigned to tournaments as fits the requirements of the G&T Committee.

Sanctioned Events:

- **Invitational tournament withdrawal dates:** do not apply to Provincial level teams that have been assigned to tournaments as per the selections they submit regardless whether they intend to attend provincials or not. Upon assignment to tournaments, teams are to complete the registration process for each tournament that they have been assigned to. Once a team has been assigned to a tournament, they cannot be denied acceptance into the tournament and they cannot withdraw from the tournament without approval by the Provincial G&T Committee in the case of extenuating circumstances.

- **Substitutions:** All substitutions must be approved by the appropriate person as indicated on the TRF Adjustment Form prior to the player stepping on the ice to participate as a substitute. Teams arriving at tournaments without approval for substitutions will not be permitted to use the substitute until approved. Barring extreme extenuating circumstances, this will not be done just prior to your game. Substitution rules are available in section 3.5.7 of the G&T section of the Operating Manual available on the ORA website. It is the responsibility of every head coach to ensure that these rules are followed when using a substitute.
- **New This Year:** In a forfeited game, the score will be 4-0 with 0 going to the team that forfeits. In the case of a cancelled game, the rule remains that the score is recorded as 0-0 with both teams receiving one point.
- **Adding Players to TRF After November 15th:** When players are added to provincial level teams after November 15th, G&T Committee approval is required.

Provincial Events:

- There will not be any over time during round robin games at any of the Provincial Events.
- In a division with less than 8 teams, the top three teams will advance to the medal round: Bronze medal game – 3rd ranked versus 2nd. Gold medal game – 1st versus winner of Bronze medal game.
- A Provincial Championships: there is an option to add one more team to the lowest tier of any division if there is only one team being excluded from participating.
- U12 Provincial Event: this event will include up to 10 U12 Regional teams. All Regional teams wishing to attend must register via the on-line intent to proceed registration form by November 20, 2017. In early December, up to ten teams will be randomly drawn during a G&T conference call.
- Provincial teams will be required to provide contact information to be used throughout the year including the booking of rooms at Provincial Events and for receiving information regarding these events by the end of June. The form for tournament selection will be circulated to the coaches shortly after the tournaments have been sanctioned.

