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1.0 O.R.A. COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE

1.1 Competitive Levels

1.1.1 In Ontario, Ringette™ is played at different competitive levels: Recreation, Regional C, Regional B, Provincial A, Provincial AA and Provincial U12 Petite. In order for teams to participate in sanctioned tournaments and at Regional/Provincial Championships, they must register at one of the stipulated competitive levels by completing a Team Registration Form as directed for registration in the Membership Services Section of the Operating Manual.

NOTE: One additional level, Provincial AAA played at the Elite level is made up of Regional and Provincial All-Star Teams. Refer to the Elite Development Section.

1.1.2 The Regional B and C levels are the responsibility of the Regional Committee along with the Regional Games and Tournaments Co-ordinator. They shall be responsible for the sanctioning of regional level tournaments and Regional B and C Championships. These events shall adhere to the current O.R.A. Sanction Rules.

- The 18+ Open A, B, C and Recreational and 30+ Masters A, B, C, and Recreational levels are the responsibility of the Adult Development Program. The Adult Development Program shall be responsible for the sanctioning of Adult Regional and Recreation level tournaments and championships.
- Community Recreation Level is the responsibility of the Local Association.

1.1.3 All Provincial levels shall fall under the mandate of the Provincial Games and Tournaments Committee. The Provincial Committee shall be responsible for sanctioning Provincial level tournaments as well as organizing the Provincial Championships. These events shall adhere to current O.R.A. Sanction Rules.

1.2 Seeding of Teams

1.2.1 Seeding of Regional B and C teams is the responsibility of the respective Region. The Provincial G&T Committee will give advice and recommendations to assist the Region in the seeding of teams.

- Each team and/or Local Association will seed the team at the beginning of the playing season. The Region will accumulate statistics and evaluate on an ongoing basis the teams' performance for seeding adjustments for Championship play. Adjustments to seeding are based on on-ice performance and are ongoing on a Regional Level. The G&T Co-ordinator and their Regional Committee will meet mid-season to evaluate and finalize the seeding of teams for Regional Championship play in accordance with Regional processes.

1.2.2 Seeding of Provincial A and AA teams U14 Tween to 18+ Open is the responsibility of the Provincial G&T Committee.

- G&T will be responsible for ranking and seeding of 18+ Open A teams

for Provincials for penalty tracking and for assisting in determining divisions at tournaments.

Adult will be responsible for administration, including registration, substitutions, affiliates and composite teams.

- Associations must receive approval from their Region through the G&T Co-ordinator and with input from the Provincial G&T Committee, in regards to the Provincial level teams, to register two (2) teams in the same age division at the same playing level.
- Each team and/or local association will seed the team at the beginning of the playing season. The Regional G&T Coordinator will give advice and recommendations to assist them and/or local association in the seeding of teams. The Provincial G&T Committee will accumulate statistics and evaluate on an ongoing basis the teams' performance for seeding adjustments for championship play. Adjustments to seeding are based on on-ice performance at the Provincial Level. The Provincial G&T Committee will meet mid-season to evaluate and finalize the seeding of teams for Provincial Championship play.
- At the end of November, based on available data, the Provincial G&T Committee will identify any teams that will be on review for re-seeding; those teams will be "red-flagged" for discussion on re-seeding at the "A/AA" mid-season review. These teams will be informed in writing with recommendations to prepare for mid-season review.
- In early December, teams that have been "red-flagged" will be reviewed at the "A/AA" mid-season review. Teams will be informed in writing by their Regional G&T Coordinator of any seeding changes immediately following the mid-season review.
- Any games in the original division played in a tournament against a team that gets reseeded up or down will not count for rankings. Attendance at the tournament does count.

1.2.3 Seeding of Provincial U12 Petite teams is the responsibility of the Provincial G&T Committee:

- Each team and/or local association will seed the team at the beginning of the playing season. The Regional G&T Coordinator will give advice and recommendations to assist the team and/or local association in the seeding of teams. The Regional G&T Committee will accumulate statistics and evaluate on an ongoing basis the team's performance for seeding adjustments for the Provincial U12 Event. Adjustments to seeding based on on-ice performance at the Provincial U12 level. The Provincial G&T Committee will meet end-February to evaluate and finalize the seeding of teams for Provincial U12 Event.
- The Provincial G&T Committee will select the teams from the Provincial U12 Petite division based on tournament on-ice performance

for placement. This determination will be based on level of competition among Provincial U12 Petite teams using a variant of the current wildcard ranking system.

- Winning % is used from the present wildcard ranking system as well as various cycles of assigning teams and evaluating the results until a clear ranking of the teams can be made.
 - Informing teams of placement at their Provincial event - teams will be informed in writing by their Regional G&T Coordinator of their placement immediately following the final seeding meeting. .
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2.0 TEAM REGISTRATION

2.1 Description Refer to Membership Services for details on how to Register with the Ontario Ringette Association. Information about participation in sanctioned events by individuals and teams is detailed in the Sanctioned Event Rules that follow.

Teams including all players and bench staff must be registered with the O.R.A. office before participating in any Sanctioned Event.

2.2 The cut-off date for adjustments to the Team Registration Form (T.R.F.) including Two Team Player additions is JANUARY 8th of each season. This must be done through your Association Registrar.

2.3 Two Team Players (applies to minors. Adults included under Adult Development Program).

Refer to Membership Services “Two Team Player” procedures.

2.4 Players affiliation for 18+ Open A, B, C and Recreational and 30+ Masters B, C and Recreational, refer to Adult Development Program (ADP-F-02)

3.0 O.R.A. SANCTIONED EVENTS

3.1 Code of Conduct

Any person who interferes with the game or verbally abuses an official, player, or bench staff will be asked to leave the playing area and not to return. The Head Coach will be notified by an on-ice official to remove the person. If the person refuses to leave the arena playing area after a reasonable period of time, the game will be called and the team that the person is associated with will forfeit the game.

3.2 Rules

3.2.1 Coaching Staff and/or volunteers who are participating on-ice, practice, game or team building event, must wear a CSA approved helmet (Also Coaching Development - Bench Staff Duties.)

3.2.2 Random stick checks will be made throughout the season by officials to determine the legality/state of safety of players' sticks.

3.2.3 O.R.A. defines Sanctioned Events as:

- Invitational Tournaments
- Regional Championships
- Regional Preliminary Championships/Qualifiers
- Provincial Championships/Qualifiers
- **3 on 3 Tournaments**
- For O.R.A. disciplinary purposes, any game between two (2) Registered O.R.A. teams or between any other Province's teams with an O.R.A. registered team.

3.3 Tournament Listings

All tournaments ***applied for and approved by the deadline***, (Deadline: Application must be in the O.R.A. Office by June 30th), shall appear on the tournament list. The list indicates date, division, level of play and a contact person. As there may be changes to this list, it is recommended that you contact your Regional G&T Coordinator to confirm tournament particulars. (The list will be updated and available on the website).

3.4 Invitational Tournaments

3.4.1 The "O.R.A. Invitational Ringette Tournament Handbook" is available as a resource for hosting these events. (Also available on the O.R.A. website).
<http://www.ontario-ringette.com/resources/index.php?sub=resources>

3.4.2 Format:

Tournament format is determined by the Host, according to specified Sanction Rules.

3.4.3 Tournament hosts shall be permitted to fill vacancies with teams of the same age division, one caliber lower and/or with teams of one age division lower, one caliber higher (to complete the pool[s]).

e.g. U14 Tween AA may play U16 Junior A
 U12 Petite B may play Provincial U12 Petite

NOTE: All participating teams must be informed, and given the option to withdraw with full refund, if either of these options are exercised. If a

team is going to be placed in a different division or level of play, all participating teams must be notified and given the option to withdraw, with full refund.

3.4.4 Rules:

- All invitational tournaments are to be O.R.A. Sanctioned Events and are to adhere to the current sanction rules.
- **All changes to the O.R.A. Sanctioned Rules must be approved prior to the event by the Regional G&T Co-ordinator prior to being circulated.**
- “AA” Hosts are strongly recommended to provide two (2) twenty (20) minutes periods for U16 Junior, U19 Belle and 18+ Open.
- All tournaments for Provincial level teams are required to use shot clocks unless approval to do otherwise is received from the Regional G&T Coordinator.

3.4.5 Entry Fee:

Tournament entry fees are determined by the Host.

