

Welcome to all players, coaches, families and volunteers to the 2021-2022 Ringette season!

Welcome back!

We are so very excited to be starting up a new season this year and getting back to what we love – Ringette!

The beginning of a new season always brings excitement for the players of joining a new team, a new age group, meeting new teammates and coaches and rekindling and continuing friendships. I would like to express my profound gratitude for all the volunteers who have put in countless hours, helping us learn, grow, and adapt as we deal with the many challenges this year has brought, and continues to bring on a daily basis.

I would like to highlight our information for COVID protocol is on our website. This includes everything from facility access to return to play information provided by Ringette Alberta. As a special reminder, we ask all participants in our sport to remember first and foremost - we are all dealing with a global pandemic together. The guidelines set forth by our health authorities, regions, municipalities and facilities are for our protection. The minor inconveniences and differences in facility guidelines are a small thing that we can do to help each other out. Abuse of arena staff, officials, opponents, spectators or any other negative incidents will be dealt with swiftly and with zero tolerance.

As we embark on this new season, we'd like to highlight the culture of respect we expect in our league play. We encourage positive and productive communication to resolve conflicts. Please reiterate to your players, parents and coaches to have those cooling off periods, the 24 hour rule, etc. before discussing issues. During games there is not always agreement between players, coaches, fans and officials, but please remember to be respectful. Issues can be addressed at an appropriate time if needed – seek assistance from your association as needed who is there for support and guidance. Our goal is always zero discipline hearings for players, coaches, officials and fans.

We cannot emphasize enough, our appreciation of the time and effort that you as coaches put in to the sport of ringette and helping grow our players, both on the ice and off. You are an integral part of this sport and our players look up to you!

This is the fastest game on ice and we have a safe, fun and healthy place for all to play. Ultimately it is all about making sure they have a great ringette experience this year.

All the best in the season!

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