



## Black Gold League – Team Declaration Meeting September 26, 2023 @ 7:00pm Online Meeting

1. Call to Order

7:02pm

2. Attendance:

Chelsea Cameron (BGL)	Wayne Martin (BGL)	Aaron Bomke (SGRA)	Amanda Forster (SPRA)
Amanda Couture (HRA)	Amy Shipley (LRA)	Brad Jorgensen (CAS)	Brad Murk (SARA)
Carolyn Normand (RDR)	Colleen Caldwell (SARA)	Gord McQueen (EFCLRA)	Heather Henning (CGY AA)
Janice Tymkow (PRA)	Jay Adamson (CAS)	Jeff McDonald (FMRA)	Jody C ? (ERC)
Karen Garlitos (ERC)	Landynn Carr (BRA)	Laurelle Loe (SARA)	Lee Shalapay (BGL)
Lyle Granigan (LRA)	Matt Hunter (SGRA)	Melissa Trider (DVRA)	Michael Greenwood (FSRA)
Mike J ? (PRA)	Rob Peirson (BGL)	Sandra Fenton (BGL)	Sara Emmonds (DVRA)
Shauna Gryzb (RDR)	Sylvie Dubois (BGL)	Tashia Lepage (HRA)	Tony Norad (BGL)

3. Welcome & Additions to the Agenda

**No additions to the agenda.**

**Michael Greenwood (FSRA) motions to adopt agenda. Amy Shipley (LRA) seconds. Motion carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2023, Meeting

**No changes needed to minutes.**

**Amy Shipley (LRA) motions to adopt minutes. Michael Greenwood (FSRA) seconds. Motion Carried.**

5. RIC Report

**Officials – RAB has posted a bunch of clinics. Two (2) Level 1 have already taken place; all refs need to take a general refresher this year.**

**RIC's for BGL have met re: the 1<sup>st</sup> stripes program. This will be taking place in session 2 as we are working through the logistics to get this program up and running.**

**Greater Edmonton area will be using RAMP this season, also still figuring out some minor issues which are anticipated to be cleared up by season start.**

**Exhibition games are getting in, but delayed in confirmation communications. We are working on smoothing this process out.**

**Rules 101 by Sylvie will be geared towards U12/14 coaches. 1 hour total. 45 minutes will be lecture – discussion of what penalties are and what these refs should be calling at this level and how to interact with officials. 15-20 minutes will be left for Q&A. Will be recorded and some form of registration will roll out in the coming week.**

**Landyn Carr (BRA) – What are the dates? Wayne – tentatively Oct 12 & 25. Hoping for good attendance live, but will be recorded. Recordings will be posted on the website concluding the meeting, and meetings will be via zoom.**

6. Scheduler's Report

a. Division release – dates, session 1

**Critical dates: Session 1 will be Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Session 1 beginning Oct 13<sup>th</sup> for everyone but U10. U10 will begin on the Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**U19AA schedule draft has been sent out to all teams to identify any possible conflicts (due to it being a provincial league).**

**Red Deer / Lacombe – double headers. LAC has indicated they are not interested in doing that. This leaves RDR still up for double headers. RD needs to decide tonight if they want this to proceed. As a reminder, this is something the association asked for, not that BGL is imposing on the teams. FMC & HIN play different teams when they come to Edmonton but play the same team when at home. So similar format would stand for red deer. NOTE: We did not receive any double header requests for teams travelling RDR.**

**Carolyn – RDR, we would accommodate this, but would prefer it to not have the schedule built that way the whole season. Also, can we allocate enough space between games for a**

decent break. U19A would also be open to double headers but will email you back later tonight.

Wayne – critical dates have been updated on the website - everyone can find any information there if it was missed.

7. Game/League Operations

- a. Operations Manual updates and approval

A copy of the proposed changes was set out with the agenda ahead of tonight’s meeting.

General overview of changes as outlined presented by Wayne.

2023-2024 Black Gold League: Operations Manual Updates

September 26, 2023

Section	Update
801, 1103	Change Overview from 2 sessions to 3.
1104	Update AA games from 6 to 8 in Session 1.
1108	Inclusion of 1 blackout date in Session 1.
1418	Update for Minor officials to be provided by both teams.
1420	Update for inclusion of Electronic game sheets
1504	Inclusion of U16C
1805.d	Updated policy for Excessive Penalty Minute average
1902	Update for U10 Step 3 to follow Championship format and manual
Section 21	Removal of reference to Alberta Winter Games
Appendices	Updated Team fees.
Appendices	Removal of references to requirement for approval of Male Players
All	Formatting throughout.

