

# **HALL OF FAME & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION POLICY**

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## **Purpose**

1. The purpose of the Hall of Fame and Volunteer Recognition Policy is to:
  - 1.1 Recognize outstanding contributions to the development of the game of ringette and of Ringette Canada; and
  - 1.2 Recognize outstanding achievements of builders, teams, athletes, coaches and officials.

## **Application of this Policy**

2. This Policy applies to all individuals.

## **Hall of Fame Committee Composition**

3. The Hall of Fame Committee will be comprised of the following individuals:
  - a) One (1) member representing officiating;
  - b) One (1) member representing coaching;
  - c) One (1) member representing High Performance ringette;
  - d) One (1) member currently in the Hall of Fame as appointed by the Board;
  - e) One (1) member of the Board as appointed by the President of the Board; and
  - f) One (1) current Ringette Canada staff person, as ex-officio member, as appointed by the Executive Director.
4. At least one (1) members of the Hall of Fame Committee must be female.
5. The Chair will be selected by the Committee annually. Members will be appointed for a term of two (2) years, with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

## **Hall of Fame Committee Responsibilities**

6. The Hall of Fame Committee will be responsible for:
  - a) Building a dossier of Hall of Fame candidates, including soliciting resumes and letters of recommendation;
  - b) Calling for nominations from the membership, at appropriate times and in a manner to be determined by the Committee from time to time;
  - c) Researching each prospective candidate and his/her qualifications to be considered in the category under which the candidature is submitted. Should the Committee decide that the candidate does not meet the criteria for that category of submission, the person(s) submitting the candidate will be asked to review the submission and/or change the category for consideration;
  - d) Investigating candidates and compiling additional information as needed, to support the submission;
  - e) Ensuring nominations are submitted to the Board, for approval, prior to the spring meeting of the Board. A maximum of one (1) nomination per category; and
  - f) The Committee may submit additional recommendations for consideration by the Board, with the appropriate rationale.

## **Categories**

7. The Criteria for the Hall of Fame BUILDER Category:
  - a) Nominees shall have a minimum of six (6) years as a volunteer in the sport of ringette;
  - b) Nominees shall have made an outstanding contribution to ringette in Canada at the national level in one or more of the following categories:
    - i. Growth and development;
    - ii. Promotion;

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- iii. Coaching and/or officiating; or
  - iv. Administration.
  - c) Nominees shall be or have been involved in athlete recruitment, coaching, officiating, fundraising, sponsorship, hosting special events, association management and/or development of new programs and initiatives; and
  - d) The Board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to ringette in Canada and may not meet the requirements above, upon the recommendation of the Committee. The Staff of Ringette Canada shall be eligible.
8. The criteria for the Hall of Fame TEAM Category:
- a) Teams eligible to be considered for this category are limited to teams that have competed as Canada's representative at an international level at the World Championship or equivalent;
  - b) Such teams will typically have acquired or retained the World Championship for the year in which the team is being considered for the Hall of Fame; and
  - c) The Board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those teams that have made a significant contribution to ringette in Canada and may not meet the above requirements, upon the recommendation of the Committee.
9. The criteria for the Hall of Fame ATHLETE Category:
- a) Nominees shall have a minimum of five (5) years participation as an athlete at the AA or AAA level;
  - b) Nominees shall have a minimum of ten (10) years playing experience;
  - c) Nominees shall have exhibited the highest standards of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play and displayed leadership qualities both on and off the ice;
  - d) The Board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to ringette in Canada and may not meet the requirements above, upon the recommendation of the Committee; and
  - e) The Staff of Ringette Canada shall be eligible.
10. The criteria for the Hall of Fame COACH Category:
- a) Nominees shall have a minimum five (5) years coaching experience at the AA or AAA level;
  - b) Nominees shall have achieved a minimum certification of full Level 2;
  - c) Nominees shall have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a ringette coach;
  - d) Nominees shall have displayed excellent communication with, and respect for, other coaches, officials, athletes and parents;
  - e) Nominees shall have contributed to the growth and development of the ringette coaching program at the national, provincial and community level by serving as an instructor, mentor and/or committee member;
  - f) The Board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to ringette in Canada and may not meet the requirements above, upon the recommendation of the Committee; and
  - g) The Staff of Ringette Canada shall be eligible.

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11. The criteria for the Hall of Fame OFFICIAL Category:
- a) Nominees shall have a minimum five (5) years officiating experience at the Canadian Ringette Championships, Canada Winter Games or World Ringette Championship;
  - b) Nominees shall have achieved a certification of Level 5 during their officiating career;
  - c) Nominees shall have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience officiating the sport of ringette;
  - d) Nominees shall have contributed to the growth and development of the officiating program at the national, provincial and community level by serving as a referee-in-chief, an instructor, evaluator and/or committee member;
  - e) Nominees shall have exhibited leadership qualities in the officiating program and have displayed respect for coaches, athletes and other officials;
  - f) The Board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to ringette in Canada and may not meet the requirements above, upon the recommendation of the Committee; and
  - g) The Staff of Ringette Canada shall be eligible.

### **Award Recognition**

12. Hall of Fame Awards:
- a) Hall of Fame awards in the category of Builder, Athlete, Coach and Official will be presented at an agreed upon event in partnership with the Provincial Ringette Associations. In any case where Hall of Fame inductions cannot take place as described, the Board of Directors reserves the right to make alternate arrangements;
  - b) Expenses for each selected individual so selected, along with one guest each, to attend the agreed upon event will be covered by Ringette Canada;
  - c) Hall of Fame awards in the Team category will be acknowledged at the awards ceremony at the Canadian Ringette Championships held immediately subsequent to ratification of the nominations.
  - d) Members of teams inducted into the Hall of Fame, including coaching staff, will be identified and recognized as a member of that team, however, it is the team as an entity that will be a member of the Hall of Fame; and
  - e) All Hall of Fame award recipients will receive a large framed certificate including a Ringette Canada medal in recognition of their induction. In the case of a team induction, only one certificate will be awarded to the team as a whole, however each member of the team will receive a small certificate recognizing their induction.
13. Volunteer Recognition:
- a) Ringette Canada will recognize the contributions made by members of the Board, upon completion of their term of office.

This Policy is subject to review at least once every three years.

**Date of last review: January 2017**

*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.*