

## **6.0 FAIR PLAY POLICY**

### **6.1 Play Fair**

Winning is pointless if it has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly.  
Remember: It is a game.

### **6.2 Play to win but accept defeat with dignity**

Play to win, until the final whistle. But remember nobody wins all the time.  
You win some; you lose some. Learn to win and lose graciously.

### **6.3 Observe the Laws of the Game**

All games need rules to guide them.  
Learn them; it will help you to understand the game better. It is equally important to understand the spirit of the rules. They are designed to make the game fun to play and fun to watch.

### **6.4 Respect all players, coaches, officials (on and off ice) and spectators**

Fair play means respect.

6.4.1 Without opponents, there can be no game

6.4.2 Form a team in which all members are equal.

6.4.3 Officials are there to maintain discipline and fair play. Always accept their decisions without arguing, and help them to enable all participants to have a more enjoyable game.

6.4.4 Spectators give the game atmosphere. They want to see the game played fairly, but they must also behave with respect.

### **6.5 Promote the interest of Ringette**

Encourage other people to watch and play fairly. Be an ambassador for the game.

### **6.6 Honour those who defend Ringette's good reputation**

Sometimes, somebody does something exceptional that deserves our special recognition they should be honoured and their fine example publicized.

### **6.7 Reject corruption, drugs, alcohol, racism, violence and other dangers to our sport.**

6.7.1 Watch out for attempts to tempt you into cheating or using drugs.  
Drugs have no place in ringette, in any other sport, or in society as a whole. Say no to drugs.

6.7.2 Help to kick racism and bigotry out of ringette. Treat all players and everyone else equally, regardless of their religion, race, gender or national origin.

6.7.3 Show that ringette does not condone violence.

### **6.8 Help others to resist corrupting pressures.**

You may hear that team-mates or other people you know are being tempted to cheat in some way or otherwise engage in behavior deemed unacceptable. They need your help. Support them in making the right choices.

**6.9 Denounce those who attempt to discredit our sport.**

Stand up to anybody who is encouraging others to cheat or engage in other unacceptable behavior. It is better to expose them and have them removed before they can do any damage.

## 7.0 FAIR ICE POLICY

	U-10	U-12		U-14		U-16		U-19	
Game Type	Regional	Regional	Provs	Regional	Provs	Regional	Provs	Regional	Provs
League Development Games (1 <sup>st</sup> part of the season)	E	E	E	E	D2	E	D2	E	D2
League Competition (2 <sup>nd</sup> part of the season)	E	E	E	D2	D2	D2	D2	D2	D2
Tournaments/ Regionals/ Provincials	E	D1	D1	D2	D2	D2	D3	D2	D3

**7.1 EQUAL (E):** Is defined as equal ice-time every game to the best of the coach, allowing for the uncertainty in the frequency in stoppages of play

**7.2 GOALTENDERS:**

**7.2.1** Goaltenders have the option of changing at half-time of each game or playing full games as long as they have equal game time throughout a season and/or tournament. Goaltenders are restricted to a one game differential throughout the season and during tournaments. Further, coaches have the ability to use goaltenders anytime during the post round robin play as they decide. (post round robin play includes mini-games) There is an expectation that throughout the season, each player will have accumulated approximately the same amount of ice time, to the best abilities of the coach.

**7.2.2** Contract for An Additional/Substitution Goalie at a Provincial Event U14, U16 and U19.

This role is unique to the A and AA Provincial Championships, and the Fair Ice Policy will not apply. The Additional/Substitution Goalie will be allowed to play in up to a maximum of 2 games except in the case of illness or injury to the original team goalie.

Contract for an Additional/Substitution Goalie at a Provincial Event U14, U16 and U19 Form (SD-F-02) must be completed and submitted to the G&T Committee.

**7.3 DISCRETION 1 (D1)**

Is defined as equal ice time every game, however, there is the ability for a coach to use select players in the last two (2) minutes of regulation and overtime.

**7.4 DISCRETION  
2 (D2):**

Is defined as equal ice time every game, however, there is the ability for a coach to use select players in the last two (2) minutes of regulation time, overtime and any situation that does not require five (5) skaters vs. five (5) skaters.

**7.5 DISCRETION  
3 (D3):**

Is defined as equal ice time every game, however, there is the ability for a coach to use select players in the last two (2) minutes of regulation time, overtime and any situation that does not require five (5) skaters vs. five (5) skaters. Further, coaches have the ability to use players anytime during post round robin play as they decide. (post round robin play includes mini games)

**7.6 GRIEVANCES**

Grievances are to be addressed to the Sport Development committee. Any violations of this policy will be addressed per the Minor Infraction Sanctions at the discretion of Sport Development.

7.6.1 The following violation may result in sanctions from a warning to a suspension:

- in a game an observable difference in the playing time players of the same position.

**7.7 NUMBER OF  
OBSERVABLE  
OFFENSES ON FILE  
FOR COACH**

- One (1), official warning issued.
- Two (2), coach suspended for seven (7) days.
- Three (3,) coach suspended for thirty (30) days.
- Four (4), coach suspended for one (1) calendar year.
- Five (5), coach suspended for three (3) calendar year.

**7.8 PROCESS FOR  
RE-SETTING  
NUMBER OF  
OBSERVABLE  
OFFENSES FOR  
COACH**

- If the number of infractions is two (2) or less and the time since the last infraction is equal to or greater than three (3) years, then the number of infractions is reset to zero (0)