General Discussion on updates:

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – Paper copies are to be retained (currently noted in verbiage) – do we need to keep any scratch notes or anything for electronic games sheets? Wayne – no need to keep those.

Landyn Carr (BRA) – blackout date in session 1 is separate from session 1 home tournament blackout? Wayne – correct.

Landyn – Critical dates notes that team session 1 blackouts has passed, can we send in more? Sandra – ice allocators knew this and we did extend it by a week so BMT was aware. I know it is new, so as such, I will take these requests tonight as I’m working on the schedule starting tomorrow morning.

**Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – does excessive penalty minutes include session 3, provincials, and championships? Wayne/Rob – yes, warnings will help to keep end of season from ramping up leading to suspensions rolling over to following season.**

**Motion to Adopt changes presented by Wayne. (Not moved on as changes brought up.)**

**Tony Norad (BGL) – On page 60, should U10S3 be added to the header as we have included them in the league championships? Wayne – I will fix that.**

**Carolyn Normand – (1504) for U16C inclusion, but references something else. Wayne – it is referencing just the chart, not the paragraph you're reading.**

**Amy Shipley (LRA) – Section 4-34 ;Page 16 says 3 officials (minor officials). Tony Norad (BGL) – On page 50 says the 4 officials, on page 16 refers to the positions. Wayne – I missed that section. I will update.**

**New motion to adopt changes as amended during meeting. Amy Shipley (LRA) motions to adopt changes. Michael Greenwood (FSRA) seconds. Motion carried.**

b. **Electronic game sheet update**

**Everything is the same as last year. If you need help or clarification, please just let me know.**

**Wayne – if there are any issues as we get close to the start of season, please reach out to Lee.**

**Janice Tymkow (PRA) – Where will the game codes come from? Lee – managers will be given the game codes. Once a team puts in their team code, it will load all their games.**

**Shauna Gryzb (RDR)– Electronic game sheet instructions will need to be updated to reflect the minor officials. Lee – I will fix that.**

**Gord Mcqueen (EFCLRA) – How to generate a game code for exhibition game. Lee – As soon as everyone gets back-end ramp stuff done we can start working on building codes to use for exhibition games.**

c. **Championship Host Package**

**By end of October, we will have a championship package ready to send out. Will be filled with expectations and guidelines on hosting this type of event.**

**Wayne – Critical dates were sent out to associations, which also gave notice to submit their intent to host in March.**

8. **Declarations**

a. **UAA numbers and division tiering**

U14AA and down, auto populates based on UAA scores.

b. Declaration of Teams

- BMT – good
- CEN – good
- CGY – good
- DVRA – good
- EFCLRA – good
- ERC – good
- FSK – good
- FMC – good
- HIN – good
- LAC – request for U12B looking for lower tier division (gold) if possible as many players haven't played full ice prior.
- LED – good
- PEM – good
- RDR – good
- SGV – good
- SPK – U14B looking to start in the lower pools if it makes sense. (Team 1)
- STA – good
- Zone 2 – No response.

NOTES: Sherwood Park, Lacombe, Red Deer, St. Albert not putting U10S1 teams in BGL play. Lacombe, Red Deer, St. Albert not putting U10S2 teams in BGL play.

	UAA Determined Level										Declared Level						
	U10S1	U10S2	U10S3	U12C	U12B	U12A	U14C	U14B	U14A	U14AA	U16C	U16B	U16A	U16AA	U19B	U19A	U19AA
BMT	2		1		1			1	1		1	1			1	1	
CEN									1				1				
CGY																	2
DVY		1							1								
EDM	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	1			2	2		1	1	
ERC										1				1			1
FSK	1	2	2	1	1	1		1				1	1				
FMC					2			1			1	1					
HIN		2			1								1				
LAC			1		1	1		1	1		1	1			1		
LED	1	1			1		1					1	1				
PEM	1			1			1				1				1		
RDR			1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
SGV	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1
SPK		4	2	1	2	1		2	1	1			1	1	2	1	1
STA			2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
Z2																	1
BGL Teams	9	14	12	10	14	7	7	10	8	5	4	12	9	5	9	5	7

Sandra – Re: U10S1/2 - I haven't seen UAA scores, teams will be left in one pool, but I will arrange games based on their UAA's to keep games competitive.

Re: U10S3 - We wouldn't do this for U10S3 as it ends in a championship event – for this we would create two pools and then leave repooling to help sort teams accordingly for second

session. Wayne – should we do 2 pools for U10S3? Sandra – we certainly do 2 pools for 12 teams. They only play 6 games in the first session, so we could do black and gold.

