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2.1.3 - 2.1.6	On-ice participants policy changes	2	September 2023	September 2023

2.0 PLAYER SAFETY POLICY

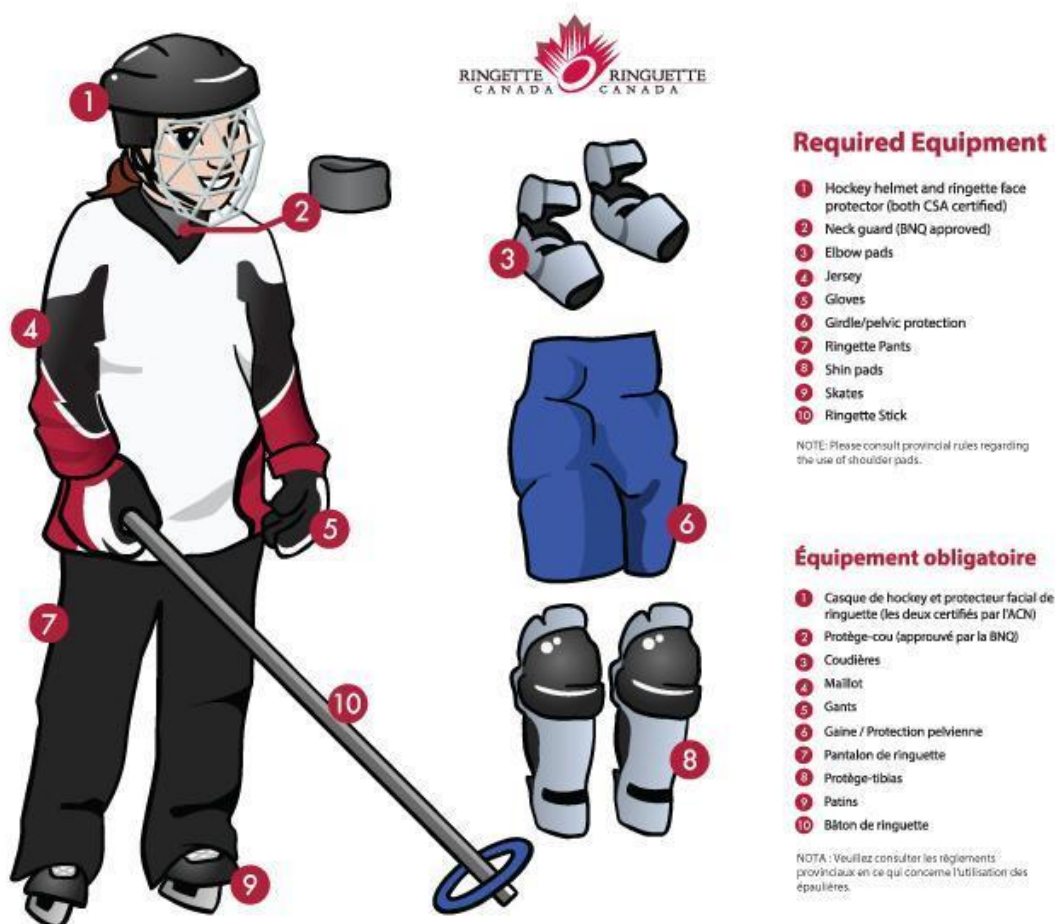
2.1 Policy

- 2.1.1 The safety of all participants is extremely important to Bow View Ringette Association (BVRA).
- 2.1.2 All members of the BVRA are to apply safety concepts to all on and off-ice activities.
- 2.1.3 Only players and team staff listed on the team's roster are permitted to be on the ice at any time, except where the team's Head Coach or Manager, in writing, seeks approval from the BVRA board to bring additional persons to assist with or supplement training. (See BVRA website for the *On-Ice Resource Approval Form*)
- 2.1.4 Policy 2.1.3 does not apply to affiliated players, or initiatives organized by BVRA (e.g., skating development, goalie training, etc.). Game and tournament requirements are as defined by Ringette Alberta.
- 2.1.5 Players are not permitted on the ice without a Coach, Trainer, On-Ice Assistant or approved persons (per 2.1.3).
- 2.1.6 "Parent vs Player" scrimmages or games are never permitted on BVRA-provided ice times. Organization of such events on other ice times requires the organizers to obtain their own insurance for all participants, including the players, as the event will not be sanctioned by RAB. Please refer to RAB's website for more insurance-related information.

2.2 Equipment

- 2.2.1 All players are to conform to the equipment requirements indicated in the playing rules of Ringette Canada. This includes any outdoor practices or casual games of "shinny".
- 2.2.2 All players are to be fully dressed for all practices and games.
- 2.2.3 BVRA will supply game jerseys to registered players and goaltenders. BVRA goalie equipment will be provided to teams unable to draft a Full Time Goaltender at the start of the season and to all Active Start, U10 and U12 teams required to share goaltender duties as per RAB Policy 27.4.4.4. Ring, pylons, first aid kit are provided to teams.
- 2.2.4 During games, teams are required to wear the jerseys supplied by BVRA that display the colors and logo of the association. BVRA teams are not permitted to use a "third" jersey or any alternate jersey for any game.
- 2.2.5 BVRA game jerseys issued as per 2.2.3 above, are not to be worn during practices.
- 2.2.6 Name bars are not permitted on BVRA jerseys.

- 2.2.7 No alterations are permitted on any BVRA jerseys.
- 2.2.8 All team equipment is to be returned to the Director of Assets (Equipment) by the end of the season in good condition. The Director of Assets (Equipment) will communicate the time slots for teams to return equipment during the spring of each season.
- 2.2.9 All players are required to wear the BVRA Mosspro pants for all league and tournament games except for Active Start and U10 Step 1.
- 2.2.10 All players in U14, U16, and U19 divisions must wear a royal blue or black helmet for all on-ice activities including league games, exhibition games, and tournaments starting with the 2021-2022 season. Goalie helmets or masks are exempt from this policy. This will be in effect by October 1st deadline each season and players or teams may be fined if not following this directive.
- 2.2.11 In addition to the diagram below, shoulder pads are MANDATORY for all divisions from Active Start up to and including U14. It is strongly recommended athletes wear shoulder pads or a padded shirt for U16 and U19 divisions. **BVRA fully supports any coach who chooses to make shoulder pads mandatory for their U16 or U19 team.**
- 2.2.12 Diagram from Ringette Canada.





2.3 Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

2.3.1 All teams are required to have completed Emergency Medical Information forms (located on our website) on file for both players and all team staff and have first aid kits at every team function.

2.3.2 All teams should have an emergency action plan which identifies three (3) people with specific responsibilities as follows:

- An initial person to respond to the injured player or team staff (should have first aid training at minimum).
- A second person to call 911 if necessary, and to serve as the initial contact for the EMS response team and direct them to the injured player or team staff.
- A third person to obtain the medical record of the player or team staff and to provide this to the EMS team (if parent is not available to answer questions).