3.4.6 Team Registration:

- Each team applying to participate in an Invitational Tournament must provide the Host with a copy of their properly completed T.R.F. and **any Information Change Forms** (Appendix M-F-10) that they have submitted to the O.R.A. office. When applying to the tournament, it will be the team’s responsibility to ensure that the host has the correct information. A letter/form to substantiate out of age player approval must accompany any T.R.F. being submitted to the Tournament Host.
- Each team shall be required to complete a T.R.F. Adjustment Form (Appendix G&T-F-07) indicating those player(s)/Bench Staff who are listed on the T.R.F. who shall not be participating at the tournament if they are being substituted for, and those player(s)/Bench Staff the team shall be using as substitute(s).
- Teams must list all players including those on playing agreements, on all game sheets and cross off those who are not in attendance.
- **Teams cannot play in more than one (1) sanctioned event on the same weekend. A team registration form (TRF) cannot be divided with the exception of U7 Minor and U8 Major Bunny teams.**
- **If the game sheet is pre-printed, labels may not be used.**

3.4.7 Player Substitutes for Invitational Tournaments

NOTE: The substitution procedure is designed to assist association teams who, from time to time, experience a last minute shortage of players due to injury or illness. It is not intended to build a team's calibre but to maintain a minimum team's roster size, and to avoid any last minute cancellations that result in expenses to the Host Association.

- Eligible players for all divisions up to and including U19 Belle are as follows:
 - Shall be registered with your association and be an O.R.A. registered player. When your association has no appropriate age division or calibre teams, you must apply to your Regional G&T Co-ordinator for possible solutions.
 - Can choose either/or: *See Substitution Chart
 - same age division or one lower, same calibre or less
 (example 1. A U16 Junior AA team could choose:
 a U16 Junior AA, A, B or C team player)
 - (example 2. A U16 Junior A team could choose:
 a U16 Junior A, B or C team player; or
 a U14 Tween A, B or C team player)
- one calibre higher only, one age division lower
 (example: a U16 Junior A team could also choose:
 a U14 Tween AA player)
 - Eligible players for 18+ Open are referred to the Regional Adult Development Co-ordinator. 18+ Open "A" are referred to the Regional G&T Co-ordinator.

NOTE: Players may substitute in their age division regardless of what division they are registered, only upon receipt of written approval of their Regional G&T Co-ordinator.

- Teams may carry up to three (3) substitute players per tournament. They must actually replace a player who is unable to attend part or all of that tournament. If the player they are replacing returns to play, the substitute may NOT continue to play, although they could then replace another player who was injured or called away. The Roster can NEVER increase in size as a result of a substitute and **cannot exceed 10 skaters with substitutions.**
- Players may play as a substitute for ONE tournament in a season. The goaltender is exempt, as long as the goaltender is substituting for a goaltender. Any player that appears on more than one T.R.F. Adjustment Form constitutes violation of Sanction Rules (goaltender exempt), unless written Games and Tournaments approval is received.
- Players (including goalies) cannot play in more than one (1) sanctioned event

on more than one (1) team on the same weekend or in the same sanctioned event.

- All substitutes must be listed on the T.R.F. Adjustment Form (Appendix G&T-F-07) and be submitted to the Invitational Tournament Host Chair within their specific deadlines and/or at the Event Registration, and/or before a game to substitute for a player who had to leave the tournament.

3.4.8 Substitute Bench Staff for Invitational Tournaments

Any O.R.A. registered member with the appropriate qualifications for the position being assumed, that have been obtained prior to **JANUARY 8th** of the current season, may fill in a T.R.F. Adjustment Form (Appendix G&T-F-07) and become a valid member of a Bench Staff with approval of the Regional Coaching Co-ordinator/Designate. Proof of qualification is required.

NOTE: The above rule does not allow a Bench Staff Member, who is not properly qualified for their registered position, to assume a new position within the team in question, after **JANUARY 8th** of the current season.

3.4.9 Substitutes for Regional Championships

Determined by individual Regions. Contact your Regional Co-ordinator for details.

3.4.10 Substitutes for Provincial Championships

Substitution rules for Provincial Championships are found in section 4.3 Rules.

4.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1 Format

4.1.1 Provincial Championships shall be held each year for females. Other Championships may be held depending upon registration. Communities may apply to host them through the O.R.A. office (also available on the ORA Website)

[www.http://www.ontario-ringette.com/resources/index.php?sub=resources](http://www.ontario-ringette.com/resources/index.php?sub=resources)

The Provincial Host Guide may be obtained from the office. Information concerning Championships, such as dates, places etc., may be found in the Events and Activities Section. The Host must submit a \$200.00 Good Faith cheque with their application to host the Provincial Championship Event. Upon approval of the Host Application, the Ontario Ringette office will prepare the Event Contract for signatures of the Host and Ontario Ringette Association.

4.1.2 Provincial Championships schedules will be prepared by the O.R.A. staff following criteria determined by the Provincial Games and Tournaments Committee and with input from the Officiating Development Committee. This criteria will be set annually by **SEPTEMBER 1ST**.

4.1.3 Format:

- One (1) team entry per Region per division
- One (1) team entry per division from Hosting Association except for Provincial U12 Petite
- All other entries are selected by Provincial G&T through the Wild Card process
- The Format for the “AA” Provincials will see all teams playing an unbalanced or modified round robin. The format at the “A” provincials will see attending in two (2) divisions, full round robin.
- The format for the “U12” provincials will see all attending teams separated into divisions to be played as a full round robin. The number of divisions will be determined by the number of teams attending the provincial event.
 - There will not be any overtime in the round robin games
 - The order of the names for the divisions at the U12 Petite Provincial Event be changed each year.

4.1.5 The format for the “A” provincials will see the U14 Tween, U16 Junior, U19 Belle and 18+ Open divisions limited to a **maximum** of fourteen (14) teams. The division will be split into two (2) tiers based on ranking. The two (2) tiers will be independent of each other and there will be no crossover between tiers.

4.1.6 Shot Clocks will be used in all games at the Provincial Championships.

4.1.7 Mini Games:

At Provincial Events, any tie in the standings which will result in a team not being able to participate in a medal game, will require mini-games to be played to determine who will participate in the medal game.

4.2 Regional Representatives

4.1.8 All games will be played until a winner is declared.

Format to determine Regional representatives to Provincial Championships is the responsibility of your Region. A team may not be formed purely to participate in Provincial Championships, Northwest teams exempt. Contact your Regional G&T Co-ordinator or Regional Chair for further information. Deadline for the Regions to submit the list of divisions in which they will have representatives and the Provincial Team Fees for the Provincials to the O.R.A. office is no later than **FEBRUARY 1st** of the current season.

Regional Representatives must be declared **four (4)** weeks prior to start of that Provincial event.

Note: Each Regional Coaching Co-ordinator is to submit to the Provincial Coaching Chair a list of the Provincial Team bench staff within the Region whose associations have been notified that those bench staff are at risk of not obtaining the appropriate qualifications for the position that they have registered for **JANUARY 8th** of the current season. The date that the associations were sent notification should be included.

4.3 Rules

All Provincial Championship events, including Preliminaries Qualifiers (Prelims/Qualifiers constitute part of that Provincial Level Championship), shall be O.R.A. sanctioned. The present sanction rules shall be adhered to with, the following exceptions and additions:

4.3.1 O.R.A. Provincial Championships, from U12 Petite to U19 Belle, are Age Class Championships. **NO OVERAGE players are permitted.**

4.3.2 Provincial Championships may be offered in any of three (3) Ringette Canada classifications: male, female or co-ed. **A minimum of four (4) teams is needed to be registered in those classifications.**

4.3.3 No player substitutions will be allowed unless documented proof showing a team is unable to compete without said substitution(s) (below 10 skaters, goaltender(s) excluded) and approved by Provincial G&T Committee.

4.3.4 A maximum of three (3) player substitutions.

4.3.5 Provincial AA teams can substitute a player from **an "A" team not attending the Provincial A Championships to fill** a roster if the team roster falls below the minimum player rule. Substitution must be approved by **Provincial G&T Committee.**

4.3.6 A player may only participate in one Provincial Championship per season.

4.3.7 Goalies from "A" teams that are not attending Provincial A Championships, are allowed to be added as an additional goalie for the Provincial AA Championship to give the team a maximum of two (2) goalies. This will permit an increase in the roster by one (1). Provincial G&T Committee approval is required. All other Provincial participation rules apply.

