

Northern League Play Policy

What we are up too:

That League play supports a lifelong positive sport experience through skills, character, and leadership development.

Guiding Principles:

There will be various scenarios that arise requiring discussion and problem-solving unique to the situation at that time. A principles-based approach will assist in navigating to ensure that decisions are made with the principles of NL play at the forefront.

- Competition Structure supports athlete, coach and official development and follows the Guiding Principles of Competition
- Opportunities to play and develop for all participants
- Considerations are made for competition pathways available to athletes in different age groups and in different sport participation contexts.
- Games should foster development, relationships and meaningful competition between the teams
- Priority is to support and develop ringette in the long and short term within the Northern Ringette League
- Long term sustainability is a priority

Going forward the distinction will be made that the Play in the Northern Communities at the Community play level are League Play. The game play in the Play weekends in Terrace, Prince George, Houston and Quesnel are League Play.

1. If there is a conflict between tournaments and League Play, Northern League Play comes first, out-of-town play comes second.
2. Each Athlete is required to play in a minimum of 4 league games (2 league play weekends) in their rostered division to attend provincials and remain in good standing. (This applies to all divisions Fun 1-U19)
 - a. Athletes not able to meet these requirements due to illness/injury may submit the exemption request form from the Northern Ringette League.
3. Each Team is required to attend all league play weekends.
 - a. Teams will expect to be available from 5PM Friday on play weekends to 4PM Sunday. (every effort will be made to schedule games with room for teams traveling from the farthest distance.)
 - b. Teams not meeting the league play requirements will be sanctioned as members not in good standing and will be reported to Ringette BC.
4. Expectations of travel if traveling outside of region to play a team that lives within home region:

- a. teams will not be expected to travel outside of their home region if the only other team(s) to play against are from a region closer to home.
 - i. Ex. Terrace and Houston will not be expected to travel to Prince George if they only have each other to play.
 - b. There may be situations when coaches need to lead the dialogue about play weekend attendance.
 - i. Ex. Association has players in a division but not enough to form a team. Coaches should engage in discussion to explore options with principle being how best to facilitate opportunities for players to play. These conversations will be facilitated by the Northern League.
5. Player pick up policy as outlined by Ringette BC will be followed;
<https://www.ringettebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/1.6-Player-Pick-Up-Policy.pdf>
6. The League will facilitate conversation at the outset of the season to help introduce coaches, discuss solutions for associations that do not have enough athletes to form a team and reinforce principles of NL play.
 - a. Ex. Houston has 6 U16 athletes and Quesnel has 6 U16 athletes, potential solution of rostering as one team.
 - i. Discussions would be unique each year and involve pieces like practice plan sharing, online team events ect.

Associations will support League Play by:

- Ensuring Coaches are aware of the League Play requirements in the coaching applications and selection process, and helping to ensure coaching for their teams is available at League Games (especially where coaches are on the bench with multiple teams which may have conflicting schedules).
- Ensuring Parents are aware of the importance of League Play and that the ice fees are included in their registration.

Officiating Rates							
Officials Level/Division	U-10	U-12	U-14	U-16	U-19 & Open	Masters	AA & Dev
Level 1	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	N/A
level 2	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$30	N/A
level 3	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$50
Level 4	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$50
Travel Costs:	To be determined by local associations (Travel & Accomodations typically paid if travelling specifically to Officiate)						
Fuel	PG/Quesnel		\$30				
New officials are considered Level 1, so they do get paid during their training							

These rates are a guideline.

The League will be responsible for administration of this policy.