

Central Alberta AA Ringette Club U14 & U16 Invitation Letter

Dear Zone 4 Ringette Player:

You are invited to the Central Alberta AA Ringette evaluations between May 6 and May 14, 2019. These tryouts will be for the 2019/2020 playing season for players born between 2004 and 2007. Additional information on ice times will be posted on the website. www.centralalbertaaringetteclub.com

The Central Alberta AA Ringette Club was established in 2005 to provide local girls who dreamt of one day competing at the Canada Winter Games, in the National Ringette League, at University Ringette, or even on the Canadian National Ringette Team a vehicle to achieve that goal. Though the commitment of AA Ringette may not be for all girls, it does provide an opportunity for those girls who desire, to take the great game of ringette to a higher level of competition while uniting associations, teams, and athletes.

This represents the highest level of competitive ringette in Alberta. Attendance at team functions and practices are critical. Players must be prepared to dedicate a minimum of two nights per week to this program (excluding games). Both players and parents must decide before committing to the team that their personal time and other commitments will allow them to meet their AA Ringette obligations. We are sensitive to the unique academic and athletic demands outside of AA Ringette, and are prepared to discuss any concerns in this regard with those players who have committed to the program. Over the last decade, many of our athletes have continued to compete in other sport activities away from the rink.

It is our belief that by offering the highest level of competition to talented and committed players, we will continue to increase the depth and skill level of all Zone 4 ringette players.

Every position on this team is open. Regardless of where you played last season, you must prove yourself at the evaluation camp. Team selection will be based on ringette and skating skills, attitude, team play, commitment, effort and enthusiasm. Independent AA evaluators will do the on-ice player evaluations.

During the season, our teams will attend several tournaments, likely including one out-of-province tournament. The Alberta AA Provincial Championships are held in late February. Additionally, the potential to earn a berth for the Canadian Ringette Championships, held from April 5 to 11, 2020 in Ottawa will also be possible at the U16AA level. Western Canadian Championships will also be a possibility for the U14AA level if successful at the provincial tournament. It is expected that fundraising efforts will be applied to help finance these trips and reduce player costs.

Costs per player will depend on the number of tournaments, ice times and other activities. With the exception of flights for out-of-province tournaments, player expenses are similar to that playing ringette with either the Red Deer or Lacombe Ringette Associations. All parents will be assigned duties within the team and will also be expected to assist with meal preparation at tournaments.

We require a firm commitment to try out for this team by April 30th, 2019. Anyone interested must reply to me by that date so that we can begin preparation for the upcoming evaluations. There will be a \$50 fee to be paid prior to the first ice session (made payable to Central Alberta AA Ringette Club). It is important that every player show up in shape and with a positive attitude.

If anyone has any further questions or would like more information, please feel free to email or call me.

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*2017 U14AA Provincial Silver, 2017 U16 Provincial Silver, 2017 U19 Provincial Bronze
2016 U19AA Provincial Champions, 2016 U19AA National Bronze
2015 U14AA Provincial Champions, 2015 Western Canadian U14AA Bronze
2014 U16AA National Silver, 2014 U16AA Provincial Bronze
2012 U19AA Provincial Silver, 2012 U14AA Provincial Silver
2011 U16AA Provincial Bronze, 2011 U14AA Provincial Bronze
2010 U12AA Provincial Champions
2009 Tween AA Provincial Bronze, 2009 Petite AA Provincial,
2007 Petite AA Provincial Champions*