

RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

POLICY: Player Selection for Annual Jim Dawson Invitational Novice Select Tournament

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Further References:

PURPOSE: This tournament is held in March (mid to end) each year in St. Albert, and Red Deer Ringette receives an invitation to participate in the tournament. The intent of the tournament is to provide an introduction to the evaluation process for second-year aged Novice players who would be moving up to the Petite level in the fall. As well, the tournament provides the opportunity for some of the stronger players, who have been spread out throughout the year on different teams, to play with the same caliber of players.

From the words of the founder of this tournament, a little bit less emphasis should be placed on fielding the best team, and more consideration should be given to development and opportunity.

By limiting the team selection to only second-year aged Novice players, each player who moves up through the Ringette system will be provided the opportunity to participate in the player selection process.

GUIDELINES

1. When numbers permit, only second-year aged Novice players will be allowed to participate in the team selection process (evaluations). In instances when there are not a sufficient number of second-year players, participation in the evaluation process will be open to first-year Novices. When this occurs, all second-year players will be selected first and any available remaining spots will be filled with first-year players. If numbers warrant and an invitation for more than one team to participate in the tournament has been received, consideration may be given to fielding two teams.
2. All Novice coaches will be eligible for the coaching assignment for this team. If there is more than one interested coach, the selection of the head coach and the assistant coaches will be made by a decision of a Committee made up of the President, Vice President and Director of Coaching.
3. Tournament fees are paid for by the participants. Red Deer Ringette will provide two ice times for the team selection process and up to two ice times for team practices.
4. Notice (sample attached) providing information regarding the team, selection process and other relevant details will be forwarded to all eligible players in January or February.

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Date of Letter

To all parents of *(year of eligibility)* Novice Ringette players

On an annual basis, Red Deer Ringette is invited to enter a team for participation in the Jim Dawson Invitational Novice Select Tournament. This tournament will be taking place on *(date of tournament)* in St. Albert, Alberta. All second-year aged *(year of eligibility)* novice players are eligible to participate in the player selection process for this team.

This tournament is geared toward those players who are interested in the experience of playing in fast paced, competitive Ringette. In addition, the tournament provides an introduction to the evaluation process for second-year aged Novice players who would be moving up to the Petite level in the fall. The tournament also provides the opportunity for some of the stronger players, who have been spread out throughout the year on different teams, to play with the same caliber of players.

Team registration cost for this tournament is *(registration fee for tournament)*. This expense will be divided equally among the 12 girls that are selected for this team (Approximately *(individual cost)* per player). Other associated costs would include accommodation and meal expenses for that weekend.

Red Deer Ringette will be holding evaluations for this team in *(month of evaluations)*. Two on-ice sessions have been planned. The first ice time has been booked and will take place *(date, time and location of ice time)*.

Prior to the scrimmages, it is important that those girls interested in playing the goaltender position make their intentions known. (If girls are interested in playing both goalie and out, please let us know as well).

If your daughter is interested in participating in the team selection process, and, if selected, participating in the tournament, please advise your Novice coach by *(date of response)*. This will allow our evaluators time to properly prepare for the first ice time on *(date of first ice time)*.

If further information is required, please contact *(name of contact person)* at *(phone number)*.