



TRAVEL TEAM POLICY

Passed by BPR: July 4, 2023

PURPOSE

1. The Buffalo Plains Ringette Association (BPR) allows the formation of teams for the purpose of traveling to destinations beyond the prairies and/or outside of the regular season. For example:
 - Christmas, Spring, or Summer - European Ringette Tour
 - May - Montreal Défi Ringette Montreal
 - June - Ottawa 7th Annual Capital Ringette Classic
 - July - Czech or Finland Lions Cup Tournaments

GENERAL

2. Travel teams are initiated by the head coach application process (see below).
3. Travel teams are affiliated with BPR but do not play as a team within the regular league. For insurance, all players must be registered with their local ringette association in all seasons in which the travel team exists (for this purpose, a season is May 1 to April 30).
For example: Travel teams may include players from other associations to complete the roster.
4. All players must play on a ringette association club team as well as the travel team. This allows the association to have club teams that are as competitive as possible and have all registered athletes playing in the appropriate division for their age.
6. During the regular season (October to March), players must prioritize the activities of their club team over the travel team.
7. Travel team management must make every effort to avoid conflicting activities.
8. Travel teams are permitted to enter tournaments or arrange exhibition series during the regular season, as long as they do not conflict with their players' club teams or have club team support.
9. BPR will schedule and charge for 2 full ice times per month, October to March (12 in total), that do not conflict with the regular BPR ice time for the travel team's age group(s).
10. The travel team must arrange any opponents and officials.

HEAD COACH APPLICATION PROCESS

11. Head coach must submit a proposal to BPR which includes:
 - Coaching résumé

- Confirmed staff - assistant coaches and/or manager
 - Team selection time frame
 - Travel destination and time frame
 - Age group (birth years)
 - Desired competition level
 - Selection process and criteria
 - Proposed budget and fundraising plan
 - Number of tied athletes (children of coaches, manager, etc)
 - Planning to coach a club team in the same season(s) or not
12. BPRAs review may include:
- Proposal
 - Coaching credentials
 - Coach survey results from the last 3-5 seasons
 - History of discipline
13. If approved, the head coach will be asked to provide an information package for player recruitment.

PLAYER RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

14. BPRAs will send the information package to eligible BPRAs registered athletes and poll for interest.
15. The package will clearly state the number and type of player positions available.
16. If there's not enough interest within BPRAs, share information package with Regina Ringette (and MJRA in the future) to poll eligible athletes; and then with SRA (Saskatoon) and WRA (Warman) to poll eligible athletes.
17. If there's more than enough interest within BPRAs, the head coach will implement the approved selection process.
18. Head coach will provide selected roster to the BPRAs Registrar who will register the team with Ringette Saskatchewan.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

19. For teams intending to compete at the B level:
- Players with any AA experience would not be eligible
 - Players with more than one year of A experience would not be eligible
 - Players who are selected for an A or AA team in the same season would no longer be eligible
20. For teams intending to compete at the A/AA level:
- All athletes in the player pool will be eligible