

DEFINITIONS POLICY

Purpose

1. To provide a consistent definition of terms in all policies and procedures of Ringette Canada.

Application of this Policy

2. Unless otherwise contained in the Ringette Canada By-laws or indicated in the respective Policy or Procedures, the following terms have these meanings in this Policy Manual:

“Act” – Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act;

“Association” – Ringette Canada as duly constituted;

“Athlete” – Any individual who is registered with a provincial or territorial ringette association, or who participates in a program or activity which is offered or sanctioned by a provincial/territorial or local association so long as the program assists in the development of skill or skills used to play ringette;

“Board” – The Ringette Canada Board of Directors;

“Board Member” – A member of the Ringette Canada Board of Directors;

“Days” – Days includes weekends and holidays;

“Discipline Panel” or “Panel” – The individual or group established in accordance with the Procedures relating to the *Discipline and Complaints Policy* when a Major Infraction has been identified, whether or not a complaint regarding that Major Infraction has been received by Ringette Canada;

“Individuals” – Ringette Canada staff, volunteers, organizers, coaches, officials, athletes, managers, members, parents/guardians of Ringette Canada members and spectators at Ringette Canada events;

“Interprovincial/territorial tournaments” – Also denotes provincial/territorial events;

“Manager” – The individual who performs an administrative function on the team staff (as opposed to a coaching, assistant coaching or training role);

“Member” and “Membership” - As defined in By-Law #7;

“Not in Good Standing” – The status of a Member or Participant who is in violation of a By-law or Policy. A team deemed to be in this status includes the team staff and players, any or all of whom are subject to sanctions that may include a declaration of ineligibility to participate in Ringette Canada events and activities such as the Canadian Ringette Championships, World Championships, Canada Winter Games, National Ringette League play or High Performance activities for the length of time as set by the Discipline Panel;

“Participant” – Includes all Members and all individuals employed by or engaged in activities with Ringette Canada, including but not limited to, Board of Directors, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, team managers, medical personnel, administrators, spectators, parents of Ringette Canada individuals and employees;

“Play” – Any game, league or tournament in which ringette is played;

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“Staff” – Any paid employee of Ringette Canada; and

“Team Staff” – The coach, assistant coach, trainer or manager who are on the bench during a ringette game.

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Policy Review

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Date of last review: November 2013

The publication of Ringette Canada policies will be in the English and French languages. In the case of conflicting interpretations, the English version will prevail.