

Ringette Association of Saskatchewan (RAS) Membership Policy

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Policy is to govern the admission and denial of Membership within Ringette Saskatchewan and the responsibilities of accepted Members in order to stay in good standing

Application of this Policy

2. This policy applies to all Ringette Saskatchewan Members and potential Members

Categories of Membership

3. Membership requirements are defined in Ringette Saskatchewan's By-laws

Application of Membership

4. Application of Membership is defined below

Admission of Members

5. No entity will be admitted as a Member of Ringette Saskatchewan unless:
 - (a) The candidate Member has made application for Membership in a manner by filling out the Membership Application on Ringette Saskatchewan's website
 - (b) The candidate Member has been approved by majority vote as a Member by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board
 - (c) If, at the time of applying for Membership the candidate Member is currently a Member, the candidate Member is a Member in good standing;
 - (d) The candidate Member was at any time previously a Member, the candidate Member was a member in good standing at the time of ceasing to be a Member; and
 - (e) The candidate Member has submitted, the following:
 - i. Proof of incorporation and By-laws (will not be mandatory for Associations with less than a 100 members)
 - ii. Official Contact and mailing address
 - iii. Proof that it has registered all of its athletes, officials, coaches and paid the prescribed fees;

Expiration of Membership

6. All Memberships within Ringette Saskatchewan will expire on May 30th of each year

Renewal of Membership

7. Membership with Ringette Saskatchewan does not renew automatically
8. No Ringette Saskatchewan Member will be renewed as a Member of Ringette Saskatchewan unless:
 - a. The renewing Member has made an application for Membership renewal by filling out the

- Membership Application on Ringette Saskatchewan's website;
- b. The renewing Member has registered all its athletes, officials and coaches and paid the prescribed fees as of May 30th;
- c. The renewing Member has been approved by majority vote as a Member by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board;
- d. The renewing Member is a Member in good standing; and
- e. The renewing Member has submitted, if applicable, the following:
 - i. Proof of incorporation and By-laws
 - ii. Official contact and mailing address;
 - iii. Membership list and dues as prescribed by the Board.

Membership Fees

- 9. Membership fees will be determined annually by Ringette Saskatchewan Board
- 10. Membership fees will be payable by May 30th of each year. Failure to pay Membership by June 30th will result in a penalty of 25% of the Membership fee. Failure to pay Membership fee by June 30th may also result in expulsion from Ringette Saskatchewan.

Good Standing

- 11. A Member of Ringette Saskatchewan will be in good standing provided that the Member:
 - a. Has not ceased to be a Member;
 - b. Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other restrictions or sanctions imposed;
 - c. Has completed and remitted all documents as required;
 - d. Has complied with the By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of Ringette Saskatchewan;
 - e. Has the following required policy in place: Code of Conduct and Ethics, Discipline and Complaints Policy, Appeal Policy, Confidentiality Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Screening Policy, and Privacy Policy.
 - f. If Members do not have a Policy in place you must refer and use Ringette Saskatchewan's Policy for that matter
 - g. Is not subject to disciplinary action by Ringette Saskatchewan, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Ringette Saskatchewan Board; and
 - h. Has paid all required membership dues or debts to Ringette Saskatchewan, if any by May 30th.
 - i. Has submitted all follow up forms for tournament and event sanctioning as well as Map Funding
 - j. Has provided Disciplinary Decisions regarding membership obtained through the Member's dispute resolution process (form provided by RAS)
- 12. Members who cease to be in good standing may have privileges suspended and will not be entitled to vote at meetings of Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of Membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing as set out above.

Privileges of Membership

13. Members of Ringette Saskatchewan are entitled to:
 - a. A copy of the By-laws and Policies and Procedures of Ringette Saskatchewan;
 - b. A copy of the minutes of Annual and Special General Meetings;
 - c. Apply for sanctioning and host Ringette tournaments
 - d. Take part in Provincial programs and events, if eligible;
 - e. Take part in National programs and events, if eligible;
 - f. Enter Teams to participate in Ringette Saskatchewan Provincial Championships, if eligible;
 - g. Enter teams to participate in the Western Canadian Ringette Championship, if eligible;
 - h. Enter teams to participate in the Canadian Ringette Championships, if eligible;
 - i. Enter Athletes to participate in Ringette Saskatchewan Canada Winter Games team, if eligible;
 - j. Attend Annual and Special General Meetings;
 - k. Voting privileges as defined in the Ringette Saskatchewan By-laws;
 - l. Regular correspondence;
 - m. Register athletes, coaches, officials, trainers, managers, and board members which are then subject to all fees and assessments as determined by the Ringette Saskatchewan Board; and
 - n. Receive insurance benefits for registered members; and
 - o. Other privileges as determined by the Ringette Saskatchewan Board.

Withdrawal and Termination of Membership

14. Withdrawal and termination of membership is defined below and in the Ringette Saskatchewan By-laws.
15. A Member may resign from Ringette Saskatchewan by giving a written notice to the Board. The Member's resignation will become effective the date on which the request is approved by the Board
16. A Member may not resign from Ringette Saskatchewan when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action.
17. A Member will be expelled from Ringette Saskatchewan for failing to pay Membership dues or monies owed to the Ringette Saskatchewan by the deadline dates prescribed by Ringette Saskatchewan.
18. In addition to expulsion for failure to pay Membership dues, a Member may be suspended or expelled from Ringette Saskatchewan in accordance with Ringette Saskatchewan's policies and procedures relating to discipline of Members.