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All	Split Policy into sections 1.0 – 23.0, Appendix A – G	1	2012	2012
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4.4.4.1	Modified UAA timeline wording	5	01/26/2020	01/26/2020
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## 4.0 TIERING POLICY

- 4.1 Purpose** Place teams at similar skill levels for competition in Ringette Alberta sanctioned games.
- 4.2 Applicability** All teams registered with Ringette Alberta.
- 4.3 Principles**
- 4.3.1 Below U12, athletes will be grouped by LTAD stages and sub stages.
  - 4.3.2 Teams may 'tier up' (register at a higher level) to and including AA provided the local ringette association approves the change.
  - 4.3.3 There is no obligation on any Association to ice a 'AA' team.

## 4.4 Requirements

### 4.4.1 Active Start

4.4.1.1 Athletes may be grouped into either the Active Start 1 stage or the Active Start 2 stage.

### 4.4.2 U10, U12, U14

4.4.2.1 Group Members of Ringette Alberta providing programs in these divisions are required to conduct UAA testing.

4.4.2.3 The Target Team Score, and Target Range for each tier will be supplied by Ringette Alberta to all Group Members at least one week prior to the start of evaluations for the coming season.

4.4.2.3 Each athlete should complete their UAA testing on their 1st or 2nd sanctioned ice time of the season.

4.4.2.4. Group Members shall use the Target Team Scores and Target Ranges to form their teams. Each team's Team Score shall be as close as possible to the Target Team Score for that tier, and each athlete's score should be within the Target Range for the tier, where possible (some exceptions to individual athlete's scores being within the Target Range are acceptable – for example in an Association with only one team for an age division, it is understood that some athlete's scores will fall outside of the range).

4.4.2.5 Ringette Alberta will use the UAA scores to assess if each team is being registered at the appropriate tier, and work with Group Members to make any adjustments, as it deems necessary.

### 4.4.3 U16, U19

4.4.3.1 One Team in an Age Division: The team will self-tier at the A or B level.

4.4.3.2 Two or more teams at different levels in an Age Division: At minimum, Teams will be tiered as follows:

2 teams} 1A, 1B

3 teams} 1A, 2B

4 teams} 2A, 2B

5 teams} 2A, 3B

6 teams} 3A, 3B or 1AA, 2A, 3B

7 teams} 3A, 4B or 1AA, 2A, 4B

8 teams} 4A, 4B or 1AA, 3A, 4B

### 4.4.4 Timelines

4.4.4.1 UAA testing data must be submitted to Ringette Alberta,

in the required form, no later than 23 calendar days after Labour Day each season. This data shall include each athlete's individual UAA test results, as well as the Team Score for each team, and the range of athletes' scores on each team.

#### 4.4.5 Compliance and Consequences

4.4.5.1 Where an entire association fails to submit ALL of its UAA testing data by the due date and time specified in 4.4.4, all of its teams shall be ineligible for participation in Ringette Alberta Playdowns and Provincials.

4.4.5.2 When less than 80% of a team's players are tested, the association will be fined \$1500 for each non-compliant team, and the team will start the season as follows:

- U10 teams start at Step 3;
- U12 teams start at A;
- U14 teams start at A.

## 4.5 References

2.0 Registration Policy

8.0 Team Advance/Retreat Policy

12.0 Event Sanctioning Policy

Appendix A Rates and Fees