- 4.3.8 Goalies from “B” or “C” teams that are not attending a Provincial Championship are allowed to be added as an additional goalie for the Provincial Championships to give the team a maximum of two (2) goalies. This will permit an increase in the roster by one (1). Provincial G&T Committee approval is required. All other Provincial participation rules apply.
- 4.3.9 To be eligible to attend a Provincial event, U14 Tween through 18+ Open teams must have attended two (2) O.R.A. sanctioned events at the appropriate level one (1) of which must be out of region, a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Provincial event in which they are intending to participate. Northwest teams exempt with Provincial G&T Committee approval (due diligence must be proven). Teams must provide confirmation of acceptance in to tournaments to meet this eligibility requirement by **FEBRUARY 1st** or your Regional Representative selection process, whichever comes first.
- 4.3.10 To be eligible to attend a Provincial event, Provincial U12 Petite teams must have attended two (2) O.R.A. sanctioned events at the appropriate level one (1) of which must be out of region **a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the provincial event.** Northwest teams exempt with Provincial G&T Committee approval. Due diligence must be proven.

4.4 Substitute Bench Staff for Provincial Championships

Any O.R.A. member registered at the position he/she is assuming with the appropriate qualifications for the position being assumed, that have been obtained prior to **JANUARY 8th** of the current season, may become a valid member of a Bench Staff upon presenting proof of qualification and registration to the Provincial Coaching Chair/Designate **or in their absence the Provincial G&T Committee.**

NOTE: The above rule does not allow a Bench Staff member, who is not properly qualified for their registered position, to assume a new position within the team in question, after **JANUARY 8th** of the current season.

4.5 Entry Fees

4.5.1 All Provincial Championship Entry Fees are to be submitted to the home region by the region deadline, which will be no later than **DECEMBER 31st.** These fees will be payable to the home region and are part of the Intent to Proceed to Provincials process. Regions must submit Team Entry Fees for their representatives plus any teams confirmed on or before **FEBRUARY 1st.**

Wild Card Fees are payable by the region to the O.R.A. office immediately upon selection. The amount will be determined upon event budget approval.

4.5.2 Any team being re-seeded at a Provincial level of play must submit their Intent to Proceed to Provincials and fees immediately upon notification of Re-seeding.

NOTE: Associations withdrawing from the Provincial Championships after the withdrawal deadline: **DECEMBER 31st** of the current season shall be fined

\$500.00 in addition to the Administrative and Team Entry Fees, which are non-refundable.

If the entry fees have not been received by the O.R.A. office at the time of withdrawal, the association shall be invoiced the full amount.

4.6 Registration The filing of the Intent to Proceed Forms with the required fee constitutes registration for the event. All other rules and policies apply for qualification.

Note: Where O.R.A. has indicated that there is an approved accommodation booking agent, teams must use this service for Provincial Championships or be subject to a fine of \$1000.00.

**4.7 “A”
 Provincials Wild
 Cards and
 Vacant Entries**

4.7.1 If a Region or Host fails to enter a team in any division, the Provincial G&T Committee shall select a team to participate in its place. This team is to be called a “Wild Card Entry”.

4.7.2 In the case that a Region forfeits its entry, the entry shall be filled by the Provincial G&T Committee, where possible, with the next highest ranked team available in that age division (but not from a higher level of play).

**4.8 “A”
 Provincials
 Selection of
 Wild Card
 Entries**

4.8.1 Filing of false information or failing to file pertinent information will result in the team being disqualified from this process.

4.8.2 Team records shall be taken from O.R.A. sanctioned events held prior to the Regional Representative submission deadline, three (3) weeks prior to the start of the Provincial event.

4.8.3 Each team must participate in at least two (2) O.R.A. Sanctioned tournaments against teams at the requested division and level of play, one of which must be out of region (does not include provincial prelims/qualifiers).

4.8.4 Teams must participate in whatever regional process determines their regional representative before being eligible for wild card consideration.

4.8.5 The criteria for selection of a Wild Card entry shall be determined on the following basis, by the Provincial Games and Tournaments Committee:

- Games between ORA teams only will be used in head to head competition during ORA Sanctioned events, could be in a different division or level in a tournament.
- For the Provincial Ranking System, games outside Ontario between Ontario teams in the same division are included in the ranking data but do not count in tournament total or in the tournament total outside of region.
- Only round robin and gold medal games against teams within their division and level will be recorded with two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) for a loss. One (1) point for Silver medal in a final championship game.

4.8.6 If an appeal is required for the wild card selection process, the Association will have forty eight (48) hours in which to respond.

- A mini game will not count for wild card ranking points if used as a part of an invitational tournament tie breaking process.

**4.9 “A”
 Provincials
 Ranking Formula
 Based On Two
 (2) Components**

4.9.1 Team Performance

- Winning Percentage (%) in Sanctioned Events
 - Number of points earned divided by total number of points available
 - 2 points for win, 1 point for tie, 0 points for a loss.
 - 1 point for silver medal in a final championship game
 - Only round robin and gold medal games will count towards points in the ranking process
 - Team performance during sanctioned events is a simple objective measure that directly relates to the competitive level of the team.

4.9.2 Team Exposure

- Ensures team performance score is representative of their ranking against most teams in Ontario and supports growth of the sport through more tournaments and increase revenue in local associations.
- Maximum number of tournaments entered is 4
- Maximum number of tournaments outside team’s home region is 2
- Team exposure cannot be greater than a factor of 1 (one).

Exposure Multiplier Formula:

(<u>Total # Tournaments Entered</u>		<u># Tournaments Outside Team's Home Region</u>)
	4	+	2	
	2			

4.9.3 Final Score for Ranking = Team Performance X Team Exposure

- Final score adjusts the team performance depending on their level of exposure.
- O.R.A. Sanctioned Event Tie-Breaking Rules would be used if necessary.

4.9.4 Any appeal of the Wild Card Selection Process will follow the O.R.A. Appeal Policy.

4.9.5 If a team travels a total of two thousand (2000) Km, to attend three (3) tournaments, one (1) of which must be out of region, they will be considered to have attended four (4) tournaments for the purpose of the exposure factor. Verification will be by Provincial G&T Committee using City to City by Google Maps.

**4.10 “AA”
 Provincial Team
 Ranking**

- 4.10.1 AA teams in the U14 Tween, U16 Junior, and U19 Belle divisions to be ranked using the following format:
 All teams must attend 4 tournaments. At least two of these must be out of Region (two different Regions). Provincial G & T Committee will work with teams and tournaments to try to get as many teams to play against each other as possible. Only one (1) game between the same teams will count towards the rankings. Provincial G & T Committee will determine at the beginning of the year which game will count if two (2) teams are going to play each other multiple times.
 - 4.10.2 If there are eleven (11) teams or less in a division at the “AA” Level then there will be one (1) pool at provincials. If there are twelve (12) Teams or more, then the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on ranking. The two (2) tiers will be independent of each other and there will be no crossover between tiers. If there is an even number of teams then the tier will be split evenly, if there is an odd number of teams, then the number of teams per tier will be based on rankings.
 - 4.10.3 Coaches will be encouraged to work cooperatively, to contact each other to find out which tournaments their teams are applying to so that they can apply to different tournaments and reduce the number of times that teams encounter each other. G & T Committee will have the final decision as to which team’s play each other should a team try to manipulate who they play in an effort to gain extra points.
 - 4.10.4 An 18+ Open AA division be added to the AA Provincials in the 2012/2013 season provided that the required minimum of four (4) teams register. Teams need to declare themselves AA and file the appropriate Intent to Proceed Form by the deadline.
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5.0 PLAYING RULES

The “current” Ringette Canada Official Rule Book shall be the Official playing rules of all O.R.A. Sanctioned Events, with the following additions and exceptions:

5.1 Team Rules

5.1.1 Teams must be ready to go on the ice ten (10) minutes before game time. Regional G&T Committee approval is required for changes by host tournaments. In the event a team does not start their game within seven (7) minutes of the scheduled or adjusted starting time, (including warm up) the on-ice officials shall declare a forfeit unless the Provincial G&T Committee (or Host Committee in the case of Invitational Tournaments) has made a decision to reschedule or not, based on the following circumstances only:

- proof of transportation breakdown
- team vehicle accident
- cancellation or delay of transport due to weather conditions.
- schedule change/error not communicated to the team by the tournament organizers.

5.1.2 There shall be no more than five (5) persons (i.e. coaches, managers, trainers, and/or assistants) allowed on the bench at any one time. One person must be female, 18 years or over, who is not a player on the team (18+ Open and 30+ Masters Divisions exempt).

