

September 11, 2020

***Message from Ringette BC***

Dear Ringette League and Club Association Presidents and Board Members,

Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to the sport of Ringette. We are thrilled to hear that there are kids on the ice in many communities and that registrations are picking up. As we move towards Ringette Progression 3, there are few items to clarify.

***Return to Ringette Update – Cohort Model***

Ringette in BC advanced to *Ringette Progression 2* on September 1, 2020. In addition, the *Return to Ringette Guidelines* Version 12.1 were released which included information on the cohort model being introduced under Ringette Progression 3. The purpose of the cohort model is to allow for modified game play and loosened restrictions regarding physical distancing on the field of play (i.e. ice surface, gym surface, field). Ringette BC will provide an official announcement in the coming days about the move to *Ringette Progression 3*.

***Athlete Pathways***

In the meantime, we want to clarify the athlete pathways applicable for the 2020/21 season. As outlined in the [Athlete Experience Report](#), there are currently three athlete pathways in BC – Club, Zone Competitive and Excellence (Team BC).

Team BC and the Excellence Ringette Program is the responsibility of Ringette BC and has been running virtually since July. Ringette BC is hopeful that with the advancement of Phase 3 the Excellence Ringette Program can advanced to the screening stage of the program and potentially advanced to one to two in-person regionally-based training camps. The advancements will be considered in the coming weeks as there are a number of barriers to overcome in moving from virtual to in person.

While the 2020-2021 season intends to see full implementation of the Zone program at U14, U16 and U19, the Club Associations, in consultation with the Leagues, will determine how best to form teams to maximize meaningful competition and create as many cohorts as possible as defined in the *Return to Ringette Guidelines*. As such, team formation for the 2020/21 season will either be Zone and Club **OR** Club only. Team formation must adhere to the Ringette BC Team Formation Policy and follow the Zone Division and Club Division Guidelines.

***Zone Head Coach Application Process***

Attached is a memo regarding the Zone Head Coach Application process for the 2020/21 season. We have simplified and streamlined this process for the coming season. Starting on September 12, the application process will open for Zone Head Coach positions. Ringette BC will be leading this process that will be underway from September 12 – October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Should Leagues require additional time to determine their Athlete Pathway offerings (and whether Zone Head Coaches will be needed), please provide a resolution endorsed by your Club Association Board asking for an extension of the Head Coach Selection process.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the Board of Directors

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Executive Director

CC: Ringette BC Board of Directors