



## RINGETTE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL 'A' CHAMPIONSHIPS

### QUALIFYING PROCEDURES & 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

The top sixteen (16) U14A, and top twelve (12) U16A and U19A teams will qualify for the 2027 Provincial 'A' Championships.

For ranking and qualification:

- Each **U14-U19** team will play in three (3) ranking tournaments, assigned by Ringette Ontario.
- All round robin games at ranking tournaments will count toward provincial standing, unless otherwise specified.

#### DIVISIONS & TIERS

*U14A:*

From the sixteen (16) teams that qualify:

- The top eight (8) teams will play in Tier 1.
- The remaining eight (8) teams will play in Tier 2.

Competition Format for Tier 1 and Tier 2:

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Incomplete round robin.
- The top 4 teams 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.

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| 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 |

*U16A and U19A:*

From the twelve (12) teams that qualify:

- The top six (6) teams in each division will play in Tier 1.
- The remaining six (6) teams in each division will play in Tier 2.

Competition Format for Tier 1 and 2:

- Five (5) game guarantee.
- Complete round robin (no pools).
- Top four (4) teams advance to the semi-finals.
- Winners of the semi-finals advance to the gold medal game.
- Losers of the semi-finals advance to the bronze medal game.

## **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 'A' Championships.

Teams may attend more than the required number of tournaments within the ranking period; however, only the assigned ranking tournaments will count towards ranking and qualification.

Ranking charts will be available [here](#) as soon as possible after each ranking tournament weekend.

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

## **ADVANCEMENT (U16A & U19A)**

Ringette Ontario is guaranteed one (1) spot in each of the U16A and U19A divisions at the 2027 Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships. The number of entries (guaranteed + wildcard) from Ontario into the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships in each division will be communicated once the draw is completed (December 2026) by the Easterns organizing Committee.