



RINGETTE ONTARIO – AA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING PROCEDURES AND CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION FORMATS

Participant Registration

All athletes, team staff, and officials must be fully registered with their local ringette association and members in good standing with both their local club and Ringette Ontario.

Qualification

All teams at U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, and 18+AA teams and the top 8 (as determined by ranking procedures outlined below) 18+U teams are eligible to attend the Ringette Ontario Provincial AA Championships.

The ranking/qualification procedures for each division are as follows:

U14AA	- Teams will attend two (2) ranking tournaments, assigned by Ringette Ontario - Guaranteed four (4) games at each of the ranking tournaments. All round-robin games will count towards provincial seeding. All U14AA teams will attend the Ajax-Pickering and Waterloo Tournaments for Provincial seeding.
U16AA	All U16AA teams will attend both the Ajax-Pickering and the Guelph Tournaments. - Guaranteed four (4) games at each of the ranking tournaments. All round-robin games will count towards provincial seeding. - First 7 will count against different opponents; 8th game (the game vs a same opponent) result is averaged with the first game played vs the same opponent.

U19AA 18+AA	With 6 or 7 teams in the division: - Teams will not attend ranking hubs or tournaments - Teams will compete in a full round robin at the 2027 Ringette Ontario Provincial AA Championships. With 5 or less teams in the division: - Teams will play a complete 4 game round robin at the 2027 Ringette Ontario Provincial AA Championships. *NOTE: If these divisions grow to eight (8) or more teams, Ringette Ontario will assign ranking tournaments similar to the U14AA/U16AA divisions.
18+U	- Teams will attend two (2) ranking tournaments, assigned by the University division convenor(s) in collaboration with the Ringette Ontario staff. - Guaranteed four (4) games at each of the ranking tournaments. All round-robin games will count towards provincial ranking/qualification - Top 8 teams overall will qualify to attend 2027 Ringette Ontario Provincial AA Championships - Qualifying period: October 23, 2026 to February 7, 2027

Ranking

The winning percentage of the round robin games played between two Ontario teams at the assigned ranking tournaments will be used to rank teams and determine qualification to the 2027 Ringette Ontario Provincial AA Championships.

Teams requiring ranking tournament assignment may attend more than two (2) tournaments within the ranking period; however, only the assigned ranking tournaments will count.

Ranking charts will be available here as soon as possible after each ranking tournament weekend. <https://www.ringetteontario.com/content/provincial-aa-championships>

If there is a tie in the winning percentage, Ringette Ontario tie-breaking rules will be applied.

Competition Format for Seven (7) or Fewer Team Divisions at Ringette Ontario AA Provincial Championships

All divisions will play a full round robin.

U14-U19 divisions – championship round

- Top four (4) teams overall advance to semi-finals.
- Winners of semi-finals advance to gold medal game.
- Losers of semi-finals advance to bronze-medal game.

18+AA

- Participating teams will vote on the playoff round structure once Intent to Proceed forms are collected:

Option 1

- Top three (3) teams overall advance to championship round.
- 3rd place vs 2nd place teams will play the semi-final/bronze medal game.
- Winner of semi-final will advance to gold medal game vs 1st place.

Option 2

- Top four (4) teams overall advance to championship round.
- Semi-final 1: 3rd place vs 2nd place; Semi-final 2: 4th place vs 1st place
- Winning teams of semi-finals will advance to gold medal game; losing teams of semi-finals will advance to the bronze medal game.

Competition Formats for eight (8) or more Team Divisions

All divisions have a five (5) game guarantee

8 team divisions

1 vs.	8, 6, 3, 4, 5
2 vs.	7, 5, 4, 3, 6
3 vs.	6, 8, 1, 2, 7
4 vs.	5, 7, 2, 1, 8
5 vs.	4, 2, 7, 8, 1
6 vs.	3, 1, 8, 7, 2
7 vs.	2, 4, 5, 6, 3
8 vs.	1, 3, 6, 5, 4

- Incomplete round robin.
- The top 4 teams overall after the 5 round robin games advance to the semi-finals.

- The winning teams of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
- The losing teams of the semi-finals advance to the bronze medal game.

9 team divisions

1 vs.	9, 4, 7, 6
2 vs.	8, 5, 9, 3
3 vs.	7, 6, 8, 2
4 vs.	9, 1, 5, 8
5 vs.	6, 2, 4, 7
6 vs.	5, 3, 9, 1
7 vs.	3, 8, 1, 5
8 vs.	2, 7, 3, 4
9 vs.	1, 4, 2, 6

- Incomplete round robin.
- Teams will play the four (4) round robin games and then be re-seeded for the 5th round robin games. After the re-seeding:
 - 8th place will play 9th place; the winner of this game will secure the 2 points for the win; the loser of this game will play the 1st place team in a 6th round robin game that counts for both teams. The 8v9 game is not an elimination game, however, it cannot end in a tie so the tie-breaking procedure from the event technical package will be used.
 - The additional 5th round robin game matchups (these are not elimination games) will be as follows (based on seeding after the first 4 round robin games):
 - 2nd vs 7th
 - 3rd vs 6th
 - 4th vs 5th
- The top 4 teams overall advance to the semi-finals.
- The winning teams of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
- The losing teams of the semi-finals advance to the bronze medal game.

10 team divisions

Pool A	Pool B
1st	3rd
2nd	4th
6th	5th
8th	7th
10 th	9 th

- Play opposite pool.
- Top 4 teams overall advance to the semi-finals.
- The winning teams of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
- The losing teams of the semi-finals advance to the bronze medal game.

11 team divisions

1 vs.	6, 8, 10, 11
2 vs.	5, 7, 9, 11
3 vs.	4, 8, 9, 10
4 vs.	3, 7, 10, 11
5 vs.	2, 6, 9, 10
6 vs.	1, 5, 7, 11
7 vs.	2, 4, 6, 8
8 vs.	1, 3, 7, 9
9 vs.	2, 3, 5, 8
10 vs.	1, 3, 4, 5
11 vs.	1, 2, 4, 6

- Incomplete round robin.
- Teams will play the four (4) round robin games and then be re-seeded for the 5th round robin games. After re-seeding:
 - 10th place will play 11th place; the winner of this game will secure the two (2) points for the win; the loser of this game will play the 1st place team in a 6th round robin game that counts for both teams. The 10v11 game is not an elimination game, however, it cannot end in a tie so the tie-breaking procedures from the event technical package will be used.
 - The additional 5th round robin game matchups (these are not elimination games) will be as follows (based on seeding after the first four (4) round robin games):
 - 2nd vs 9th
 - 3rd vs 8th
 - 4th vs 7th
 - 5th vs 6th
- The top four (4) teams overall (after 5 round robin games) advance to the semi-finals.
- The winning teams of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
- The losing teams of the semi-finals advance to the bronze medal game.

Advancement

Advancement to Canadian Ringette Championships (U16AA & U19AA) and Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships (U14AA & 18+AA). The confirmed number of entries (guaranteed + wildcards) from Ontario in each division will be communicated as early as possible once wildcard draws for both events are completed.

Minimum Number of Teams Advancing:

Canadian Ringette Championships (Halifax, NS):

U16AA: 4 U19AA: 2

Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships (Nova Scotia):

U14AA: 2 U16A: 1 U19A: 1 18+AA: 1