



# Great Lakes Ringette League

## Meeting Agenda

**Monday August 18, 2025 - 7:00 pm**

ZOOM ONLY

**ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)**

Position/Association	Name	Present/Absent/Regrets
President	Shannon Crinklaw	Present
Vice President	Brian Kettles	Regrets
Past President	Phil Singeris	Regrets
Scheduler	Jim File	Present
Treasurer	Ron McArthur	Present
Secretary	Carrie McKichan	Present
RIC	Emma Bragg Smith	Present
Director at Large 1	Holly Davies	Present
Director at Large 2	Adam Natsheh	Present
Director at Large 3	Aaron Kratt	Present
Scheduler 1	Steve Baker	Present
Scheduler 2	Tara Armstrong	Regrets
Schedule 3	Rob Ellis	Regrets
<b>Barrie</b>	James Van Lierop	Present
<b>Burlington</b>	Kevin Aubertin	Present
<b>Cambridge</b>	Michelle Whissell	Regrets
<b>Chatham</b>	Eric Vandermeer	Present
<b>Dorchester</b>	Nicole Lindsay	Present
<b>Elora Fergus</b>	Jolene West	Present
<b>Etobicoke</b>	Erin Filey/ Aaron Kratt	Present
<b>Forest</b>	Rachel Orvis	Present
<b>Guelph</b>	Jared Pulleybank	Present
<b>Hamilton</b>	Scott Eason	Present
<b>Kitchener</b>	Peter Johnson	Present
<b>London</b>	Jess Walker	Present
<b>Mississauga</b>	Andrea Law	Present
<b>Mitchell</b>	Carrie McKichan	Present
<b>Oshawa</b>	Jamie Lynn Vanderlinde	Present
<b>Paris</b>	Jen Mayhew	Present
<b>Richmond Hill</b>	Scott Dyer	Present
<b>St. Catharine's</b>	Kara Sanders	Present

<b>St. Marys</b>	Brienna Lee Feeney	Present
<b>Sudbury</b>	Sarah Dixon	Present
<b>Sunderland</b>	April Carter	Present
<b>Tillsonburg</b>	Jason Routley	Present
<b>Waterloo</b>	Courtney Proudfoot	Present
<b>Whitby</b>	Stacey Beck	Present

#### Others in Attendance:

#### 1) Requests for items to be added to the agenda & approval of agenda.

- *GLRL Observers*
- *U14AA Game Format*
- *New Coaching Requirements*

**Motion: Guelph - Second: Chatham** **Approved**

#### 2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of Feb 24, 2025

- Link: [Link to Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion: Mitchell – Second: Guelph **Approved**

Opening Remarks: Team Composition & League Structure: Total league composition finalized at 57 teams with significant growth from previous season. Originally projected 58 teams at AGM but adjusted due to one team folding. Substantial increase from approximately 49-50 teams last season. New associations joining for first time: Elora, St. Catharines, and Tillsonburg bringing fresh participation. Markham and Ajax departed as they no longer host provincial teams, creating openings for new members. League demonstrates strong growth trajectory and expanding regional participation.

#### 3) 2025 – 2026 GLRL Executive Officers

- President - Shannon Crinklaw
- Vice President - Brian Kettles
- Secretary - Carrie McKichan
- Treasurer - Ron McArthur
- Past President - Phil Singeris
- At Large Rep #1 - Holly Davies
- At Large Rep #2 -Adam Natsheh
- At Large Rep #3 - Aaron Kratt
- GLRL Board Observers:
  - Scheduler - Jim File
  - Referee in Chief (RIC) -Emma Bragg-Smith
  - Referee Scheduler -Steve Baker: Western Region Area
  - Referee Scheduler -Rob Elis: Southern Region Area
  - Referee Scheduler -Tara Armstrong: Central Region Area

#### Governance & Administrative Framework:

Executive leadership structure with mix of returning and new members providing continuity and fresh perspectives.

President: Shannon Crinklaw (first year), replacing Chris Sharp who moved to Ringette Ontario.

Vice President: Brian Kettles (second year), up for election at season end.

Secretary: Carrie (first year), Treasurer: Ron MacArthur (second year, up for election).

Directors at Large: Holly (returning), Adam (returning), Aaron (new) bringing diverse association perspectives.  
Past President: Phil serving as consultant since Chris Sharp cannot serve due to Ringette Ontario conflict.

