



Lower Mainland Ringette Association U7/U9 Division Guidelines



*"U7 and U9 is about having fun, making friends
and learning new skills."*

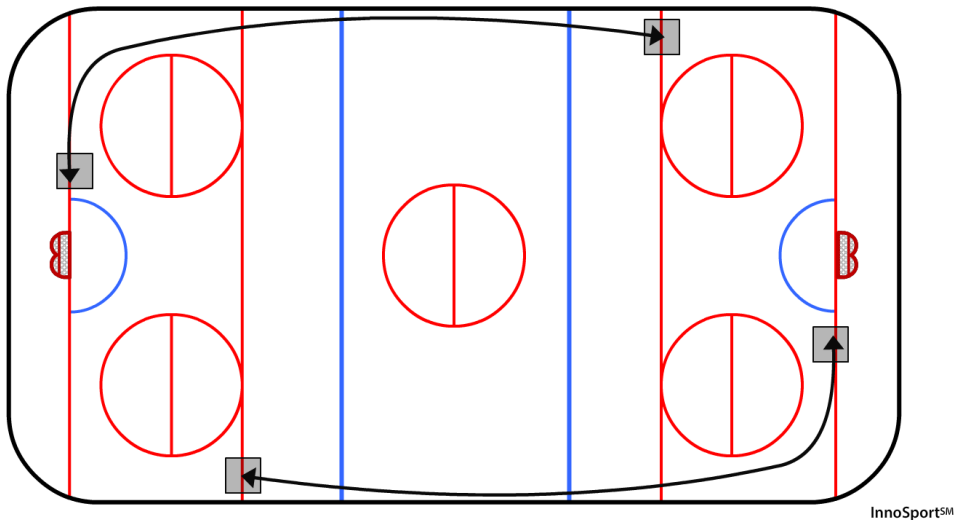
Please ensure that all players have the required Ringette approved equipment!!!

Team Play :

1. Associations will be permitted to separate their U7/U9 players by age, or in some circumstances by level of development. Any U7 aged players may play on a designated U7 team. Extremely new/weak 7 or 8 year olds may play on a U7 team.
2. Borrowing Players is allowed to replace sick/injured players or to ensure there are enough players to play games. The following situations apply...
 - a. Borrowing players between U9 teams is allowed.
 - b. Borrowing players between U7 teams is allowed.
 - c. Borrowing players from U7 to play on a U9 team is allowed.
 - d. Borrowing players from U9 to play on a U7 team is **not allowed if the skill level dominates the play.**
3. There will be 2 / 18 min periods with a buzzer every 2 minutes for a line changes. The time clock will only stop for line changes or an on-ice injury. It will not stop for any referee whistles that may occur during the play. It is encouraged that teams be as quick as possible with their line changes.
4. teams will use Ringette Canada score sheets score sheet is to be sent to the LMRL RIC or delegate by the next Monday of each week.
5. A maximum of 3 goals by any one player will be recorded on the game sheet and will count towards the final score of the game. Any goals scored above the 3 by one player will not be recorded or marked on the game sheet.
6. The score on the clock will not show more than a 5 goal difference.
7. A maximum of 2 coaches/team are allowed on the ice to assist their players during warm up and game time. It is suggested that 1 coach be on the ice for the U9 after the Christmas break. Ringette Canada rules apply and all on-ice participants (incl. Coaches) must be wearing CSA approved helmets. Gloves are strongly recommended and only players are allowed to have sticks during play.
8. Coaches are on the ice to verbally assist players with positioning, and line changes.
 - Coaches are not to physically move players;
 - Coaches are not to interfere with the play;
 - Coaches are not to position themselves in the middle of the playing area.
 - Please see the diagram below for proper positioning that will for the most part, keep you out of the way of the players and officials.

- The lead coach (the coach in front of the play) must stay ahead of the play as to not interfere with the play and officials on the ice.

Coaches need to be cautious about their positioning on the ice as not to interfere with the officials. The Officials move in a J like pattern from right to left. The skating pattern in the diagram is directly opposite of the officials.



9. All U7 and U9 games will use Shooter Tutors folded down from the top at the $\frac{1}{2}$ way point. Each association is to supply a Shooter Tutor that is the regulation ringette goal size **72" x 48"**, to each of their U7 & U9 teams as part of their team's official equipment. Teams are to bring their own Shooter Tutor to both Home and Away games. Players will continue to be rotated in the goalie position as per #10 below. Shooter Tutors are to be attached tightly. Should a goal go in under a Shooter Tutor it will count as a goal.. (See Image below.)



10. All U7/U9 players should rotate through the goalie position at the time of regular line changes. **Goalie pads are NOT to be used in U7 or U9**, but all players must use a goalie stick while tending goal.

11. Score Keepers and Time Keepers

- **Lower Mainland League Schedule** - The home team must supply the score keeper and time keeper for league games.
- **Tournaments games** – Check the tournament rules, generally each team supplies either the score keeper or time keeper

12. The home team is to supply a game sheet for all regular season HOME games.

13. In the U7/U9 division, Home Teams will provide a healthy nut free snack for their own team and the visiting team.

Officials:

1. The U7/U9 division is about having fun and making friends and learning new skills. Officials should hustle to retrieve/place rings and to report goals to ensure that the game keeps moving.
2. After each 2 minute buzzer, the official will place the ring at center ice for a free pass to the team who was last in possession at the time of the buzzer or referee whistle.
3. Officials will use goalie rings when necessary.
4. Officials are to follow Ringette Canada Rules but should use their discretion so as to keep the flow of the game going. Lots of audible positive verbal warnings to assist players with staying out of the crease, more than 3 in a zone, passing before you get to the blue line, passing before you leave the circle etc. Consideration should be given to the skill level of the player with the ring and the time of season (i.e. early January vs. end of February)
5. There are no penalties assessed in U7/U9 For obvious infractions, play is stopped, the offending player is spoken to at eye level with a friendly tone to explain what has happened and the ring will be placed at center for the non-offending team. If the same player continues to exhibit penalty-like behavior then after the explanation, the player will have to leave the ice to the player's bench and miss one shift before re-joining the game.
6. A. When a goal is scored the lead official blows their whistle, indicates a goal, retrieves the ring from the net, then skates to center ice and places the ring in the appropriate position.
- 5 B. The back official skates to the minor official's bench to report the goal & assist(s).
- 6 If while reporting the goal, the scorekeeper informs the official that this is the players 4th goal, then it will not be recorded on the score sheet, the score on the clock will not change and both benches will quickly be informed that the goal does not stand and why. Play would then proceed like normal, the back official would blow in the play and the game would continue.
- 7 At no time is there to be a goalie ring for a proper goal scored, whether or not the official(s) or the team(s) know the player who scored is over the 3 goal limit. Regular goal score/reporting will always be followed. In time, and with constant education of coaches and players in those divisions, this problem should soon almost eliminate itself.

U9 Specific

1. At any normal stoppage in play for violations the ring will be placed in accordance with all normal Ringette Canada Rules.
2. Officials will call all line violations with exception of the goal crease and explain to the players the reason for the stoppage of play.