

RING IT ON! Team Sportsmanship Award

In February of this year, 2018, the Calgary Ringette community lost an amazing supporter, father, husband and friend, Matt Loh. Matt's commitment to Calgary AA Ringette has been an inspiration to us all. His positive attitude, calm demeanor, and an unmatched love for the game has allowed him to reach out and promote the game of ringette. Matt worked endlessly in an effort to place ringette in the forefront of sport in Calgary.

Matt spent endless hours organizing and arranging the first ever Ring It On! 'Friendship' tournament, held for the AA community in Calgary. The Ring It On! Friendship tournament ran for the first time in 2016. This exhibition series of games is intended as a first chance for teams to come together with new teammates and teams. True to Matt's character, this was a tournament to promote friendship, teamwork and community.

The Matt Loh sportsmanship award will be presented for the first time ever, at the 2018 Ring It On! Friendship ringette tournament. The award will be given to the team that best displays exemplary sportsmanship overall. The purpose of the award is to promote integrity and sportsmanship in the game of ringette. The award will be given to the team which, through actions both on and off the ice, have demonstrated fairness, respect, honesty, unselfishness, and responsibility.

The team chosen by the coaches, players and referees to demonstrate the above actions, will receive the very first Matt Loh sportsmanship award. This award is voted on by the coaches, players and referees at the tournament and is presented during the final game of the tournament.

HOW WILL THIS AWARD BE GRANTED?

Each team participating in the Ring It On! Tournament will fill out a quick survey after each exhibition game they play, rating the opposing team based on outlined criteria. When filling out the survey, teams are to consider factors such as friendliness, courtesy, graciousness in losing, fair and honest dealings during the competition, compliance with competition and ringette rules, and overall admirable conduct.

The judging criteria includes evaluations in the following categories:

Be Respectful to All

Desirable Behavior: Opposing coaches and players shaking hands after the game; players shaking hand of opponent after a loss and showing concern for injured player; respectfully addressing officials during competition and thanking them for their performance, regardless of agreement with calls.

Know the Rules, Abide by and Respect the Official's Decisions

Desirable Behavior: Utilize every opportunity to promote understanding of the rules of ringette ; players use the team captain or coach for clarification of a call; accept the decisions of the officials; players and parents lead fans in positive team cheering in a favorable manner; ie: not cheering for individual players.

Win with Character and Lose with Dignity

Desirable Behavior: Handshakes between opposing players and coaches at end of a contest, regardless of outcome; opposing players, coaches, and fans engaging in friendly conversation before and following contest; treating competition as a game, not a conflict; applause at end of contest for performance of all players.

Display Appreciation for Good Performance Regardless of the Team

Desirable Behavior: Coaches/players seek out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching; all fans recognize an outstanding participant's performance by applause,

regardless of its impact on the contest; discuss outstanding performance of opponent with visiting and home fans.

Exercise Self-Control and Reflect Positively towards Others

Desirable Behavior: Being a positive role model, respectful cheers and displaying unity as fans in the stands watching any given game, and off the ice actions; whether players, coaches or assistant coaches.

Instructions:

1. During each game sign in, coaches will be given a survey form of the opposing team.
2. Following game completion, forms are to be completed by the coach, team manager or designated member of each team.
3. Rank the opposing team on set criteria on a scale of 1 – 10, 1 being the weakest, 10 being the strongest.
4. Once the form is completed, forms are to be handed in at the coach's registration desk.

RING IT ON! FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD SURVEY FORM

DIVISION: _____

GAME TIME: _____

GAME DATE: _____

TEAM COMPLETING SURVEY: _____

****TEAM BEING SURVEYED:** _____

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ON A SCALE OF 1 - 10, 1 BEING THE WEAKEST AND 10 BEING THE STRONGEST, RANK THIS TEAM ACCORDINGLY BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

<p>Being Respectful to All Desirable Behavior: Opposing coaches and players shaking hands after the game; players shaking hand of opponent after a loss and showing concern for injured player; respectfully addressing officials during competition and thanking them for their performance, regardless of agreement with calls.</p>	
<p>Know the Rules, Abide by and Respect the Official's Decisions Desirable Behavior: Utilize every opportunity to promote understanding of the rules of ringette ; players use the team captain or coach for clarification of a call; accept the decisions of the officials; players and parents lead fans in positive team cheering in a favorable manner; ie: not cheering for individual players.</p>	
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<p>Display Appreciation for Good Performance Regardless of the Team Desirable Behavior: Coaches/players seek out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching; all fans recognize an outstanding participant's performance by applause, regardless of its impact on the contest; discuss outstanding performance of opponent with visiting and home fans.</p>	
<p>Exercise Self-Control and Reflect Positively Towards Others Desirable Behavior: Being a positive role model, respectful cheers and displaying unity as fans in the stands watching any given game, and off the ice actions; whether players, coaches or assistant coaches.</p>	