Dear Ringette Community,

We have an exciting update for you regarding the upcoming High Performance (HP) tryouts for Ringette New Brunswick (Ringette NB). After careful consideration, we've decided to **pilot** the AA teams tryouts in May instead of the usual fall timeline. This shift comes with several significant advantages for athletes, families, and teams, and we are confident that it will enhance the experience for all involved.

Here are some key benefits of this change for our AA teams:

# 1. Prioritizing Canada Games ID Camps

By moving the tryouts to spring, we eliminate conflicts with the Canada Games ID camps and other important events. This allows top athletes to fully participate in both, ensuring no one has to choose between provincial representation and team tryouts.

# 2. Teams Ready for Play in September

Spring tryouts allow teams to form early and start training immediately at the beginning of the season. This eliminates delays in team formation and preparation, ensuring players are ready to hit the ground running come September.

## 3. Tournaments and Travel Planning Made Easier

By locking in tryout dates earlier, families and teams can plan ahead for tournaments and accommodations. This also helps managers secure hotel bookings and finalize team budgets and apparel without the rush.

#### 4. Athletes at Peak Performance

In spring, athletes are typically in top physical condition after a full season of training, making tryouts a more accurate reflection of their abilities. Plus, the results will carry through to the fall, as there is minimal physical development for U16+ athletes over the summer.

### 5. More Time for Financial and Gear Planning

With tryouts scheduled in the spring, there's more time for financial planning and ordering team gear. Managers can finalize budgets and apparel well ahead of the season, giving families ample time to prepare.

AA tryouts will take place the week of **May 5th-11th**, with more details to come once registration numbers are complete.

We believe that moving the AA tryouts to May will create a smoother, more organized start to the season, and we're excited to see our athletes perform at their best. We appreciate your understanding as we make these positive changes for everyone involved.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you all on the ice in May!

Best regards, Michelle Boudreau HP Coordinator – <u>hp.ringettenb@gmail.com</u> Ringette New Brunswick