NOTE: Any game where a team fails to start or finish that game (except under the above) a forfeit shall be declared.

5.1.3 Bench staff must be listed as Bench Staff on the T.R.F. or on an Information Change Form through their Association Registrar; or they must fill in a T.R.F. Adjustment Form (Appendix G&T-F-07) before going on the bench for a game.

5.1.4 No game shall start without valid Bench Staff.

5.1.5 Team Bench Staff qualifications must be strictly adhered to: See Coaching Development – Bench Staff Qualifications Section 3.

5.1.6 Game Sheets must be printed and signed or initialed by each Bench Staff participating behind the bench.

5.1.7 The Home team shall be the 2nd team listed in the tournament schedule. The Home team shall have the choice of sweater colour in case of conflict. In semifinal or final games, the Home team shall be the team that finished higher in the standings, unless pool play has determined otherwise.

NOTE: Sweaters must conform to the Ringette Canada Rule Book. At Provincial Championships each team must bring two (2) sets of sweaters with different predominant colours, one a light colour and one a dark colour. Pinnies are an approved alternative.

5.1.8 Players' boxes must be labeled Home and Visitor. The Home team is to have choice of ends at the start of the game. The Visiting team shall be awarded the first free pass

**5.2 U8
(Major Bunny)
Events**

5.2.1 All associations hosting a U8 Major Bunny division must use the following rules:

- Fifty (50) minutes of game time; two (2)-minute buzzer;
- A maximum of one(1) coach per team on the ice;
- No touching of the opposition players by the coaches;
- No double shifting unless the number of players available during that game warrant, and all players are to be used equally in double shifting;
- Own players should not be physically moved into position by a coach during playing time;
- Coaches may not impede the on-ice officials(s).
- For the U8 Major Bunny events it is mandated that they have no score posted and all players will receive the same participation awards. Finals or Championship games are not permitted.

5.2.2 Any U8 Major Bunny on-ice coach who is violation of the rules will be asked to leave the ice surface for the remainder of the game and no substitutive will be allowed. The removal will be noted on the game sheet for follow through by G&T, Officiating and Coaching Committees.

5.3 Penalties

5.3.1 For disciplinary purposes, a curfewed game will be considered a complete game and all disciplinary actions will be taken in the manner warranted within the current O.R.A. Operating Manual policies as well as those within the Ringette Canada Rule Book.

5.3.2 Any penalties assessed to a participant after they have been ejected from the game (including penalty accumulation ejection) shall be deemed to have been committed after the game.

NOTE: While serving a suspension, a bench staff member must leave the enclosed playing or seating area of the rink so as not to have any influence on the progress of the game. Refusal to do so will result in forfeiture of the game by that team. The offender may also be subject to further suspensions by the league or governing body.

5.4 Excessive Penalties

- A Head Coach whose team receives thirty (30) minutes in accumulated penalty time in regulation play (overtime is exempt) shall be suspended from the next regularly scheduled game. Should that person be the coach on more than one team, the one game suspension must be served with the team that received the excessive penalties.

- A player who receives ten (10) minutes in accumulated penalty time, overtime included, shall be ejected from the remainder of the game. The player shall be suspended from the next regularly scheduled game.
- All excessive penalties (Ten (10) minutes in a game for a player or thirty (30) minutes in a game for a coach) must be reported to the team's Regional Games & Tournaments coordinator within twenty-four (24) hours by both teams or prior to the next schedule game – whichever is sooner.

NOTE: Delayed Penalties wiped out as a result of a goal being scored must be recorded on the game sheet and count toward accumulated penalty time.

5.5 Match and Misconduct Penalties

All match and misconduct penalties must be reported to the team's Regional G&T Co-ordinator within twenty-four (24) hours by both teams or before the next scheduled game – whichever is sooner.

5.5.1 Game Definition:

Regularly scheduled games shall be defined as any game during O.R.A. sanctioned play, Interprovincial play, organized league, and pre-scheduled exhibition play. A game consists of two (2) fifteen (15) or two (2) twenty (20) minute periods of regulation time. Games are not to be scheduled in order to speed up suspensions.

A mini-game will not count as a game served as part of a suspension.

NOTE: Suspensions assessed by O.R.A. member associations for Match or Misconduct Penalties will be honoured in sanctioned events so long as proper notification is provided by the player's/coach's Home Association and the Tournament Committee in sufficient time to effect such action.

5.5.2 All match and misconduct penalties will be subject to an automatic review.

- If a misconduct or a match penalty is assessed against a bench staff member, then that person shall not participate on any other team in a bench staff capacity until the suspension has been fully served.
- If a misconduct or a match penalty is assessed against a player who is participating on a two (2) team player agreement, then the secondary position will never be more severely punished than the position held when the penalty was assessed.
- If a misconduct or match penalty is assessed against a person who participates in ringette as both a bench staff member and a player when they are performing the role of a bench staff member, then that person shall not participate on any other team in a bench staff capacity until the suspension has been fully served. If the penalty is assessed when they are participating as a player, then the secondary position will never be more severely punished than the position held when the penalty was assessed.

5.5.3 If a match penalty is assessed against a player or member of the Bench Staff in O.R.A. sanctioned play, the player/bench staff shall receive an automatic two (2) game suspension for a match penalty assessed during play, to be

served in the next two (2) regularly scheduled games, and an automatic three (3) game suspension for a match penalty assessed after the game, to be served in the next three (3) regularly scheduled games. The player/bench staff shall be suspended from any team until the full suspension is served with the team he/she was a member of when the penalty occurred.

NOTE: Ringette Canada's one game suspension is included in the number of games to be missed. (i.e. if a player receives a match after the game, they must sit out one (1) game, Ringette Canada's suspension, and two (2) games, O.R.A.'s suspension).

5.5.4 If there is a second match penalty of the season assessed against the same player or member of the Bench Staff in O.R.A. sanctioned play, that player/bench staff shall receive an automatic five (5) game suspension for a match penalty assessed during play, to be served in the next five (5) regularly scheduled games, and an automatic six (6) game suspension for a match penalty assessed after the game to be served in the next six (6) regularly scheduled games.

The player/bench staff shall be suspended from any team until the full suspension is served with the team he/she was a member of when the penalty occurred.

5.5.5 If a third match penalty of the season is assessed against the same player/bench staff during O.R.A. sanctioned play, that player/bench staff shall serve a ten (10) game suspension or the remainder of the season, whichever is greater. If the match penalty is assessed after the O.R.A. sanctioned play, that player/bench staff shall serve a twelve (12) game suspension or the remainder of the season, whichever is greater. Suspension shall be served in regularly scheduled games. The player/bench staff shall be suspended from any team until the full suspension is served with team he/she was a member when the penalty occurred.

5.5.6 A misconduct penalty assessed at any time during regulation time, in overtime or after the game carries a suspension of the next regularly scheduled game. The player/bench staff shall be suspended only from the team for which they received the misconduct penalty.

5.5.7 In situations in which game suspensions resulting from ejection penalties (i.e. misconduct/matches) are not served during the tournament in which the penalty was assessed, the Tournament Committee shall report the name(s) of the individual(s) involved to their Regional G&T Co-ordinator within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the tournament.

5.5.8 It shall be the responsibility of the home association of the individuals involved to ensure that ALL game suspensions are served.

5.5.9 Persons participating in regularly scheduled games while under O.R.A. suspension shall be subject to penalties stipulated in section eight (8). Violation of Sanction Rules/ in the G&T Section]. Note: Exhibition games are not considered regularly scheduled games unless they were previously scheduled before the suspension took place. **PROOF OF SCHEDULING**

IS REQUIRED.

- 5.5.10 Suspensions stemming from match or misconduct penalty assessment shall carry over across seasons (within O.R.A.) and across governing bodies (O.R.A. - Ringette Canada) Provincials/Nationals, and vice versa.
- 5.5.11 Where a player or bench staff receives a suspension and is unable to fulfill the suspension with that team the G&T Chair and appropriate Co-ordinator will rule on terms of the suspension.