#### 4) Financial Report –Ron McArthur

- Cash Status – See Below..

Financial Management & Fee Structure:

Strong financial position with systematic collection processes and specialized fee structures.

Current payment status: One-third of associations fully paid with two-thirds requiring payment within 2 weeks. Electronic payment preferred for efficiency, though checks remain acceptable option.

Bond management: Successfully refunded departing associations and collected from new members.

Sudbury specialized fee structure reflecting reduced game commitment and travel arrangements

Standard fees maintained: \$160 administration fees same as all teams

Reduced referee fees: \$300 (50% of standard \$600) reflecting 8 games vs. 16 games.

Total Sudbury fees: \$460 per team compared to standard \$760, proportional to game commitment

Financial rationale: Reduced games require proportionally less referee mileage reimbursement

Royal Bank

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#### 5) Discipline Committee – Brian Kettles

- Report was sent in Brian's absence. Committee members are all willing to stay on again this year.
- There was no submissions last year. This committee is in place to promote safety.

#### 6) Sudbury Team Changes

- Sudbury was approved at AGM to have U14A, U16A, U16AA and U19A join the league
- Sudbury U16AA team has folded
- Sudbury requesting to have two U16A teams join the league instead of U16AA
- Sudbury A teams are guaranteed 8 league games

**Competitive balance considerations with unbalanced team approvals and league integrity:** Sudbury U16A teams: Ringette Ontario & NER approved unbalanced teams due to U16AA fold, only 5 returning AA players.

Scheduling accommodation: Teams can request to play/avoid Sudbury teams based on competitive level preferences.

League philosophy: Growth encouragement balanced with competitive fairness, 8-game limit prevents league championship impact. Precedent implications: Other associations with folded AA teams may have similar unbalanced A-level teams.

**Membership Vote: 25 Membership Votes all in Favour. Approved**

## 7) Scheduling Update – Jim File

GLRL Season 2025-2026		Possible Mixed team			Folded teams		
Association	# of Teams	U14A	U14AA	U16A	U16AA	U19A	U19AA
Barrie	2		1	1			
Burlington	5		1	1	1	1	1
Cambridge	1			1			
Chatham	1			1			
Dorchester	3	1		1		1	
Elora Fergus	1	1					
Etobicoke	1			1			
Forest	3	1		1		1	
Hamilton (RAB)	1	1					
Guelph	4	1	1	1		1	
London	5	1	1		1	1	1
Kitchener	3	1		1			1
Mississauga	1					1	
Mitchell	1			1			
Paris	1					1	
Oshawa	3		1			1	1
Richmond Hill	6	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Catharines	1	1					
St. Marys	1	1					
Sudbury	4	1		2		1	
Sunderland	2			1		1	
Tillsonburg	1	1					
Waterloo	3	1			1	1	
Whitby	3	1		1	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>

- Update on Scheduling for next season.

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is the start date for AA teams. Hubs will start the season til October 16, 2025.

There will be five hubs for 16AA and 19AA.

- U16AA & U19AA Schedules are completed – to be released soon.
- Complete U19A and U14A schedules pending blackout date updates from associations.
- Coordinate with Sudbury for second U16A team scheduling requirements.
- Finalize February 21st-22nd Barrie hub weekend with 20 games for multiple divisions.
- Coordination of double headers for the first half of the season.

Association Ice Schedulers - Submit updated blackout dates to Jim Files based on tournament assignments received August 14th (deadline: end of week).

Review and modify existing blackout dates in RAMP system, don't just add new ones.

Missing: U14A – St Catherines & London U16A – Cambridge & Sunderland U19A – Mississauga & Sunderland

- Hub Weekend Schedule

- Need U16AA and U19AA teams to be available for all Hub weekends to make them successful

Dates	Times	Locations	Divisions
Sept 6	12-6pm	Waterloo	U16AA
Sept 13	8:15-2:15	Whitby	U16AA
Sept 14		Oshawa	U19AA
Sept 20	12:30-6:30pm	London	U16AA/U19AA
Sept 21	12:30-6:30pm	London	U16AA/U19AA
Sept 27	12:30-6:30pm	Burlington	U16AA
Sept 28		Kitchener	U19AA
Oct 11	12:30-6:30pm	Burlington	U19AA
Oct 18	12-6pm	Richmond Hill	U16AA/U19AA
Oct 19	10:45am-6:45pm	Richmond Hill	U16AA/U19AA

- Discussion around cross over ice with Ottawa area – not this year due to AAA year. Will consider

again next year

## 8) Officials Update – Emma

Officiating Operations & Development Strategy:

Comprehensive officiating structure maintained from previous season with enhanced development focus.

