

Guelph Ringette Association

Open (18+) Registration and Team Selection Guidelines

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Purpose

This guideline has been prepared to acknowledge the unique nature of the Open level of play. The guideline is based on the assumption that the focus of Guelph Open ringette is fun, friendship and exercise and the intent is to create two reasonably balanced (in terms of number of players and abilities) teams that would play at the B level. Growth of the division is anticipated and some consideration is given to creation of a third team. If there is interest among the Guelph Open players to modify the level of play (either to A or C) these guidelines would be reviewed.

Team Basics

- Each team will have a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 15 players (includes a goalie)
- Once 28 people have declared 'intent to play', any additional players will be wait listed in the order received.
- Third team – when 33 players show 'intent to play' the GRA will consider creating a third Open team provided:
 - Someone steps up to serve as the organizer for the team
 - A goalie is available (or at a minimum someone is willing to play goal half time)

Registration Process

| Date | Action | Comment |
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| April (or start of online registration) to September 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any returning players who show 'intent to play' by registering online and providing a non-refundable deposit are held a spot in the Open division | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deposit of \$100 is required to hold position on team. |
| September 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment required in full to continue to hold a spot• If no payment is provided a spot is no longer held. Returning players would be provided a spot within the division on a first registered basis. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The GRA will accommodate Belles moving up to Open and players returning from maternity leaves prior to new players |

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| September 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No benefit for being a returning player. All players accepted on a first registered basis for remaining spots • Decision made with regards to third team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are more registrations than spots available a 100% refund will be provided to those players unable to be placed on a team. |
| September 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team list discussed/finalized between the Open team representatives | |
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‘intent to play’ means to complete the online registration form and provides a non-refundable deposit to GRA for \$100.

‘registered’ means the player has completed the online registration form and has provided the necessary payment

‘returning players’ means anyone who has played ringette for the Guelph Association (includes minor or Open ringette)

Allocating Players to Teams

- While there is no guarantee, the intent is to allow people to return to the same Guelph Open team as the past season, and for players who take a year off (due to pregnancy, sever injury or relocation) to return to the Guelph Open team they played on the season before their absence.
- Any player who is willing to, or would like to, move teams should provide this information to both Open team representatives prior to September 10.
- Returning players get priority over new players up until September 10. If there are more returning players than spots available placement will be based on the date of completed registration and deposit received by GRA (i.e. first 30 players get to play).
- If there are spots remaining on both teams they will be filled as follows:
 - A single representative from each Open team will meet to discuss the placement of the remaining players. Consideration will be given to the number and calibre of players on each team, existing (pre-season) friendship between new/returning players and team compatibility. Any communication with unallocated players with regards to their preference will include both/all Open team reps.

- If a decision cannot be agreed upon the players will be assigned based on the order registered. The first player will go to the team with the fewest players, the second player to the other team, and so on until the teams are filled.
- If a third team is established all players may be subject to movement.