5.6 Games

- 5.6.1 The Host Committee may decide that, if time is not available, the games will remain tied at the end of regulation time and each team awarded one (1) point. (This must be consistently used throughout the tournament). **Shootouts are never to be used in ORA sanctioned events, 3 on 3 events exempted.**
- 5.6.2 If the score of a game is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be one (1) overtime stop time period. (i.e.: if two (2) fifteen (15) minute periods were used during regulation time, then the overtime period is fifteen (15) minutes), which will be sudden victory. (i.e. the first team to score in that overtime period will be declared the winner).
- 5.6.3 If neither team scores during the first stop time overtime period, there will be successive stop time sudden victory overtime periods until a goal is scored to break the tie.
- 5.6.4 Possession of the free pass to start the first overtime period is decided by the tossing of a coin by the referee. The team winning the toss will get the free pass. The other team will get the choice of ends.
- 5.6.5 If additional overtime periods are required, possession of the ring for the opening free pass will alternate between teams. The teams will also exchange ends for each overtime period.
- 5.6.6 All goals scored will be entered on the score-sheet, but the maximum difference of goals to be shown on the scoreboard and tournament charts will be seven (7) goals more than the lower scoring team's total. (i.e.: if the score is 12-1, show 8-1. If the lower team scores, change the scoreboard to show 9-2).

5.7 Point Structure

- 5.7.1 Teams receive two (2) points for a win and zero (0) points for a loss; and, in the event that the Host Committee decides to allow ties, one (1) point shall be awarded to each team remaining tied at the end of the game.
- 5.7.2 The team with the most points in each division will be declared the top team in that division.
- 5.7.3 The second place team is the team having the second highest number of points, etc.
- 5.7.4 In a forfeited game the score will be 7-0. The team forfeiting shall receive

zero (0) points and the other team receives two (2) points. In a cancelled game (due to bad weather, etc.) the score is recorded as 0-0 with both teams receiving one (1) point.

- 5.7.5 If a decision by the Protest and Grievance Committee results in a team being disqualified and all other teams were scheduled to play that disqualified team then all games against that team will be eliminated. When not all teams play the disqualified team, the teams scheduled to play the disqualified team will be awarded two (2) points and a score of 0-0 is recorded.

5.8 Ranking of Tied Teams

When two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points after completion of the round robin games, the host is responsible to determine the rankings. When two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points after completion of the two (2) ranking tournaments, the Technical Director is responsible to determine the rankings. It is preferred to decide all rankings that will eliminate a team from medal play using the mini game procedures. Where mini games are not possible, use these ranking procedures to resolve all ties in standings.

NOTES:

- 5.8.1 **The maximum goals for per game is seven (7) more than the goals against.**
- 5.8.2 If a team(s) has forfeited a game, that team(s) will be ranked the lowest position(s) amongst the tied teams.
- 5.8.3 The procedures will declare team(s) in individual rankings. In some cases, there will still be a tie within the rankings. (i.e.: in a four (4) -way tie for first in a round robin, the procedures could place one (1) team clearly first with two (2) teams tied for second/third and one team fourth). In these cases, start at step one (1) and follow the procedures until the tie is broken then stop.

The ranking of the tied teams will be determined in the following order:

1. If one of the tied teams has beaten all other tied teams, rank that team highest.
2. If still tied and all tied teams have not played each other equally go directly to Step seven (7).
3. If still tied, rank the teams in order of wins between only the tied teams.
4. If still tied, rank teams in order of the plus/minus (goals for minus goals against) only in games between the tied teams.
5. If still tied, rank teams using the following formula only in games between the tied teams:

Goals For + Goals Against

Goals Against

(With the highest value being the higher ranked team)

6. If still tied, rank teams in order of the most goals for only in games between the tied teams.
7. If still tied, rank the teams in order of wins between all teams.
8. If still tied, rank teams in order of the plus/minus (goals for minus goals against) in games between all teams.
9. If still tied, rank teams using the following formula in games between all teams:

Goals For + Goals Against
Goals Against

(With the highest value being the higher ranked team)

10. If still tied, rank teams in order of the most goals for in games between all teams.
11. If still tied, rank teams where the team with the most fully served penalties will rank lower.
12. If still tied, rank teams using least penalty minutes in games between the tied teams.
13. If still tied, rank teams using least penalty minutes in games between all teams.
14. At this point, if still tied, the following may be considered to break the tie:
 - a) Mini-game
 - b) Coin Toss
 - c) Draw from a hat

5.9 Mini-games for Provincial Championships

The purpose of the mini game chart is fairness to all teams. All teams involved in a tie that would eliminate one or more teams shall follow the appropriate mini game format as determined by the mini game table.

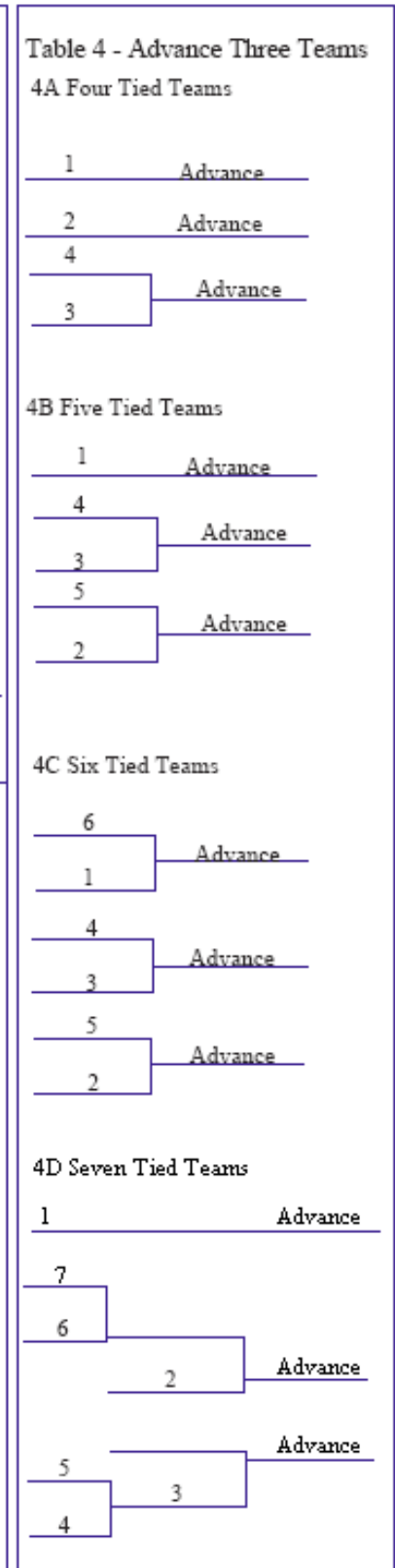
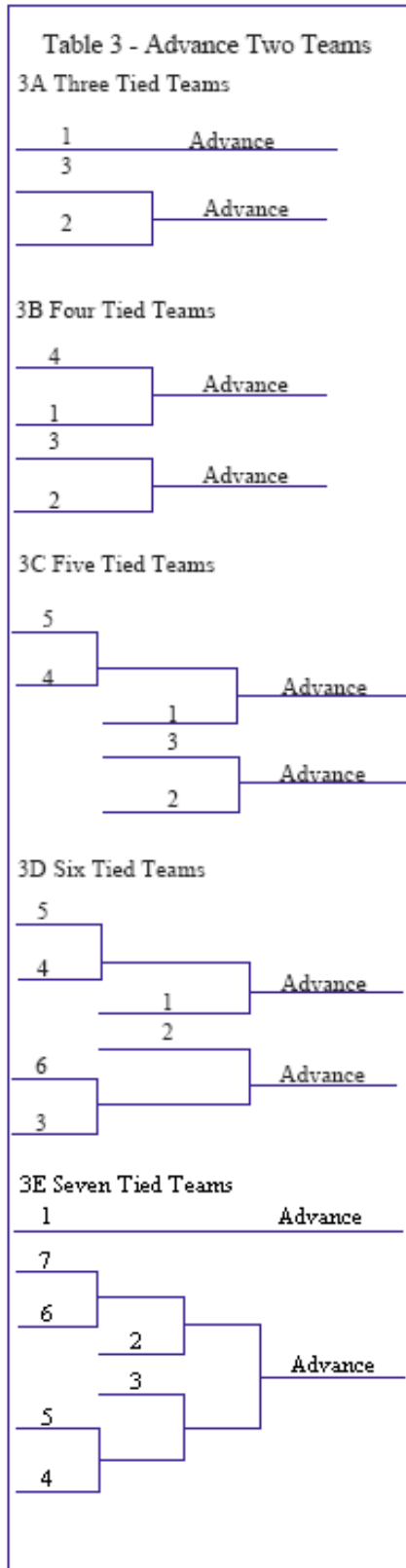
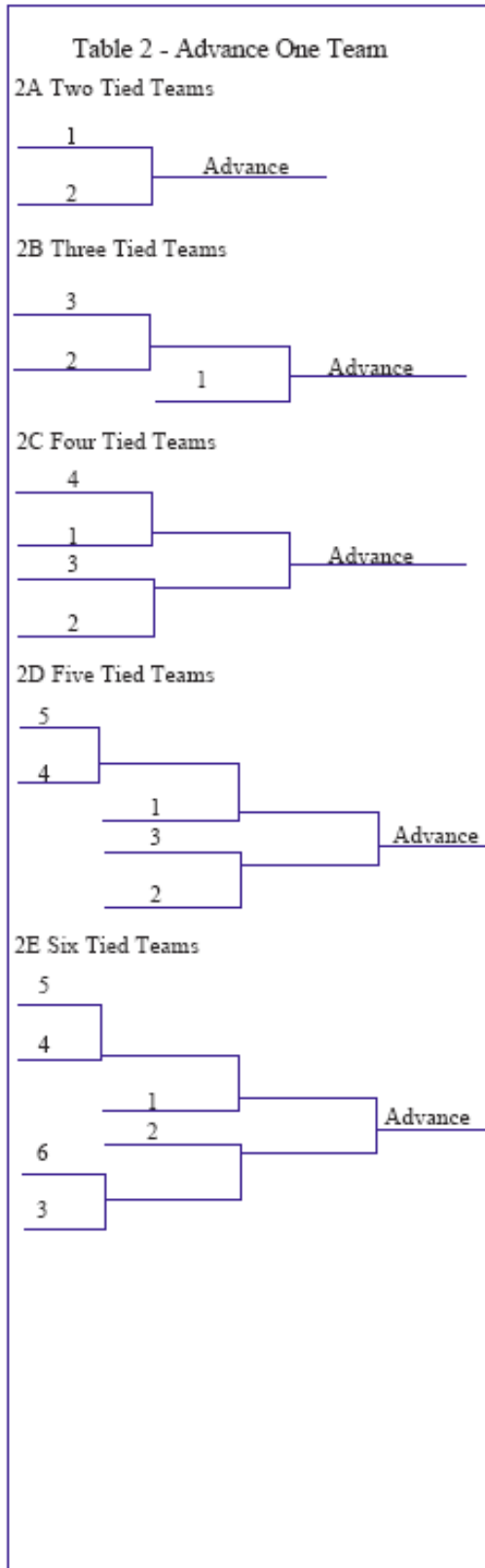
- 5.9.1 Mini-games will not begin earlier than one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes after the completion of the tied teams' last round robin game. It is the responsibility of all teams involved to be in attendance at the mini-game meeting immediately following this game.
- 5.9.2 It is the responsibility of the teams involved to be ready to play at the scheduled time. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the mini-game(s) by the offending team(s). Any team forfeiting a mini-game will be eliminated from medal round play.

