

## **2010 Provincial Tournament Rules & Regulations as per the RNS Policy Manual:**

- The Ringette Canada rulebook will govern the rules of play at all Provincial Championships.
- The age group for each division shall be December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current playing year.
- Game sheets are to be completed by the host association and signed at the tournament control desk by the coach or manager a minimum of twenty (20) minutes prior to game time. Teams will indicate the goaltender(s), captions and assistant captions on the game sheet.
- Failure of a team to ice a team in a scheduled tournament game will result in a default of that team, and two (2) points plus score of 7-0 awarded to the other team provided they ice a team. If both teams fail to ice a team, zero points will be awarded and a score of 7-7 posted for each team.
- No Team shall gain an advantage in the standings by defaulting a game i.e. no team shall gain a higher standing by virtue of obtaining a 7-7 tie by defaulting a game.
- Player eligibility is the only acceptable protest. The protest must be made to an on ice official at the end of the game. The officials will record the intended protest on the front of the score sheet. The coach will submit their written protest to the RNS delegate or Host Chairperson on duty within 30 (thirty) minutes of the end of the game. (RNS Form 141). If it is determined by the RNS delegate or Host Chairperson on duty that the team used an ineligible player they shall automatically lose that game by default.
- If a team starts the tournament with seven (7) players and one or more become injured or cannot play for any reason, the team may continue that game without forfeit.
- Teams must be ready to go on the ice ten (10) minutes before game time as games may start early (maximum ten (10) minutes) if the opportunity presents itself.
- **TIE BREAKING: Please refer to the Ringette Canada Rulebook.**
- The Provincial Tournament withdraw date is January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season. Any withdraws past January 15<sup>th</sup> will result in no refund of the deposit fee.
- Ringette Nova Scotia will be responsible for supplying awards for the Winner and Runner-up each playing division of a Provincial Tournament and a Fair Play Award in each Age Division.
- Only team members, coaches, managers and trainers listed on the game sheet will receive awards, to a maximum of twenty (20), this includes a maximum of four (4) team staff. If extra medals are needed, they may be purchased from the RNS office.
- There will be no All-Star team selection, MVP's or individual awards.
- Each team will receive a minimum of three games and a rest period of at least two hours between games.
- A game will consist of a two (2) minute warm-up followed by two (2) seventeen (17) minute periods of stop time for U10, U12, U14 and +18 B/C and two (2) 20 minute periods of stop time for U16, U19 and +18A.
- There will be a one (1) minute break between periods.
- Shot Clocks will be used in the U12 Levels and up.
- OF NOTE: Any team requesting a change to the tournament schedule will be charged a \$20.00 administration fee per request.

## **Team and Player Registration Rules for the 2010 Provincial Tournaments as per the RNS Policy Manual Section 5, Part 5.6.5 Administration**

- Once a team is selected the Home Association fills in the Ringette Canada team registration form. **Only Players listed on this form are eligible to play at Provincials. Please check with the registrar in your association to insure your team registration form is correct.**
- Teams to consist of a maximum of 18 players, minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 4 team staff.
- Team registration forms are to be forwarded to the RNS office by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Additions can be made up to the team up until January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- No player can be added to the registration form after January 15<sup>th</sup>, except for new residents of Nova Scotia.
- All Players registered with RNS before January 15<sup>th</sup> are eligible to play in Provincials provided they play in 4 league games in their own association.
- Any player who moves to Nova Scotia during the season needs written release from the provincial association they played for and the date of residency in Nova Scotia. The player must play a minimum of 4 league games to be eligible to play in the Provincials.
- A player may only play for one association and register in one association team only.
- Any player who plays more than three (3) league games after December 31<sup>st</sup> on a team that is an age group above their registered team is not eligible to play on a team of their own age group in the Provincial Championships without prior approval from RNS.
- A team may draw a maximum of three (3) players if the team has less than eleven (11) players. Drawn players will not increase the number of players above eleven (11), except in the case of a team that has a goaltender injured prior to their Provincial Championship Tournament, if the following conditions are met:
  - That the injured goaltender has played 75% of the Central League scheduled games (exhibition games do not apply); and
  - That the injured goaltender can provide a Doctor's letter verifying the injury upon request by RNS.

