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1. RULES DEVELOPMENT

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a. Rules Development Chair

The Rules Development Chair is a volunteer position appointed by the Board of Directors (in consultation with the Officiating Development Chair) for a three (3) year term. The Rules Development Chair may or may not be a member of the Board of Directors, but should have a sound knowledge and understanding of the rules. The term of the Rules Development Chair shall coincide with that of Ringette Canada's (3-year) Rule Change Procedure.

b. Responsibilities of the Rules Development Chair

The Rules Development Chair shall:

- i. communicate the rule change process to the members.
- ii. advise the Games and Tournaments, Adult, Officiating, Coaching and Athlete Development Standing Committees of the rule change process.
- iii. in consultation with the respective Program Chairs, select Members of the Provincial Rules Development Committee.
- iv. collate (as the Provincial Rule Development Change Package), review and conduct voting on the rule changes/suggestions/amendments submitted to the O.R.A. by its members.
- v. forward the proposed Provincial Rule Development Change Package to the O.R.A. Board of Directors for approval at a meeting of the Board that takes place prior to the Ringette Canada submission deadline of **SEPTEMBER 1st** in each year that rule changes are entertained.
- vi. chair the meeting of the Provincial Rules Development Committee and conduct voting on playing rule change submissions contained in the package of changes forwarded to the O.R.A. by Ringette Canada for Provincial/Territorial voting.
- vii. forward the voting results and comments from the Provincial Rules Development meeting to the O.R.A. Board of Directors for approval at a meeting of the Board that takes place prior to the Ringette Canada submission deadline of **DECEMBER 1st** in each year that rule changes are entertained.

- viii. make recommendations to the O.R.A. Board of Directors for amendments to the Rules Development Programs of the O.R.A. and Ringette Canada.

c. Provincial Rules Development Committee

The positions outlined below shall comprise the 13-member Provincial Rules Development Committee:

- i. the appointed Rules Development Chair
- ii. the Chairs of the Standing Committees for Coaching, Games and Tournaments, Officiating and Athlete Development
- iii. two (2) officials (minimum Level 3)
- iv. two (2) coaches (minimum full Certified Level 1)
- v. two (2) players (minimum age 18 years)
- vi. the O.R.A. Technical Vice-President (or designate)
- vii. the O.R.A. Technical Director (as applicable; ex officio)

d. Rule Development Change Process

- i. Rule change suggestions are entertained by Ringette Canada every three (3) years, and are limited to those endorsed by a Provincial/Territorial Association, a Ringette Canada Technical Committee, or the International Ringette Federation. The next rule change cycle commences with the 2005-2006 season.
- ii. Rule change suggestions seeking endorsement of the O.R.A. are to be submitted to the O.R.A. office on Rule Change Suggestion Forms (Appendix O-F-05) and shall be presented in the following manner:
 - Rule Change Suggestion Forms must be received by the O.R.A. office no later than **JUNE 15, 2003**.
 - the O.R.A. Provincial Rules Development Committee shall review all proposed rule changes received by the deadline date. Only submissions receiving two-thirds vote are considered supported.
- iii. Rule change suggestions supported by the Provincial Rules Development Committee are submitted to the O.R.A. Board of Directors for approval. Approved rule change suggestions are then forwarded by the O.R.A. office to Ringette Canada for receipt no later than **SEPTEMBER 1, 2003**.
- iv. Ringette Canada shall circulate the package of 'National' rule change suggestions to the Provinces/Territories by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2003**.

- v. the Provincial Rules Development Committee shall meet and review the National Package. Each proposed rule change is voted on by the Committee. Two-thirds vote shall be required to support any change.
- vi. the results of the Provincial Rules Development Committee Meeting (i.e. voting results, comments, recommendations, etc.) are submitted to the O.R.A. Board of Directors for approval. Upon approval, the Provincial Rules Development Committee voting results (i.e. changes supported/defeated) and accompanying comments shall be forwarded to Ringette Canada by the O.R.A. office for receipt no later than **DECEMBER 1, 2003**.
- vii. the National Rule Development Change Package shall be circulated by the Ringette Canada office to all Provincial/Territorial Associations by **MARCH 1, 2004** for consideration prior to the 2004 Ringette Canada A.G.M.
- viii. playing rules changes receiving two-thirds vote during the 2004 Ringette Canada A.G.M, excluding those identified as 'probationary', shall become effective in **SEPTEMBER 2005**.
- ix. the Official Rules of Ringette will be printed in its entirety every third season (i.e. 2002, 2005, 2008).