



## Zone 5 AA Ringette Club

### Zone 5 AA Tryout Invitation

#### Dear 'AA' Prospect,

Building on the recent success of the Zone 5 AA club (Provincial champions, Western Canadian champions, and National champions), we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to try-out for the Zone 5 AA program for the upcoming 2010-2011 season. The second page contains detailed try-out information including contact information. There will be a try-out fee of \$60 if registered before July 31<sup>st</sup>, after Aug 1 the fee to register will be \$120. The fee must be paid before a participant can go on to the ice for the evaluations. All players must be registered with their home association before the tryouts begin.

The Club is attempting to form three U12, two U14, two U16 and one U19 AA team. This is dependent on the number of goalies, skaters and coaches for each division, and the final decision will happen after try-outs are complete. With the number of prospective athletes, it is imperative to come to try-outs in strong physical condition. Every position is open, and regardless of what position or where you played last season, you must prove yourself at try-outs. Team selections will be based on skill, knowledge of the game, attitude, team play, commitment, effort, and enthusiasm. Independent evaluators as designated by the zone association will participate in player evaluations. The number of teams will be decided by coaches, executive and evaluators based on the number and caliber of players. It is the intent of the AA club to try and grow the membership while maintaining our strong competitive heritage, but there is absolutely no guarantee on number of teams to be formed.

We hope to have the U14 and the U16 teams competing in the Black Gold League for the upcoming season. Practices and games will occur throughout the surrounding Edmonton area.

Teams will try to attend a minimum of three in-province tournaments. In addition, U14 and above teams will also attend one or two out-of-province tournaments. All AA teams will attend Provincials, the location of which has not yet been determined.

Players should expect to be on the ice at least once a week for U12 and for U14 and above, three times per week; dryland physical conditioning will also take place weekly. We realize the level of commitment and expectation at this level is quite high, however it is important for athletes to be well rounded and experience different sports. In order of priority: Family, scholastic achievement, ringette and other sports will be the guiding principles for the expectation around attendance. Although the coaching staff will provide you with every consideration to ensure you are able to participate in other sporting activities throughout the season, your ringette team must come first, our competition dictates this.

Each team is self-funded. Costs per player depend on the number of tournaments, ice times, and other activities with cost being reduced by doing more fund raising. The AA club is making a serious effort to try and reduce the overall cost to each family (finding cheaper ice, club fundraising, sponsorship, etc.)

#### Zone 5 AA AA Tryouts

##### Who should try out?

- Every U12-U19 player in Zone 5 is welcome to try out. Even if you do not make the final roster, the tryout process is both an educational experience and an opportunity to challenge yourself to compete at a high level of ringette. It is also an opportunity to meet some of the top players from other associations and is intended to be a positive experience.
- As this mailing list is based on last year's Zone 5 registrations, there may be some players who do not receive a letter. Everyone is encouraged to try out, so please talk to your friends in ringette and spread the word about the tryouts.



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### Tryout Info

We are looking for players who are committed to excellence and are willing to push themselves. Teamwork and fun within a competitive environment will be the cornerstones upon which the teams are structured so it is important that every player shows up in shape with a positive attitude.

- Players must register in their home association before attending the AA tryouts
- The tryout fee is \$60, (\$120 after Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>) cash or cheque payable to the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club due with registration.
- All players are guaranteed the first three scheduled ice slots.
- **PLEASE bring your own water bottle.**
- Make sure your equipment is in good shape and that you have broken in any new skates.
- The tryouts will be demanding and competitive, so please expect a great workout.
- Please be at the arena **at least 45 minutes prior** to your ice time, so we can assign rooms and jerseys.
- Be dressed and ready **10 minutes in advance**, players arriving late will be asked to change in the bathroom so that coaches can give instructions before the ice time.

### Head Coaches and Ice Times

The names of the Head Coaches and Ice times for tryouts will be posted on the website as soon as the info is available, [www.zone5aaringette.ca](http://www.zone5aaringette.ca)

Tryouts will start at the end of August and extend through **the September long weekend**. These will be completed shortly during the following week. Teams may not be finalized until the following week.

### Team Fees

Gas prices and ice costs have gone up, although playing ringette has never been the cheapest game in town, every effort will be made by the coaches and team management to keep costs within a reasonable and acceptable range. The exact amount will be finalized once teams are selected and team activities and expenditures are finalized. Additional costs, fundraising and sponsorship decisions will be the decision of each team.

### Tryout RSVP

- Setting up the tryouts requires a lot of preparation. As we anticipate a lot of interest in trying out for the teams. If you have any questions or if you wish to reserve a spot, please e-mail the requested information on the next page, to the Zone 5 AA registrar, at [registrar@zone5aaringette.ca](mailto:registrar@zone5aaringette.ca)

**We look forward to seeing you at the tryouts.**



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**The following information is needed to register:**

- Name : \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email address(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Association that you are registered with: \_\_\_\_\_
- Team and Level played in 2009/10: \_\_\_\_\_
- Goalie: Yes or No
- Any medical conditions which the coaching staff need to know prior to tryouts.

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Please email form to [registrar@zone5aaringette.ca](mailto:registrar@zone5aaringette.ca) and send a cheque for \$60 before July 31, made payable to Zone 5 AA Ringette, to:

Zone 5 AA Registrar  
#13 52358 RR225  
Sherwood Park, AB  
T8C1J7

**Note: Fee, if registering after July 31, is \$120**

*Note that registration will not be considered complete until you have registered with your home association.*