



RINGETTE ONTARIO

MAJOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS: SELECTION CRITERIA & IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

2026 RINGETTE ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

The purpose of this document is to outline the criteria that shall be used to select the Major Technical Officials for the 2026 'AA' and 'A' Ringette Ontario Championship Events. It will also serve to outline a fair and transparent process used to identify and select Major Technical Officials for these events.

Major Technical Officials are defined as on-ice officials or supervisors.

Provincial Event Dates:

- 'AA' Provincial Championship (U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, 18+AA, 18+ University)
 - March 5-8, 2026 – Kingston
- 'A' Provincial Championship (U14A, U16A, U19A, 18+A)
 - March 12-15, 2026 – Guelph/Kitchener/Waterloo

SELF-IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Individuals who wish to be considered for the 2026 'AA' and/or 'A' Ringette Ontario Provincial Events must complete a self-identification process.

The deadline to submit your self-identification form is **9am on December 8, 2025**.

[Click here to self-identify for the AA Provincial Championships](#)

[Click here to self-identify for the A Provincial Championships](#)

Ringette Ontario has the authority to invite an official without them completing the self-identification form.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

On-Ice Official: Minimum rank of 3-U14 (3C) or anticipating a 3-U14 upgrade by the end of the 2025-2026 season. Ringette Ontario is committed to developing officials for future provincial events and will consider those who are in the process of obtaining a 3-U14.

Supervisor: Level 3 or higher, or previous supervisory experience at Provincial Events.

All Major Technical Officials must:

- Be a registered official for the 2025-26 season and in good standing with Ringette Ontario;
- Be available to travel to and attend the Provincial Event in its entirety;
- Complete the self-identification process as outlined above.



Major Technical Officials may hold more than one role per event (i.e. an on-ice official may also serve as a supervisor).

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION 2025-26 SEASON

In order to remain eligible for their participation in the 2026 'AA' and/or 'A' Championship Events, Major Technical Officials shall be expected to remain active leading up to the event.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Major technical officials may request an exemption to remain eligible for selection to an event. The Operations Director, the Director of Officials, and the Executive Director may authorize the exemption upon their joint discretion. An exemption may be granted If a major technical official was unable to participate in mandatory events, or evaluations due to illness, injury, other medical circumstance or personal, educational, or competitive commitments.

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for the set selection process or its timelines to be implemented as planned, the Operations Director reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, self-identified major technical officials will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

Exemption requests should be made to Ringette Ontario's Operations Director. All requests must be submitted in writing and shall be dealt with in no less than seven business days. Exemptions shall be treated on a case-by-case basis.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE (dependent on team registrations and facility needs)

On-Ice Official: Up to 40 per event

Supervisors: Up to 8 per event.

SELECTION PROCESS

List of self-identified individuals will be sorted by event availability and position by Operations Director by **December 11, 2025**.

A Selection Committee comprised of the Officiating Development Committee and recent ROPC Supervisors/Evaluators will rank the identified officials for each event based on the following categories to create a preliminary ranking list:

- Physical Skating
- Game Management
- Positioning
- Judgement/Consistency
- Attitude/Character
- Leadership
- Composure



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The preliminary ranking list will then be sent to the Ringette Ontario Officiating Development Committee for ratification and selections.

The invitation process will be completed by **January 31, 2026**. Invitations will start getting sent out before this date, but a handful of spaces will remain open for those who receive a rank upgrade following any evaluations that occur in January.

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APPEALS

Any appeal against a decision can be made in accordance with the [*Ringette Ontario Appeal Policy*](#).