



18+ Team Registration Communication

Hello 18+ Athletes and Coaches

Ringette BC has provided an alternative for 18+ athletes to register as a team. Earlier this month KRA requested feedback on this proposed change. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to complete the survey regarding the Team Registration format for the upcoming season. We received 53 responses and the majority of respondents were in favour of the Team Registration format.

For the 2026/2027 season, KRA will be implementing a **Team Registration Process**. This process will help expedite team formation and get you all on the ice with your teams sooner.

What is team registration?

Team registration is common practice across adult sport in hockey, soccer, volleyball and softball leagues to name a few. Most adults continue to play ringette both as a means to remain active, but also to continue to play with their friends and teammates beyond their main competitive years. Team Registration allows athletes to organize themselves in teams and register with our club by the deadline provided below. Teams will be responsible for forming their own rosters. Coaches will have to go through the KRA screening process.

Don't have a team?

Don't worry! Pending capacity, we will still offer **Individual Registration** and support you in finding a team.

Looking for more players to join your team?

Let us know and we can connect you with anyone who has reached out looking for a team.

Divisions of play.

In addition, Ringette BC is making adjustments to the divisions of play in the 18+ Division for the 2026/2027 season. The proposed structure is as follows:

- **A Division** - Athletes who have aged out of AA, A or Zone programs but still want to play at a competitive level. These teams can qualify for the Western Canadian Ringette Championships.
- **B Division** – Typically former A or Zone athletes or strong B or Club athletes looking for a balance of competition and fun.



- **C Division** – Geared toward former B or Club athletes and those looking for a more recreational experience.
- **D Division** – Geared toward weaker B or Club athletes, new adult ringette players, athletes over age 40, or those seeking a slower pace due to age, injury, or time away from the game.

During the registration process athletes will be requested to indicate what division they would like to register for. Adding a C and D division will be new for KRA and TORL, with no guarantees that these divisions will move forward as it will depend on the number of teams and athletes registered within TORL. Ringette BC has indicated flexibility for combined divisions based on the regional availability of teams for league and/or tournament play as necessary. For example, Interlocking schedule between A and B, or B and C, or C and D to increase variety of local competition.

Ringette BC is in the process of creating and amending policy to mitigate concerns about the structure. One key Policy, that RBC has communicated, will be - *Advancement or retreat of teams within a season*. We anticipate this will provide guidance to associations and leagues to allow for fluid movement between divisions early in the season. For example, if a team registers as B and the skill level and game results indicate A or C level, then the league or association can move the team to a different division. Once we have been provided additional information we will share with all participants.

Registration Timeline & Process

June 27	18+ Team Expression of Intent opens
June 29	18+ Registration opens for all
Aug 31	18+ Team Registration closes
Oct 31	Last day to submit roster changes

Process for Team Registration

- Teams must have a minimum of 10 athletes to register, and no more than 22
- The team fee for KRA is the # of athletes x 18+ Reg Fee
- To express your intent to register as a team, please contact admin@kelownaringette.com for further instructions.



- Registration Criteria
 - Age eligible for the 18+ division as per Ringette BC Policy
 - In good standing with Ringette BC and KRA
 - All 18+ athletes registered with KRA must adhere to the volunteer and jersey deposit requirements.

- Our administrator will contact you to confirm if your team has been accepted
- Within 2 weeks of receiving team acceptance, all declared rostered members must register through RAMP, if they haven't already.
- Teams will be accepted based on first come/first serve

Please Note: All registered teams may have additional athletes added to their roster to ensure everyone has a place to play. The addition of athletes to a team roster will be based on:

- Space on the roster
- Match of skill set and experience
- Good fit for the athlete and team

NEW! Spare List

Ringette BC will be adding policy for the upcoming season that will support with the addition of an 18+ Spare list. The creation of a spare list will support continued participation of potential athletes who cannot commit to a team but wish to remain involved in ringette. Athletes registered to the Spare list will be eligible for pick-up for league and tournament games, and potentially the Provincial Championships. Teams will continue to be able to pick up other registered athletes in addition to the spare list athletes.

- Spare list athletes must register online (registration to open July 15th)
 - Fees
 - Skater - \$100 plus \$160 Ringette BC Membership Fee
 - Goalie - \$50 plus \$160 Ringette BC Membership Fee

Share this with anyone you know who may be interested in being available for our Spare List!

If you have any questions about registration, please contact admin@kelownaringette.com