# Terrace ringette teams come home with Gold

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Terrace ringette players continue to draw attention to northern athletics with two teams from the Terrace Ringette Association, U16 and U19, returning home with gold medals from a provincial club championship tournament in Coquitlam March 6 -8, 2026.

The gold meal winning game for the U16 squad was an impressive 8-3 victory over the Vancouver Ringette Association team.

For 10 players on the U16 2025/2026 team roster, this is the third provincial win in a row.

Meanwhile the U19 team, called Terrace Turbulence, tallied its own decisive win, a 8-4 victory over Richmond Riptide.

Five of the U19 players and one assistant coach came from Houston where the Houston Ringette Association maintains a solid community presence.

The gold medal wins come just weeks after a ringette team from Houston and Terrace picked up a bronze medal representing the northwest at the BC Winter Games in the Kootenays.

It was a first for a team representing the northwest at the BC Winter Games.

U16 head coach Shelly Potter and U19 coach Lisa Smith expressed their appreciation at the development of players.

"Ringette has seen significant growth over the last 5 years in our small community due to knowledgeable and consistent coaching, committed and passionate volunteers, supportive community and local businesses, and engaged players and parents," said Potter.

For the U19 team, the gold medal represented a fulfilling 2025-2026 season as being the only U19 team in the north, they had to travel outside to compete, said Smith.

"These athletes attended Spirit of Winter where they dealt with missing players (due to flight delays), and rallied together to win silver. They attended the West Coast Classic in January where they again showed up, worked hard and won gold. Then traveled to Spruce Grove, Alberta to compete in the Sweetheart Tournament where again they worked together and won gold," she said.

Horizon Dental and volunteers were acknowledged for their support of the players and association.

The Terrace Ringette Association dates back to the 1980s and has 178 players registered for the 2025-2026 season.

- In these championships, three teams went down, i think. U14, U16 and U19. How did the U14 team do?

We had three age categories present from Terrace at the 2026 Club Ringette Championships - U14, U16, and U19. The U14 team came in 5th place out of 9 teams.

- how long has the Terrace Ringette Association been around? And how many players does it have today?

Terrace Ringette has been around since the 1980s. We have/had 178 players registered with our association for the 2025/2026 season.

Fun fact, there are 10 players on this 2025/2026 team roster that have won provincials 3 times in a row!

Please let me know if you have any other questions about the association or the U16 team.




**The Terrace Ringette Association 2026 provincial gold medal winning U16 team and their coaches are, back row, left to right, Nicole Wallace (assistant coach), Cam Metzger (assistant coach), Kristen Gogag (assistant coach), Tegan Harris, Natalie Wilson, Sophia Gogag, Stella Nicolai, Chloe MacArthur, Graeme Weary, Tyler Metzger, Ellie Cote, Zoe Unrau, Ezrein Pushong, Halle Correia, Shelley Potter (head coach), Garrett Davies (assistant coach). In the front row, left to right, Sienna Roberts, Leah Genereaux, Jack Potter-Pratt, Reese Clarabut, Alyssa Metzger, Aliah Vesterberg-Gavronsky. (Contributed)**




**The Terrace Ringette Association's 2025-2026 provincial club championship team players and coaches are, back row, from the left, Reese McCabe, Chad Sallenback (assistant coach), Kaidence Lipke, Lisa Smith (head coach), Renee Rondeau (Captain), Rohan Cooper, Trezden Pushong (Captain), Cassidy Newman, Oasis Cleveland, Brenna Rodway, Daniel Weary, Natalie Winsor, Giebette Cooper (assistant coach).**

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