- All teams must inform the Director of Provincial Tournaments at least one (1) week prior to their Provincial tournament of their intention to have players on a Call-up list for potential draws. Players on a call up list may only be used for the team requesting the list.
- In no case may the draw go back more than one (1) age division. The drawn player must also be of the age group from which they are being drawn. For example: U16 may draw from U14 but not U12, with the U14 player drawn being of U14 playing age.
- If an association has no team to draw from (e.g. they have a U19 team but no U16). They must affiliate with one other association at the beginning of season play & are allowed to draw players from that association only.
- A player with no ringette experience may play down one level, if the player and their home Association wish, provided that the player is assessed by two certified level 1 coaches of different associations, of the level the player wishes to move to. It is the home association's responsibility to set up the assessment. If the coaches recommend the level change it will be allowed. If the coaches do not recommend the level change the player must stay at their age level. The coaches must agree. The assessment must be done within 4 weeks of the player registering with their home Association.

### **Team Staff Rules for the 2010 Provincial Tournaments as per the RNS Policy Manual Section 5, Part 5.9 Coaching**

- The individuals authorized and registered to be the bench during any competitions sanctioned by RNS are positions of Head Coach, Assistant Coach (s), Trainer and/or Manager, to a maximum of 4 (four) people at any one time including the female on the bench.
- All Coaching Staff registered through RNS are expected and required to meet the minimum coaching qualifications as set forth by RNS in Article 5.9.2 for both regular season league play and Provincial Play Off competition and Provincial Team Play. Both Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are expected to meet the required qualifications. There is no waiver of these requirements for first year coaches.
- Individuals designated and registered as Trainer must meet Ringette Canada requirements (see RNS web page.)
- There can only be one (1) Trainer per team and a maximum of two (2) co-managers. Each team must have a designated Head Coach. The number of Assistant Coaches registered per team is not limited.
- RNS recognizes that there may be other volunteers who only assist teams on-ice during practices and fully supports their registration for the purposes of insurance coverage. They will be registered as "on-ice helpers" for registration purposes. These individuals are highly encouraged to attend a coaching clinic; however, they are not permitted on the bench during any competitions/games.
- Each team must have a Head Coach that 19 (nineteen) years of age or older.
- A member of the team staff must be female, 19 (nineteen) years of age or older, and be present on the bench for teams in the Belle division and lower.
- All team staff must fulfill the qualifications as required by RNS for the position they are registered and cannot be a player on the team he/she is registered as a member of the team staff.
- Local associations may make changes to team staff within their own local association, only if required, by February 1<sup>st</sup> in writing to RNS's Director of Tournaments and the Director of Coaching Development, provided the new team staff meets the qualifications. Alternate team staff will be permitted at the Provincials provided the team:
  1. Notifies the Director of Tournaments and Registration of the change at the earliest opportunity where the need is identified;
  2. The alternate has the necessary qualifications;
  3. Both the Director of Tournaments Registration and the Director of Coaching and Sport Development approve;
  4. The alternate is registered with RNS
- Should a team use illegal team staff during a game, the team will default the game.
- Any coach suspended by RNS is prohibited from participating in any on ice activity including practice sessions.
  - In the event a team has, as part of their coaching staff, volunteers under the age of 17 (seventeen), the requirements for certification are waived. Coaches under 16 (sixteen) years may and are highly encouraged to take a coaching clinic, but they can not be 'certified' until they are 16 (sixteen) years old. They may be on the bench as one of the four (4) designated bench staff.
  - Any coach requiring an exemption as result of being unable to option the necessary qualifications prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> must submit a request in writing, by completing and signing a "Request for Exemption" form, (see RNS web page), and submit electronically, by fax or by regular mail to the RNS office by February 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The request will be considered for the approval by the Director of Coaching Development and/or the Board of RNS and the coach will be advised of the outcome within 7 (seven) days of the request.
  - An Exemption is good only for the season in which it is granted. A request two years in a row will not be considered. If an exemption is not granted the coach must step down immediately from bench duties but may continue to be an on-ice helper at practice sessions on the team.
  - Under no circumstances is coaching staff to enter the Referee dressing room without the prior consent of the referee. Should a member of the coaching staff enter the referees room uninvited to discuss a referee's decision / call made during a game it will be deemed to be harassment and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Head Coach &amp; Assistants</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
U10, U12, U14	Community Sport Initiation Trained (CSI)	RC Certified recommended	Meets RC requirements
U16, U19, 18+	Competition Introduction Certified (CI)	RC Certified recommended	Meets RC requirements