



NEW! MANDATORY SHOULDER PAD FAQ'S

On June 12, 2024, the Ringette Calgary Association voted to adopt an equipment and safety policy that requires the use of shoulder pads for all age groups in all Associations within the city. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions as we head into the new season:



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Q: What kind of shoulder pads can I use?

A: As per the Ringette Calgary Policy, shoulder pads are required to have plastic (not just foam) protecting chest, shoulder, back & upper arms. Any shoulder pads that meet this requirement will be accepted.

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Q: We are not a part of Ringette Calgary, but come to play in Calgary (league games and/or tournaments) – do I have to wear shoulder pads?

A: If you are a visiting team from outside Calgary and your home Association does not require you to wear shoulder pads, you will not be required to wear shoulder pads while playing in Calgary. For all Associations under Ringette Calgary, shoulder pads will be required for all games, home and away.

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Q: How will the shoulder pad requirement be enforced?

A: The enforcement of shoulder pad requirements is a key responsibility of team staff. Coaches, managers, and other team officials are required to ensure that all athletes are equipped with the proper protective gear, including shoulder pads, as mandated by the Ringette Calgary Equipment & Safety policy. If there are any issues beyond the team's control regarding compliance with this equipment rule, it is important to note that failure to adhere to these requirements can lead to disciplinary actions from the home association and/or Ringette Calgary. Referees are not responsible for equipment compliance.

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Q: We are a Ringette Calgary Association and are travelling out of town for a game(s) where shoulder pads are not mandatory, do we still have to wear them?

A: Yes. If you are part of a Ringette Calgary Association, you will be required to wear shoulder pads wherever you are playing.

It is Ringette Calgary's goal to provide a safe but competitive environment for all its athletes.

If anyone has any further question about the Equipment & Safety Policy, feel free to email: admin@ringettecalgary.ca