- 5.9.3 A team required to play in a mini-game will be given a minimum of ten (10) minutes rest before starting the medal round game or another mini-game.
 - 5.9.4 Teams involved in mini-games will be seeded by the Ranking of Tied Teams Procedures, during the tie-breaking meeting immediately following the last round robin games of teams involved in the tie.
 - 5.9.5 Each mini-game will consist of a one (1) ten (10) minute, fully played, stop time period. If the score of a mini-game is tied at the end of regulation time, successive sudden victory overtime periods of the same duration will be played until a winner is declared. Free pass award and choice of ends for each overtime period will be as outlined under the normal tie-breaking procedure.
 - 5.9.6 Playing rules for mini-games will be applied as though the game was tied at 0-0 with ten (10) minutes remaining in regulation time. The home team will be awarded the free pass to start the mini-game and the choice of ends.
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Mini Games for Provincial Championships

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	# Mini-- Games	Format Table 2-4	
X	X	X	X	0	N/A	N/A
X	X	X	XX	1	2A	Advance 1
X	X	X	XXX	2	2B	Advance 1
X	X	X	XXXX	3	2C	Advance 1
X	X	X	XXXXX	4	2D	Advance 1
X	X	X	XXXXXX	5	2E	Advance 1
X	X	XX		0	N/A	N/A
X	X	XXX		1	3A	Advance 2
X	X	XXXX		2	3B	Advance 2
X	X	XXXXX		3	3C	Advance 2
X	X	XXXXXX		4	3D	Advance 2
X	X	XXXXXXX		5	3E	Advance 2
X	XXX			0	N/A	N/A
X	XXXX			1	4A	Advance 3
X	XXXXX			2	4B	Advance 3
X	XXXXXX			3	4C	Advance 3
X	XXXXXXX			4	4D	Advance 3
XX		XX		0	N/A	N/A
XX		XXX		1	3A	Advance 2
XX		XXXX		2	3B	Advance 2
XX		XXXXX		3	3C	Advance 2
XX		XXXXXX		4	3D	Advance 2
XX		XXXXXXX		5	3E	Advance 2
XX		X	X	0	N/A	N/A
XX		X	XX	1	2A	Advance 1
XX		X	XXX	2	2B	Advance 1
XX		X	XXXX	3	2C	Advance 1
XX		X	XXXXX	4	2D	Advance 1
XX		X	XXXXXX	5	2E	Advance 1
XXX			X	0	N/A	N/A
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XXX			XXX	2	2B	Advance 1
XXX			XXXX	3	2C	Advance 1
XXX			XXXXX	4	2D	Advance 1
XXX			XXXXXX	5	2E	Advance 1
XXXX				0	N/A	N/A
XXXXX				1	5A	Advance 4
XXXXXX				2	5B	Advance 4
XXXXXXX				3	5C	Advance 4
XXXXXXX				4	5D	Advance 4
X						

Mini Games for Provincial Championships



1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	# Mini Games	Format Table 2-3-4	
X	X	X	0	N/A	N/A
X	X	XX	1	2A	Advance 1
X	X	XXX	2	2B	Advance 1
X	X	XXXX	3	2C	Advance 1
X	X	XXXXX	4	2D	Advance 1
X	X	XXXXXX	5	2E	Advance 1
X	XX		0	N/A	N/A
X	XXX		1	3A	Advance 2
X	XXXX		2	3B	Advance 2
X	XXXXX		3	3C	Advance 2
X	XXXXXX		4	3D	Advance 2
X	XXXXXXX		5	3E	Advance 2
XXX			0	N/A	Advance 3
XXXX			1	4A	Advance 3
XXXXX			2	4B	Advance 3
XXXXXX			3	4C	Advance 3
XXXXXXX			4	4D	Advance 3
XX		X	0	N/A	N/A
XX		XX	1	2A	Advance 1
XX		XXX	2	2B	Advance 1
XX		XXXX	3	2C	Advance 1
XX		XXXXX	4	2D	Advance 1
XX		XXXXXX	5	2E	Advance 1

Mini Games for Provincial Championships

5A Five Tied Teams	
1	Advance
2	Advance
3	Advance
4	Advance
5	
5B Six Tied Teams	
1	Advance
2	Advance
4	Advance
5	
6	Advance
3	
5C Seven Tied Teams	
1	Advance
7	Advance
2	
6	Advance
3	
5	Advance
4	
5D Eight Tied Teams	
8	Advance
1	
7	Advance
2	
6	Advance
3	
5	Advance
4	

6.0 EVENT SANCTION PROCEDURES

NOTE: Failure to follow these procedures could result in being denied hosting approval in subsequent years.

6.1 Website Form

Blank Sanctioned Event Applications (Appendix G&T-F-01) can be found on the ORA Website <http://www.ontario-ringette.com/administration/forms.php?sub=administration>

6.2 Hosts

Potential hosts are to complete an application and submit it to the O.R.A. office. An O.R.A. member association, which hosts a tournament regularly, on an annual basis, acquires a “traditional” right to that weekend each year, as long as they apply by the deadline and have met the prescribed host requirements outlined in the Sanctioning Package and are members in good standing.

6.3 Applications

All applications are processed on a first come, first served basis pending right of first refusal of the previously sanctioned annual event. (Right of first refusal only applies before **JUNE 30th** of the current season). You can get a head start by contacting your Regional G&T Co-ordinator and sending him/her a copy of your request. Your Regional G&T Co-ordinator will have a list of all of the “traditional” and available weekends

6.4 Special Events

- 6.4.1 The event must be hosted by O.R.A. or a Region
- 6.4.2 One Hundred (100) percent of the net proceeds must go to the specified charity.
- 6.4.3 All O.R.A. tournament fees will be waived.
- 6.4.4 Charity must be identified in promotional material.

