

Frequently Asked Questions - 2009/2010 Season

How do the age levels work?

Child is born in:	Division
2002-2004	U8
2000-2001	U10
1998-1999	U12
1996-1997	U14
1994-1995	U16
1991-1992-1993	U18

*Note: See **new** amendments to the Bylaws regarding underage players*

When and where do we play?

The answer here is quite varied depending upon Division level and ice availability.

- o Game schedules are published twice a year (September & January) by the Zone 5 Ringette Association - Black Gold League (Beaumont is part of this association). They will be distributed via your Team Managers as well.
- o Regular season games can be anywhere throughout the Zone 5 Member Associations (see www.blackgoldleague.com) i.e. Sherwood Park, Lacombe, Hinton, Ft. Saskatchewan, Leduc
- o There is no pre-determined day for practices that can be provided prior to the season starting. (i.e. you will not have a regular Tuesday at 6:00 practice for your team). FYI - Last year, many teams experienced a good level of consistency in terms of days and times. Practices may be held in Beaumont, Leduc and New Sarepta. Be prepared for a variety of times, including very early morning ice times.

What are my Volunteer obligations?

You are required to do the following:

- o Volunteer duty for the Brass Ring Tournament – if you do not fulfill this the **\$100** cheque will be cashed – be sure to SIGN IN for your duty during the tournament.
- o Silent Auction Ticket Sales – You are responsible for selling 2 tickets – the February **\$50** fundraising cheque is for this, i.e. your are issued two \$25 tickets, your cheque is cashed and you keep the money from the ticket sales. Many parents elect to attend the event. (FYI - Last year the event sold out).
- o Silent Auction Volunteer Duty – You are responsible for volunteering for a duty / shift for the Silent Auction – again sign in to ensure the March **\$50** cheque is not cashed.
- o Team duty – **All** parents will be required to take turns for home games with keeping score / running the clock (and shot clock for U 12 and above) / running the penalty box as well as potentially doing bench duty if there are no female coaches on the team (there has to be a female on the bench) Don't worry newcomer parents, these tasks are easy and it's fun to watch the game from ice level.
- o Team roles – In addition to the coaches, there are certain roles critical to the smooth and enjoyable running of the season. Parents are asked to **STEP FORWARD** to fill these roles that first day of practice after teams are formed.
 - o Team Manager – manages the team “off-the ice” – Coordinates and communicates all administrative things with parents (see Bylaws)
 - o Jersey Manager – responsible for ensuring jerseys are at every game – can be shared position
 - o Tournament Coordinator – Assists with finding / entering their own team tournaments and also serves as liaison for the Beaumont Brass Ring Tournament
 - o Media – Writes short articles about games and forwards to the Publicity Contact (Carolyn Thompson) for submission to the Beaumont paper. (Note: Not every item is published)
 - o Party Planner – some teams have someone to coordinate any extra events for teams
 - o Silent Auction Liaison – Serves as team representative for the planning and coordination of the Silent Auction (attends approx 4 meetings) Communicates information & gets tickets to parents

What are additional costs I can expect?

In addition to registration and equipment costs consider the following:

- Photos – Team and individual photos will be taken in the fall. Purchasing is optional, but package prices range from \$15 and up. Lots of extras are available from bag tags to calendars to posters.
- Jersey name bars – this is about \$10.00-12.00
- Away tournaments (not the Beaumont Brass Ring) – Your team may choose to enter tournaments, most do. These costs vary, in the range of \$30/player per tournament plus any travel costs.
- Team contribution for the Silent Auction – Each team is responsible for contributing a silent auction item with a value of \$150.00. This may be done through a cash collection or donation(s).
- Optional team events – these may include kick off get-togethers, Christmas and season wind-up parties. Costs might be for swimming, bowling, pot-lucks etc. (*Optionally, small contributions for season-end coaches gifts are common*).

**Aside from photos, some teams elect to pitch in a certain amount estimated to cover everything at the beginning of the year for the tournaments & parties so families are not “nickel & dimed” throughout the year. Please make your opinion known to your team!*

What Equipment do I need?

Mandatory Equipment: CSA approved Helmet & Face mask, BNQ Approved Neck Protector, Shoulder Pads, Elbow Pads, Protective Gloves, Hip/Tailbone/Genital Protection, Shin Guards, Hockey/Ringette Skates (no picks), Uniform Jersey, Track Pants or "Cooper alls", Ringette Stick.

Optional Equipment: Mouth Guard – available at sports stores or through your dentist

Can I request for my child to be on a team with their friend?

We try and balance the teams for age and ability (first year / second year player etc.) so requests cannot be guaranteed, although they may be considered (especially at the U 8). For tiered teams, there are try outs for the top tiered team so it is entirely based on the objective assessment of ability.

Please refer to the Constitution & By-law of the Beaumont Ringette Association for additional information and regulations

The website is www.eteamz.com/bratsonline

***And most importantly HAVE FUN and help your child
have an amazing season!***