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – would like 2 FSK teams not play each other if possible. Seconded by Karen Garlitos (EFCLRA) and Laurelle Loe (SARA). Wayne – We will leave at one pool.

- U12C – 1 pool
- U12B – 2 pools
- U12A – 1 pool
- U14C – 1 pool
- U14B – 1 pool
- U14A – 1 pool
- U14AA – 1 pool
- U16C – 4 teams only. BMT, LAC, PEM, FMC.

General discussion on pool size and options for creating pool diversity.

Option 1 – U16C plays with lower level U16B teams. Discussion: Point of U16C was to eliminate the gold pool of U16B and discourages growth of U16C division. We will not proceed with this option.

Option 2 – U14B / U16C pool. Discussion: Due to issues with disparity between age groups, and level of play, we will not proceed with this option.

Decision: (Wayne) We will allow all teams hosting U16B to review their teams potential for the season and get back to Sandra by tomorrow morning if teams are willing to move down to U16C division. U16B and U16C will remain as separate, inclusive, and single pools for session 1. If no teams move, this will leave U16C w/ 4 teams, and U16B w/ 12 teams.

- U16B – 1 pool
- U16A – 1 pool
- U16AA – 1 pool
- U19B-U19AA - 1 pool

Amanda Forster (SPRA) – are we combining 16AA / 19AA pools (5 teams each) together. Wayne – There are no plans to group these two pools together – they will remain separate.

Team League fees & Officials Retainers invoices will be sent out this week. Please have those paid as soon as possible as it helps make October payroll feasible.

Fee is \$210/team (includes \$40 session 3 fee).

Officials’ retainer amount is based on number of teams (including Open division). Officials’ retainer is returned at the end of the season.

Total Teams	Team Fee	Session 3 Fee	Officials Retainer	Total Invoice
10	\$ 1,700	\$ 240	\$ 1,600	\$ 3,540
2	\$ 340	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340
2	\$ 340	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340
2	\$ 340	\$ 40	\$ 200	\$ 580
21	\$ 3,570	\$ 400	\$ 3,900	\$ 7,870
3	\$ 510	\$ -	\$ 950	\$ 1,460
11	\$ 1,870	\$ 120	\$ 1,600	\$ 3,590
5	\$ 850	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ 970
4	\$ 680	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 720
8	\$ 1,360	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 1,560
6	\$ 1,020	\$ 120	\$ 1,850	\$ 2,990
5	\$ 850	\$ 120	\$ 600	\$ 1,570
11	\$ 1,870	\$ 280	\$ -	\$ 2,150
16	\$ 2,720	\$ 240	\$ 2,950	\$ 5,910
22	\$ 3,740	\$ 360	\$ 4,650	\$ 8,750
18	\$ 3,060	\$ 280	\$ 3,700	\$ 7,040
1	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170
147	\$ 24,990	\$ 2,560	\$ 22,000	\$ 49,550

c. Declaration of Overage Players

**Overage submitted requests:**

**Submitted Over age Player Requests:**

1. Drayton Valley - Teams at U10 & U14
  - o Prior Year: U14B 10-10-0
  - o Request: 4 over age players on U14... all skaters
  - o Request: 3 over age players on U10
2. Hinton - Teams at U10 & U16
  - o Prior Year: U19A 14-5-2; U16B 8-9-1
  - o Request: 5 over age players on U16... 4 skaters (3 played underage on U19A last year); 1 goalie (new to ringette)
3. Fort McMurray - Teams at U12, U14, 2 x U16
  - o Prior Year: U16B 10-11-1; U14 14-2-1; U14C 2-19-0
  - o Request: 3 over age players on U16B... all skaters
  - o Request: 1 over age player on U14... skater (new to ringette)
4. Edmonton Federation
  - o Request: 1 over age player on U14C... goalie (new to ringette)
5. St. Albert
  - o Request: 1 over age players on U16B... goalie
  - o Request: 1 over age player on U14... skater (new to ringette)
6. Spruce Grove
  - o Request: 2 over age on U19B... both skaters
  - o Request: 1 over age on U19AA... goalie

**NOTE: BMT did not submit overage request, not included in above list. STA also added additional request during meeting. Forms to be submitted to Wayne following this meeting concluding.**

**BMT – 2x U14 players to play down to U12.**

**STA – 3x U14 players to play down to U12.**

**General discussion of overage policy by Wayne.**

Black Gold League Policy:

909 Overage Players

All Teams involved in BGL Scheduled Games shall follow the Ringette Alberta guidelines for age levels for players on teams. Associations are required to notify The Executive of any expected overage players on their teams at the Season Start-Up Meeting {M1}, the Division and Pooling meeting {M2}, and/or the Re-pooling Meeting {M3}. The Executive may give tentative approval, or deny the request at one of these meetings.