Referee scheduling team: Emma (RIC), Steve (Western), Rob (Southern), Tara (Central) continuing successful first year of internal scheduling. Hub weekend officiating: Emma personally scheduling all hub games as tournament-style events for consistency.

Emergency protocols: Associations must contact both regional scheduler and Emma for last-minute changes or weather issues. Strategic referee development initiatives leveraging hub weekends and concentrated game days.

September 28th Kitchener: Major referee evaluation and certification hub with 12 hours of games.

February 21st-22nd Barry: Secondary development opportunity with 20 games across all age divisions.

Hub weekend advantages: Concentrated officiating allows for efficient evaluations, mentoring, and development.

Recruitment challenges: No information yet available on new referee courses from Ringette Ontario.

Minor officials coordination for hub weekends requiring standardized approach.

Hub host responsibility: Provide all minor officials (timekeeper, scoreboard operator, shot clock) for entire 4-game hub - Shannon to send email.

Cost structure: Hub hosts cover minor official costs for all games, visiting teams reciprocate when hosting their own hubs

Rationale: Creates consistent experience, eliminates coordination complexity, costs balance across season

Home team responsibilities: Regular league games maintain standard home team provides minor officials structure

## 9) League Convenors

- **Description for Role:**

- Liaison for league game issues raised within the division assigned
- Review scores of games have been entered
- Person to allow coaches to ask questions to
- Assist in game cancellation and reschedules
- Send email to coaches to introduce yourself, Name posted on website

- **Required for:**

- U14A – Matt Freeland (Tillsonburg)
- U14AA – Kevin Aubertin (Burlington)
- U16A – James Van Lierop (Barrie)
- U16AA - VACANT
- U19A – Courtney Proudfoot (Waterloo)
- U19AA - VACANT

- Outstanding positions: U16AA and U19AA convener roles remain vacant, requiring follow-up recruitment.
- Convener responsibilities: Liaison for game issues, score review, coach support, escalation point to executive board.
- Communication structure: Introduction emails to division coaches, weekend availability for urgent issues.

## 10) Other Business:

- GLRL reps per Association – 1 rep per association
  - Responsible to attend meetings, bring information back to association, vote on behalf of association, work with coaches from association to bring items forward to GLRL
- Ramp Game sheets to be used for all games

- League Rules – all coaches and GLRL reps responsible to have read and understand
- Substitution Rule – same as last 2 years
- Game Change Request Form is found on the website
- Coach listing and directory is now online and password protected. Coaches will be emailed their team logins and information on how to access when schedules loaded

#### **11) Meeting Schedule for Year:**

- Mon Sept 22 – 7:00pm
- Mon Nov 17 – 7:00pm
- Mon Jan 19 – 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 23 – 7:00pm
- AGM – TBD

#### **12) New Business:**

##### **Coaching certification requirements expansion creating logistical and financial burdens:**

New Ringette Ontario mandate: All assistant coaches must now be certified, not just trained.

Increased costs: Certification process, season plans, practice plans, and evaluations required for entire coaching staff

Logistical concerns: Limited evaluators, scheduling challenges for multiple coaches per team, timeline constraints

League response: Will query Ringette Ontario on implementation timeline, exemption procedures, and evaluator availability.

##### **U14AA Game Format - Tournament format alignment between league and Ringette Ontario standards.**

U14AA format: League maintaining 2-period format while Ringette Ontario moving to 2 x 17-minute periods.

Historical context: League previously led format changes that Ringette Ontario later adopted.

Implementation considerations: Format changes require advance notice for ice allocation adjustments.

Future planning: Consider alignment for next season through AGM process, requires membership vote.

##### **Observers:**

Observer status approved: Former member associations (Markham, Ajax) may attend without voting rights to maintain league connection. Shannon to follow up with Markham & Ajax.

#### **13) Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion: Chatham – Second: Emma Bragg-Smith **Approved**