



**ONTARIO RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
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NOTICE to the MEMBERS

18+ / 35+ BENCH STAFF REQUIREMENTS UPDATES

18+ / 35+ teams are required to have a qualified bench staff member registered on their TRF and present during sanctioned events

- for “A” teams, the qualified bench staff member must be a non-playing head coach
- for teams “BB” and lower, the bench staff member may be a coach, trainer, or manager. In all cases, it is recommended that at least one member of the team have first aid qualifications.

For BB playing levels and lower, the qualified bench staff member may be a player (i.e. not required to have a non-playing bench staff member).

However, the player bench staff is responsible for the team and will be subject to all disciplinary actions, including ejection during the games.

Please note that it is strongly recommended that teams have a non-playing member of the bench staff for sanctioned events.

Note: Non-qualified Bench Staff shall not be allowed to participate in O.R.A. Sanctioned Events after **JANUARY 8th**. Should a member of your association Bench Staff violate this rule, it shall result in team disqualification and/or fines levied. There shall be no exceptions and/or appeals to this rule. Refer to Coaching Development Section 3 for further details.