6.5 Regional Sanctioning Procedures

- 6.5.1 Applications for Sanctioning Events must be sent to the O.R.A. office with a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit. The office will send copies to specific Regional G&T Co-ordinators only with a master list to everyone else. Applications will not be approved until \$40.00 fee is received at the O.R.A. office. Applications submitted after the deadline are subject to a \$100.00 fine and **the possibility of their tournament not being approved as applied for.**
- 6.5.2 Once the applications are sent to the Regional G&T Co-ordinators, they are then responsible to check any conflicts, with our guidelines, and deal with the proper Regional G&T Co-ordinator to get any difficulties resolved immediately. If the Regional G&T Co-ordinators involved in any conflict cannot clear up the problem, then the G&T Chair will deal with it. If the associations involved do not agree to a solution, then the final decision will be made by the Provincial G&T Committee and the decision will be final.

- 6.5.3 A payment form will be included in the sanction event package. This form will specify how to calculate the fee owing that is due with the post event requirements.
- 6.5.4 The remittance of this fee after the event **shall be** a cheque made payable to the Region and sent to the Regional G&T Co-ordinator with the Post Sanctioned Event Package.
- 6.5.5 The Tournament Sanction Fee is \$15.00 per team entered.
- 6.5.6 The Region would then be required to submit \$5.00/ per team due to Ontario Ringette in a timely fashion.
- 6.5.7 The Provincial G&T Committee will forward to each host, before September 1st, a Sanctioned Event Hosting Package.
- 6.5.8 Sanction Event Rules provided with the Sanction Package must be prominently posted at each venue.
- 6.5.9 The host will submit all pre-event requirements to the Regional G&T Co-ordinator three (3) weeks prior to the event. (Schedule will be approved by the Provincial G&T Committee prior to being published)
- 6.5.10 The host will submit all post-event requirements to the Regional G&T Co-ordinator five (5) days following the event.
- 6.5.11 Should any host have questions regarding their tournament they are to contact their Regional G&T Co-ordinator.
- 6.5.12 Tournament Referee-In-Chief Responsibilities

Every Invitational Tournament Referee-In-Chief is required to communicate with their respective Regional Officiating Co-ordinator regarding the selection and scheduling of officials for their tournament. Such communication must take place no later than three (3) weeks prior to the tournament's first game, and shall occur solely for the purpose of information interchange. (See Officiating Development – Important Notice to all Local Referees-in-Chief Section 10).

7.0 PROTESTS AND GRIEVANCES

7.1 Tournament Protest and Grievance Committee

7.1.1 It is recommended that Sanctioned Invitational Tournaments have a Protest and Grievance Committee, as appointed by the Host, consisting of five (5) registered O.R.A. members i.e. referee, coach, etc.

7.1.2 At Provincial Championships, a Provincial Protest and Grievance Committee of six (6) people (one (1) Regional Games and Tournaments Coordinator as the Chair, Provincial Championship Host Chair/ Designate, Provincial Officiating Chair Designate, Host Regional G&T Coordinator, Provincial Coaching Chair/ Designate and one (1) impartial member) shall convene should any of the following Sanction Rules be violated by a participating player, Bench Staff or team during the O.R.A. Sanctioned Event. In the event the Coaching Chair is in a position of conflict of interest, the Protest and Grievance Committee Chair shall select a replacement, also not in conflict or if not available, in the following order of priority; Host Region Coaching Co-ordinator, Member of the Provincial Coaching Committee, or CI Certified or equivalent Ringette™ Coach in attendance at the tournament.

NOTE: A member of the Tournament and Grievance Committee may not participate on a protest and/or grievance involving their Home Association.

7.1.3 No Protests and/or Grievances shall be entertained against the official's judgment and/or application of the playing rules on the ice. Questions concerning the rule interpretations shall be directed to the Referee-in-Chief of the Tournament.

7.1.4 The O.R.A. office will be copied on all minutes of any Protest and Grievance Committee Meeting. Minutes MUST be taken

7.2 Protests

7.2.1 At a Sanctioned Event the only actions that may be protested are:

- Ineligible Players; and
- Ineligible Bench Staff

7.2.2 Ineligible Players:

- A player who is not registered and verified with the O.R.A
- A player on any team other than the one(s) she/he is registered on, except as allowed as a properly documented substitute.
- A player playing while under O.R.A. suspension

Substantiated violation of the above will result in disqualification of the team from the tournament. The team will also subject to sanction fines levied by the Sport Governing Body.

7.2.3 Ineligible Bench Staff:

- Bench staff who have not registered with the O.R.A.
- Bench staff whom do not have the required qualifications.
- Bench staff participating while under O.R.A.

Substantiated violation of the above will result in disqualification of the team from the tournament. The team will also subject to sanction files levied by the Sport Governing Body.

7.3 Grievance

- 7.3.1 At a Sanctioned Event, an O.R.A. member has the opportunity to grieve any action that is not covered under the Protest Section.
- 7.3.2 The interpretation of a grievance is that it is of such a serious nature that the cash deposit will be \$75.00 non-refundable, payable to the Hosting body.
- 7.3.3 No grievance will be allowed against the judgement and application of the play rules on the ice. Questions concerning rule interpretations shall be directed to Referee-In-Chief of the tournament.
- 7.3.4 All upheld grievances shall automatically go to the President for potential further disciplinary action.

7.4 Procedures for Protests and/or Grievances

- 7.4.1 Coach will inform the on-ice official at the end of the game of their intention protesting a violation of the tournament rules, or initiating a grievance. The official will record the intended protest on the front of the game sheet.
- 7.4.2 The coach will submit the protest and/or grievance in writing to the Arena Convener on duty within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the game. A \$75.00 cash deposit must accompany the submission.
- 7.4.3 The Arena Convener shall contact a member of the Protest and Grievance Committee immediately.
- 7.4.4 The Tournament Protest and Grievance Committee shall meet within two (2) hours of notification of a protest and/or grievance and will inform both coaches of the teams involved within one (1) hour of the end of their meeting as to whether the violation is substantiated or otherwise
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8.0 VIOLATION OF SANCTION RULES

Violations of sanction rules are to be administered by the appropriate Committee Co-ordinator. i.e.: Coaching Committee or Co-ordinator administers a coaching violation.

8.1 Administrative Rules

The following fines shall be levied for each violation of the administrative sanction rules.

Examples (not limited to):

- 8.1.1 Host not submitting tournament rules by specified date. - \$100.00
- 8.1.2 Host not submitting tournament schedule by specified date. - \$500.00
- 8.1.3 Host not submitting list of teams, level of play, and team numbers by specified date. - \$100.00
- 8.1.4 Host not submitting tournament game sheets (white copy) by specified date. -
- 8.1.5 Host not submitting list of officials by specified date. - \$100.00
- 8.1.6 Host not submitting safety audit forms by specified date. - \$100.00
- 8.1.7 Host accepting over approved number of teams. - \$100.00 for violation and \$25/team over approved number

8.2 Participant Rules

There shall be a \$50.00 per game fine levied for each violation of the participant sanction rules.

Examples (not limited to):

- 8.2.1 Player/Bench Staff/On-ice Official found not to have paid either or all affiliate program fees, O.R.A. dues, or O.R.A. insurance fee (or equivalent).
- 8.2.2 Player/Team found to have played in wrong age division.
- 8.2.3 Player/Team found to have played in wrong competitive level.
- 8.2.4 Player found to have played in more than one (1) Provincial Championship.
- 8.2.5 Team found using the same substitutes in more than one (1) tournament.
- 8.2.6 Team found to have used more than three (3) substitutes in the same event.
- 8.2.7 Player found to have played for more than one (1) team in the same event.
- 8.2.8 Bench Staff/Officials found to have incorrect qualification.
- 8.2.9 A team found not to have produced a copy of their T.R.F. at tournament registration.
- 8.2.10 A team found not to have filled out a T.R.F. Adjustment Form at tournament registration when such form was required.
- 8.2.11 Player/Team/Bench staff participating in regularly scheduled games while under O.R.A. suspension.
- 8.2.12 Use of ineligible substitute.
- 8.2.13 Teams found to have a T.R.F. not registered at the O.R.A. office before participating in a Sanctioned Event.

