



TEAM FORMATION GUIDELINES

REGIONAL TEAMS

Objective

- To have a well-defined process for team formation that coaches, parents and players can understand, follow and support
- To ensure that the process is open and fair
- To ensure that anyone interested in playing ringette has a place to play
- To ensure that the future growth of the players, ringette and Etobicoke Ringette are taken into account

Tryouts/Sortouts

- Tryout/sortout dates and times are posted on the website well in advance of the tryouts
- Players must attend tryouts in their appropriate age group
- Out of Association players must bring a tryout release from their home Association to the first tryout

Team Selection Criteria

- Players are expected to participate at their age level
- Etobicoke based players and returning players are accommodated first
- A primary concern is team formation not team skill level
- Team sizes between 11 and 14 are acceptable
- To meet the team size criteria and ensure every player has a place to play, players can be moved up or down based on:
 - o Player's skating skill
 - o Player's size
 - o Goalie requirements
 - o Player's fit with team/age group
 - o Second year players by age should not be moved down unless they are new to ringette
 - o A maximum of three players can be moved down (ORA policy)
- Decisions regarding player movement are made by a committee of executive members and coaches in consultation with parents immediately following the completion of the tryout/sortout schedule
- In the case of two or more teams in the same age division, teams are formed to distribute the talent equally among the teams

Exceptions

- Parent or a coach can request an exception with a formal written request to the Exception Committee made up of 3 Executive and two volunteers not directly involved in the exception request
- An Exception Committee will review the request and provide a decision
- If a player has been moved up in one year, consideration for that exception in the next year will be given