

About Ringette

Ringette is a Canadian game that was first introduced in 1963 in North Bay, Ontario. Developed originally for girls, ringette is a fast-paced team sport on ice in which players use a straight stick to pass, carry, and shoot a rubber ring to score goals.

For ten years, play centered in Ontario and Quebec, however the sport quickly spread across Canada and is now played in all ten provinces and the Northwest Territories.

In fact, the sport has become one of Canada's favorite activities for females, with over 50,000 participants, including players, coaches, officials and volunteers, across Canada - a remarkable growth rate for such a young sport.

More than 7,000 certified ringette coaches are registered in the National Coaching Certification Program, and 1,724 registered referees trained under Ringette Canada's National Officiating Program. In addition, there are thousands of volunteers who administer clubs, leagues, and tournaments across Canada.

The growth has continued internationally with the formation of associations in the U.S.A., Finland, Sweden, Russia, and France. In addition, Ringette Canada has been instrumental in demonstrating the game in the Netherlands, Switzerland, and West Germany, along with New Zealand, Australia and Japan.

There are various skill levels of play across the nation; beginning with Bunnies, and then formal teams in categories of B, A, AA, and in some cases even Regional AAA Teams. This makes for place for every player of every age and skill level.

Age Divisions

Bunnies 4 - 6 years

Novice 9 years & under

Petite 11 years & under

Tween 13 years & under

Junior 15 years & under

Belle 18 years & under

Deb 22 years & under Open Division 19 years & over

Intermediate 23 years & over

Masters 30 years & over