NOTE: Should any Ringette Alberta Policy also apply, that policy shall be followed.

Ringette Alberta Policy:

7.3 Principles |

7.3.1 It can be appropriate for an over age player to be allowed to participate at a lower age division.

7.3.2 The decision to allow over age players should be based on objective criteria as much as possible.

7.3.3 The inclusion of an over age player should be irrelevant to opposing teams provided the inclusion of the player does not affect the team's relative competitiveness or compromise player safety;

7.3.3.1 Competitive equity is a measure of overall team success relative to competitors;

7.3.3.2 Impact of an over age player on her safety or the safety of other players is a factor of ability, style of play and physical size, and not chronological age.

Intent of over age players:

1. To establish a viable team.
2. If the player has no other options for teams to play on.
3. If a lower division is appropriate due to their experience / development in the sport.

**Request for associations to provide any further information on their requests.**

**BMT: 2<sup>nd</sup> year players who played U12C last year. Will submit paperwork tonight (Landyn).**

**DVRA: nothing to add.**

**HIN: U14 brand new player will also be on 16A team.**

**FMC: nothing to add.**

**EFCRA: Looking for a goalie at U19B, possibly looking for overage goalie to fill role.**

**STA: Will submit paperwork tonight (Laurelle).**

**SGRA: Nothing to add. In addition, we are not requesting overage as there is nothing to indicate in the policy that we need to.**

**General discussion of SGRA request. Majority of discussion revolves around U19AA goalie playing overage on U19AA team, which provides competitive advantage to the team. No further discussion takes place on other SGRA overage request.**

**Aaron Bomke (SGRA) does not agree with Wayne's & BGL executives' interpretation of the policy. Request noted that the policy should be rewritten to disallow such a situation from happening in future years but does not see any need for BGL to approve or deny, or be involved, in SGRA overage players playing this season.**



Colleen Caldwell (SARA) provides her acceptance of Aaron's interpretation of the policy. Confirms that possible policy re-write is required.

Wayne explains that there is intent embedded in the policy, which would not merit approval of this request as it does not follow the intent of the policy. U19 players seeking to play minor ringette do have other options for playing (Open division).

Aaron disagrees that Wayne cannot include 'intent' when it isn't written into the policy.

Wayne submits poll to membership asking for opinion on which overage players associations agree with approving for session 1. NOTE: Poll results are not provided to membership.

**\*\*Tentative approval or denial of the above requests for overage players to be communicated to associations after the declaration meeting by BGL executive. \*\***

d. Collection of Team Fees

Reminder: Tony to send out invoices this week.

9. Association Round Table

BMT – nothing.  
CEN – nothing.  
CGY – nothing  
DVR – nothing.  
EDM – nothing.  
ERC – nothing.

Delayed question held over from overage discussion:

Jody - Is there a U14AA session 3? Sandra – with U14AA there could be a session three based on the number of teams (depends on all inclusive). 8 or 9 team pool for provincials allowed by RAB, but no 10 team. Would there be a session 3 be for seeding? Sandra – no that's what Session 2 is for. Will not know until after repooling what size of pool remains at this age level, or who all will attend provincials as teams could move at repooling.

FSK – Diamon ring Dec 1-3, JR Diamon Ring Feb 24-26, JRC under renovation next two seasons (temporary locker, and need to bring potable water). Looking for a 16B goalie due to team viability.

FMC – nothing.  
HIN – nothing.  
LAC – nothing.  
LED – nothing.  
PEM – nothing.  
RDR – nothing.  
SGR – nothing.

**SPK – Platinum ring registration opening soon, desperately in need of goalie at U14B, and have spots for Open B (4). Team is comprised of mostly 05/04 age players.**

**STA – nothing. Turkey ring has 80 teams coming! (Noted earlier: Healthy interest in U16C division for Turkey Ring also.)**

**Wayne – Reminder: Critical dates for team staff Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, session 1 schedule oct 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Amanda Forster (SPRA) – Are team contacts through ramp now? Used to be a form but can't find? Lee – I will forward it out and check website. Wayne – Item C4 on critical dates has the link to the form.**

**Lee – NOTE: lets try to get those team staff in sooner as everything is linked in RAMP. Sooner team staff are uploaded, the sooner team codes and other information can be sent out.**

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 21, 2023, Re-pooling

**9:07pm meeting adjourned.**