8.3 Other Event Sanction Rules **There shall be a \$50.00 fine levied for each violation of these Other Event Sanction Rules.**

Examples (not limited to):

8.3.1 Failure to submit Sanction Event Fees by the deadline.

8.3.2 Failure to notify O.R.A. office of interprovincial play.

8.4 Failure, by the host, to electronically submit required, completed schedules with scores for all divisions in a sanctioned tournament within five (5) days following the event to the Regions Games and Tournaments Co-ordinator, may result in a fine up to \$500.00.

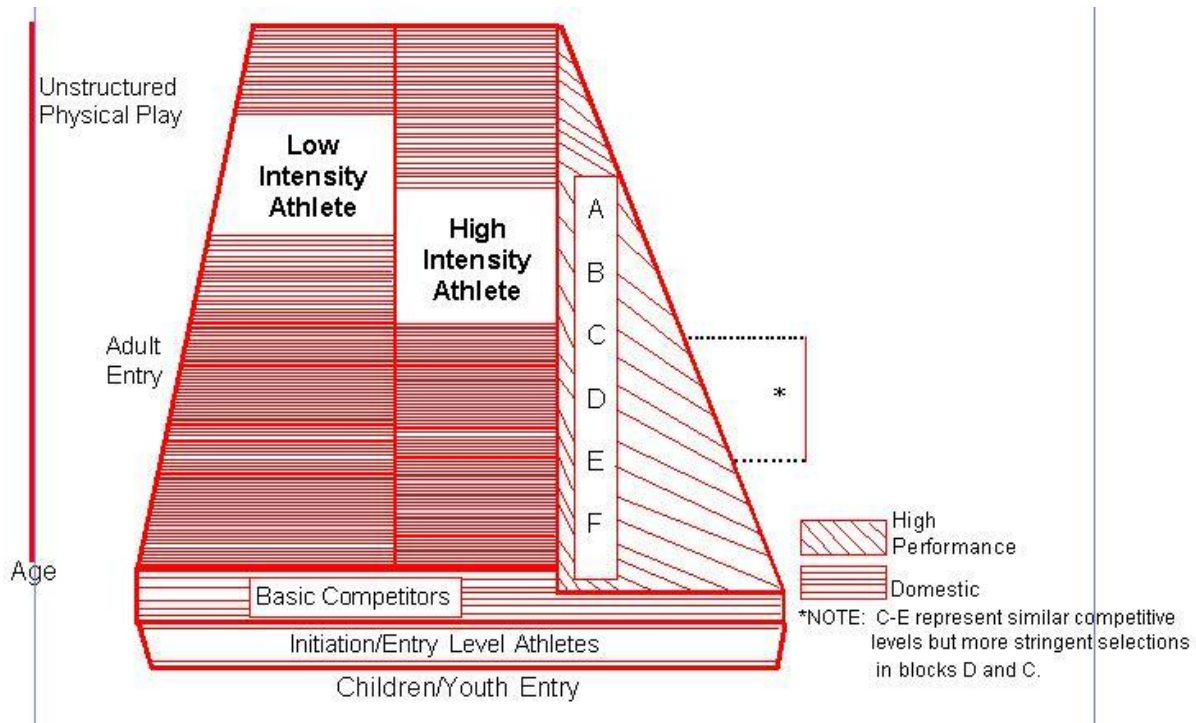
8.5 Any association fined for violation of sanction rules shall be under review by the Provincial G&T Committee to determine whether they shall retain the right to host another O.R.A. Sanctioned Event.

8.6 Any Player/Bench Staff/Official fined for violation of sanction rules shall be under review by the appropriate Committee, to determine whether they shall retain the right to participate in another O.R.A. Sanctioned Event. (i.e: Coaching Co-ordinator reviews Bench Staff, Officiating Co-ordinator reviews Officials)

9.0 INTERPROVINCIAL PLAY

- 9.1 O.R.A. host associations shall accept Out of Province Teams/Bench Staff/Officials on the assumption they are members in good standing in their own province.
- 9.2 The O.R.A. Tournament Hosts are to inform the O.R.A. (office or Regional G&T Coordinator or Regional Director) in writing, immediately, of any incidents that occur during their tournament involving an out of province team.
- 9.3 Association Hosts are to inform the O.R.A. office of all out of province teams entering their tournament thirty (30) days prior to the event or as soon as accepted, providing the following information:
- 9.3.1 Province
 - 9.3.2 Date of Arrival
 - 9.3.3 Date of Departure
 - 9.3.4 Complete team list with officials listed
- (Submit Out of Province Play Form - G&T-F-08).
- 9.4 The O.R.A. office will advise the host of the team's eligibility.
- 9.5 Any O.R.A. teams participating in out-of-province tournaments shall inform the O.R.A. office in writing, within thirty (30) days prior to the event or as soon as accepted, providing the following information:
- 9.5.1 Destination
 - 9.5.2 Departure from Ontario
 - 9.5.3 Return to Ontario
 - 9.5.4 Complete team list with officials
- (Submit Out of Province Play Form - G&T-F-08).
- 9.6 League and exhibition games scheduled out of province must be submitted to the O.R. office before participation in the game.
- 9.7 The O.R.A. shall notify Ringette Canada of any incidents that involve out-of-province teams.
- 9.8 Ontario has the right to disqualify an out-of-province team from participating in Ontario.
- 9.9 **Ringette Canada Rules must be used in any division of a Sanctioned Event where Out-of-Province teams participate.**
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10.0 ATHLETE FACE OF SPORT SPECIFIC SYSTEM MODEL



NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- A Future National Team (Olympics)
- B National Athletes (World Championship Level)
- C Canada Winter Games Teams (Canada Winter Games Athletes)
- D National Qualifying Teams U16, U19, 18+
- E Provincial Elite (Provincial Championship Level & Provincial Qualifying Level)
- F Talent Pool (Provincial Qualifying Level)

BASIC COMPETITORS

INITIATION/ENTRY LEVEL ATHLETES

PROVINCIAL INVOLVEMENT

- AAA To be confirmed
- AAA Team Ontario Regional Squads
- AA Provincial AA
- AA Provincial AA Championship & Qualifiers
- A Provincial A Championship
- B Regional B Championships
- C Regional C Championships

11.0 3 ON 3 RINGETTE™ EXPERIMENTAL RULES FORMAT

The tournament shall be governed by the O.R.A. Sanctioned Event Rules with the following additions and changes.

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| 11.1
Team Rules | <p>11.1.1 All players must be registered with O.R.A.</p> <p>11.1.2 Coaching staff must be certified for level of play.</p> <p>11.1.3 Maximum of eleven (11) players per team nine (9) skaters and two (2) goalies).</p> |
| 11.2 Playing Format | <p>11.2.1 All teams must be ready to go on the ice ten (10) minutes before scheduled game time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) minute warm up • Two (2) eight (8) minute periods, with one (1) minute time-out between periods • One (1) thirty (30) second time-out per team per game <p>11.2.2 Recommend ice cleaning after every 3rd game.</p> |
| 11.3 Playing Rules | <p>11.3.1 Maximum of three (3) skaters and goalie on ice per team.</p> <p>11.3.2 Substitutions occur during play.</p> <p>11.3.3 Penalty calls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • referee will notify scorekeeper of team and type of infraction • ring is placed in circle for free pass and play begins on whistle • player change as if during play • one penalty shot awarded for each minor penalty • two penalty shots awarded for each major penalty • penalty shots will start immediately after the end of the 2nd period. • penalty shots to be taken alternating between teams • penalty shots to be taken by each team by players in order of listing on score sheet • Players involved in penalty shots will assemble in the centre circle and will take the penalty shot immediately on the referee’s signal. |
| 11.4 When a Goal is Scored | <p>11.4.1 The referee will indicate with two short whistles</p> <p>11.4.2 Play restarts immediately with “goaltenders ring”</p> |
| 11.5 No Tied Games | <p>11.5.1 Shootout: The shootout is designed to determine a winner if a game finished tied.</p> <p>11.5.2 If after game and penalty shots, the score is tied, an additional penalty shot(s) will be taken by each team until the tie is broken and a winner declared.</p> <p>11.5.3 The visiting team will take the first shot and the order of shot taking will be as in [11.3].</p> |

11.5.4 Each team selects three (3) shooters. If the game remains tied after the three (3) shooters are done, teams continue shooting in “sudden victory” mode. The game cannot end until each team had taken the same number of shots.

11.6 Time clock stops on injuries only.

NOTE: ALL OTHER O.R.A. RULES OF PLAY ARE IN EFFECT.
