



MEMORANDUM

To: All Ringette Alberta Group Members and Named Players

From: David Myers, Executive Director

Date: May 16, 2017

Re: Zone A teams

Ringette Alberta is aware of the formation of a Zone 2 U19A team for the 2017-18 ringette season.

This has generated some questions from the Ringette Alberta Board of Directors and the general membership, which include, but are not limited to:

- How can a team be formed / finalized / announced prior to U19AA evaluations?
- The Zone 2 Big Country Ringette Association's membership application was accepted by Ringette Alberta for the purposes of icing AA teams only. Will its membership be accepted if it intends to ice an A team?
- If yes, what are the implications for other zones wishing to form A teams and when do local associations become moot?
- Can, what is essentially a zone team, be registered by a local association within the zone (Airdrie) when the evaluations were not conducted by the Airdrie Ringette Association?
- If Airdrie chooses to register this team, what are the implications for its membership status with Ringette Alberta?
- Can a team be finalized / announced by Airdrie prior to players receiving releases from their respective local ringette associations elsewhere in the zone post September 1, 2017?
- If athletes from various local associations within zone 2 play on a U19A team hosted by Airdrie, what are the implications for residency for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 season since these players will now be Airdrie Ringette Association players unless released by Airdrie?
- How will this team accommodate players from local ringette associations in zone 2 who wish to try out for U19AA but are unsuccessful? It appears that the only U19AA option in the area is Calgary however Calgary AA is operated to provide primary consideration to Calgarians.



To determine what is and isn't permissible, a thorough review of the applicable bylaws and policies is under way.

Further information on the status of this team will be communicated as soon as possible.

In the mean time, all concerned should consider this matter still open and that the team announcements were premature.

Note: For the 2016/17 season, registration for a zone U19A team was accepted in error.

The screenshot shows a website for the 2017-18 U19A Team. At the top is a navigation bar with the following items: ACTIVE START, STEP 1 BLUE, STEP 1 YELLOW, STEP 2 BLUE, STEP 2 RED, STEP 2 WHITE, STEP 2 YELLOW, STEP 3, U19A, U19B, U19C, U19A, U19B, U19C, U19A, U19B, U19C. Below the navigation bar is a large blue and white logo for 'BIG COUNTRY RINGETTE' featuring a mountain range and a ringette puck. To the right of the logo is an 'Upcoming Events' section with two events: 'May 16, 2017 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM' and 'Jul 01, 2017'. Below the logo is a paragraph of text: 'We would like to thank all of the athletes that expressed interest in the 2017-18 U19A Team. Based upon the information collected over the three ice sessions, and feedback expressed by the team of evaluators, the following players have been selected for the upcoming season's team. We would like to wish continued success and enjoyment playing ringette to all of the athletes who expressed interest in this year's team. Zone 2 is fortunate to have so many talented ringette players in this age group.' Below the text is a list of team members: 'The 2017-18 Team will include: Hailey Kenney, Madison Istace, Oceane Rosenberg, Jessica Clyne, Keegan Gregory, Meagan McCullough, Tamell Kalbhen, Daylen Wathen, Mackenzie Cameron, Breanna McCullough, Ashley Lecavalier, Grace Olson, Cassidy Rothwell, Rowanna Irvin.'