



DORCHESTER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Athlete Registration, Eligibility & Transfer Policy

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Policy is to govern the registration of athletes within Dorchester Ringette Association.

Application of this Policy

2. This Policy applies to all Dorchester Ringette Association Members, registered athletes and potential athletes.

Definitions

3. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- a) "*Female teams*" – Teams that are comprised exclusively of female athletes;
- b) "*Male teams*" – Teams that are comprised exclusively of male athletes; and
- c) "*Co-Ed teams*" – Teams that are comprised of a combination of male and female athletes, with a minimum of one (1) athlete of each gender.

Registration Fee

4. Athlete registration fees will be determined by the Executive.

Age Groups and Teams

5. Registered athletes on teams will be categorized as follows:

Seniors	50 years of age and over as of December 31st of the playing season;
Masters	30 years of age and over as of December 31st of the playing season;
Open	18 years of age and over as of December 31st of the playing season;
U19	Under 19 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
U16	Under 16 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
U14	Under 14 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
U12	Under 12 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season;
U10	Under 10 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season; and
U9	Under 9 years of age as of December 31st of the playing season.
U8	Under 8 years of age as of December 31 st of the playing season
U7	Under 7 years of age as of December 31 st of the playing season

6. Teams will be categorized as follows:

AAA	Teams participating in international play;
AA	Teams participating in national, interprovincial, provincial or territorial play and provincial or territorial all-star teams;
A	Teams participating in competitive regional, district or county level play;
B	Teams participating in recreation, house league or school play, U16 and U19; and
C	Teams participating in recreation, house league or school play, U8-U14.



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7. The classification of teams will be as follows:

AAA as determined by Western Region Ringette Association;
AA as determined by the associated local, provincial/territorial association;
A as determined by the local regional, district or county association; and
B and C as determined by the recreational, house league or school association.

Transfers and Releases

8. Athletes wishing to transfer after February 15th of each year must submit a form, approved by Ringette Canada, to the head office of Ringette Canada with all supporting evidence and documentation.

9. Athletes will only be granted a transfer if the athlete:

- a) Has moved their permanent residence from one province/territory to another province/territory.
- b) Level of play/age group not available in Home Association
- c) Other - consideration may be given to "other" reasons and will be reviewed at the discretion of the Executive.

10. The decision to approve or deny a transfer will be determined by the Executive.

This Policy is subject to review at least once every three years
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