



Memo to members,

Recently Ringette Calgary has received some queries as to the methodology for published tiebreakers for team rankings for the following:

1. Provincial Playdowns
2. U12 Regionals
3. City Championships

We appreciate the feedback and would like to provide the following clarifications.

1. Provincial Playdown rankings are provided by each respective League in the province, according to the procedures listed in the Provincial Technical Manual found below. The final authority on the combining of both leagues standings into final playdown rankings is provided by Ringette Alberta. Please note - this procedure does specifically note that A games vs AA games are removed from the data set. It does not specifically call out what happens when a team moves from one division to another due to Advance/Retreat process, however the same logic applies. We have consolidated the member's feedback and have requested Ringette Alberta to reword the manual for greater clarity for both this process and the cutoff dates.

<https://ringettealberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/U14-U19-Playdowns-Technical-Manual-February-2020.pdf>

2. U12 Regionals technical manual, similar to the Ringette Alberta technical manual is posted online. It is an inaugural year for the Regional Championships. Ringette Calgary did attempt to provide clarity here in section N on how the rankings are done, please see section N.3. This is referring to the Advance Retreat process that is employed to facilitate competitive equity. "Teams that moved division mid-season will be ranked ONLY on games played within their current division." The inverse is also true in that divisions with a team that moves out of it must have games against that team removed from their data set. For example, team X retreats from U12B to U12C - team X will be ranked for regionals and cities based on all games against C teams (i.e. the second half of the season). The clarification here is that U12B teams in the first half of the season have the games against team X removed from their data set as they are effectively playing a C team. When team X retreats, not all of the B teams will have been able to play them, and the most fair way to do it is to remove from the data. This is somewhat implied with N.3 but can be clarified for future seasons and improved clarity.

Our Regionals coordinating team has previously advised all U12 teams in advance of the cutoff being used for which games are counted in order to give adequate notice. This too will be added permanently to the technical manual.

<https://ringettecalgary.ca/docs/U12RegionalRules.pdf>

3. City Championships are governed by Ringette Calgary policy 7. Similar to the playdown manual, the moving of teams through Advance Retreat is not specifically addressed. The actual practice is exactly as per item (1), which is removing the mismatched divisional play from the data set.

https://ringettecalgary.ca/docs/rulesregs/7_CityChampionships.pdf

We trust that provides additional clarity around the methodology applied to ranking teams. All feedback is valuable and we endeavour to provide fair and clear policies that describe how the program is to be managed. We encourage members to work through their home associations as per the Communications Flow Chart to bring up questions and concerns and we will always try to resolve as soon as possible.

Thank you

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