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26.0 RINGETTE ALBERTA PROGRAMS – ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY

- 26.1 Purpose** Provide a process for athletes to be selected to Ringette Alberta programs which may include, but not be limited to; Alberta Winter Games and Canada Winter Games.
- 26.2 Applicability** All team formation processes under the jurisdiction of Ringette Alberta which may include but not be limited to: Alberta Winter Games and Canada Winter Games
- 26.3 Principles**
- 26.3.1 Athletes should be given equal opportunity to attend a selection process for Ringette Alberta Programs.
 - 26.3.2 Athlete assessment will be done by qualified individuals, as determined by Ringette Alberta, with consistent rubrics.
- 26.4 Requirements**
- 26.4.1 Eligibility
 - 26.4.1.1 For an athlete to be deemed eligible for selection to a Ringette Alberta program, they must be a registered participant in good standing with Ringette Alberta.
 - 26.4.1.2 Athletes must be the appropriate age as set by the competition’s governing body.
 - 26.4.1.3 Athletes participating in the selection process are expected to train and attend planned competitions.
 - 26.4.2 Authority for Selection
 - 26.4.2.1 Ringette Alberta will determine the “Selection Committee” for the program in question. The Selection Committee will typically include the program team staff.
 - 26.4.2.2 Members of the Selection Committee must disclose any potential conflicts of interest prior to selection events.
 - 26.4.2.3 Final team selection is at the sole discretion of Ringette Alberta. Ringette Alberta may choose to delegate this authority to program team staff.

26.4.3 Selection Process

- 26.4.3.1 Selection criteria will be transparent, communicated in advance of any assessment taking place that may eliminate an athlete from the selection process, and as objective as possible.
- 26.4.3.2 The Selection Committee will maintain cumulative records of athlete data.
- 26.4.3.3 Athlete groupings may vary at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- 26.4.3.4 Athletes may request feedback on their selection results by contacting the program coaches. Feedback will be made available, where possible.

26.4.4 Team Composition/Formation

- 26.4.4.1 Teams will be formed based on the parameters established by the competition.
- 26.4.4.2 Team formation must meet the required deadlines as outlined by the competition registration policy or technical package.

26.4.5 Considerations

- 26.4.5.1 An athlete may be released prior to the start, during the selection process, or even after being selected, if the athlete:
 - a) is unable to perform due to injury, illness, or other medical reason.
 - b) fails to remain in good standing with Ringette Alberta.
 - c) fails to meet performance expectations.
 - d) Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of Ringette Alberta, the sport of Ringette, violates the athlete code of conduct, violates anti-doping policy, or violates any other Ringette Alberta policy.
- 26.4.5.2 The program coaches and/or the Selection Committee may begin the process of removing an athlete at any stage of the process.
- 26.4.5.3 Appeals of selection decisions will be heard and decided in accordance with Ringette Alberta's Appeal Policy.

26.4.6 Exemption Requests

Athletes may request an exemption from the selection event due to injury, illness, or extenuating circumstances, by submitting an Athlete Exemption Form along with required supporting documents to Ringette Alberta.

- 26.4.6.1 An athlete submitting this form should do so as soon as they are aware of being unable to participate.
- 26.4.6.2 Injured athletes are expected to attend training sessions and participate in some capacity where possible. It is expected that athletes exercise their best judgment to determine whether attending is in their best interests.
- 26.4.6.3 Exemption requests will be assessed by a panel consisting of 3 members: a Ringette Alberta Staff Member, a program coach, and a qualified neutral third party selected by Ringette Alberta. The panel will provide, in writing, their ruling along with next steps.
- 26.4.6.4 Appeals of exemption decisions will be heard and decided in accordance with Ringette Alberta's Appeal Policy.

26.5 References

2.0 Registration Policy

16.0 Appeals Policy

Athlete Exemption Form (to be renamed)

26.6 Definitions