



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Monday August 22, 2022 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL:

Central Region (4) – Ajax (Allen Ross), Oshawa (Holly Davies), Richmond Hill (Annette Mews), Sunderland (Derrick), Whitby (Elizabeth Gill)

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (Jim Van Lierop & Michelle Linton), Burlington (Brett Richardson), Cambridge (Nicolette Rehyani), Paris (Sarah Hyndman), Markham (Ron Mclean), Mississauga (Roy Reedon)

Western Region (8) – Chatham (Margie Van Oirschot), Dorchester (Shelley Handley), Forest (Adam McKinlay), St. Mary's (Peter Westlaken), Kitchener (Brian Kettles), Waterloo (Brian Kettles), London (Melinda Suchard), Guelph (Rob McMillan), Mitchell (Chris Dowson)

Regrets: Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (Competition Committee Western), Andrea Law (VP Southern Region),

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Chris Sharpe, Tom Anderson, Jim File

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

- Chris requested to add Game sheets Discussion to agenda
- Motion to approve – London
- Seconded by Dorchester
- No one opposed - Carried

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of Mar 28, 2022

- Motion to approve – St. Mary's
- Seconded by Chatham
- No one opposed - Carried

3) 2020 – 2021 GLRL Executive Officers

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| • President | - Phil Singeris |
| • Vice President | - Brian Kettles |
| • Secretary | - Shannon Crinklaw |
| • Treasurer | - Tom Anderson |
| • Past President | - Greg Turner |

- Central Region Rep - Holly Davies
- Southern Region Rep - Roy Reeton
- Western Region Rep - Shelley Handley
- Scheduler - Jim File

4) Planning for 2022/23 Season

- U12A Tryouts

- Tryouts are scheduled for many associations
- Will need to have declaration of U12 teams
- Any associations struggling to have tryouts within the dates or making teams?
 - **September 20th is the date as per GLRL rules to have U12A teams declared**
 - i. If any associations will not meet the deadline, please reach out to Phil**
 - Ajax – Pickering – No
 - Barrie – Yes
 - Burlington – Yes
 - Cambridge – Yes
 - Chatham – No
 - Dorchester – Yes
 - Forest – Yes
 - Guelph – Yes
 - Kitchener – Yes
 - London – Yes
 - Markham – No
 - Mississauga – Yes
 - Mitchell – No (co-host St. Mary’s)
 - Oshawa – Yes
 - Paris - No
 - Richmond Hill – Yes
 - St. Mary’s – Yes (co-host with Mitchell)
 - Sunderland – Yes
 - Waterloo – Yes
 - Whitby – Yes
 - Potential of a Total of 15 U12A teams for this season

- Team Composition Declarations and Rules Acknowledgement

- Feedback from Reps:
 - This was easy to fill out, no issues
- Reps need to submit information for U12A teams
- **All team declarations submitted to date are female only declarations. There were no mixed teams declared at this time.**

- Ice Availability per Association

- All associations have submitted ice
- A few associations did not provide enough ice and GLRL is working with those associations
- Feedback from Reps:
 - Tedious to enter all the tournament dates, had to do each tournament and each day separately
 - Easy to use form, but took a lot of time

- Jim File Feedback:
 - Trying to make it better with RAMP and Ice Scheduling software
 - London having difficulties accessing teams. Jim instructed that the London Ringette Registrar has to add the teams into RAMP so they are available
- Is it possible to use a different format or google sheet to track?
 - This can be done, will need to monitor the google sheet
- Has U12A ice also been submitted with the current ice submission, or do we need to request more ice?
 - Jim can see some associations have submitted enough and some associations will need to submit more ice
- Ice time start times should be submitted meaning when the game can start
 - If start time is 9:30am, players are on the ice at 9:30am
 - If flood occurs at 9:30am, then start time should be entered as 9:40am
 - **Ajax, Richmond Hill, Whitby, Burlington has the flood time as the start time – Webmaster will add note to website for start times to match GLRL**
- **Blackout Dates**
 - Due to submit by end of day August 21st
 - Cambridge, Kitchener, London, Markham, Mitchell, and St. Mary's not submitted black dates at this time
 - Black out dates for U12A will come later

5) Season Scheduling Update

- **Schedule Format - AA Teams**
 - 20 game schedules
 - Trying for balanced schedules where possible
 - Start date: 3rd week of September (September 17th)
- **Schedule Format – A Teams**
 - U14A divided into 2 divisions – 20 games within your division, no cross over games
 - U19A – 2 road trips and cross over
 - Start date: 4th week of September (September 24th)
 - Concern with some road trips have resulted in curfew in the past, and need to consider this for this schedule
- **Schedule Format – U12A**
 - Goal to split into east and west to minimize travel for the first half schedule
 - Tiering for the 2nd half will be considered
 - First half will not have cross over games
 - When U12A teams are declared, reps will be asked to categorize their team as 1,2,3 with 3 being weaker team so schedules can be made
- **20 Games per division (Strive for 12 in 1st half)**
- **U16AA & U19AA game format**
 - Same format as last year
 - Reps need to remind ice schedulers, refs, etc.
 - 4 – 11-minute periods, 1 time out per half
 - **Phil (President) to send rules out to the GLRL reps as reminder**

(XX teams)	(XX teams)	(7 teams)	(7 teams)	(11 teams)	(12 teams)
U12A	U12A	U14A	U14A	U16A	U19A
EAST	WEST	EAST	WEST		
		Ajax-Pickering	Chatham	Ajax-Pickering	Burlington
		Barrie	Forest	Barrie	Oshawa
		Burlington	Guelph	Markham-Stouffville	Markham-Stouffville
		Mississauga	London	Oshawa	Paris
		Oshawa	Mitchell	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill
		Richmond Hill	Waterloo	Mississauga	Whitby
		Sunderland	Cambridge	Forest	Dorchester-Lindsay
				Guelph	Dorchester-Smith
				St Mary's	Forest
(6 teams)	(7 teams)	(7 teams)		Waterloo	Guelph
U14AA	U16AA	U19AA		Paris	Kitchener
Barrie	Ajax -Pickering	Ajax			London
Dorchester	Burlington	Guelph			
Kitchener	Dorchester	Markham			
Oshawa	Kitchener	Mississauga			
Richmond Hill	London	Richmond Hill			
Whitby	Oshawa	Waterloo			
	Richmond Hill	Whitby			

6) GLRL Team Fees for 2022/23 Season

- Last year fee was \$100 per team and was prorated at \$80 per team
- Will maintain at \$100 per team
- Ringette Ontario advised GLRL would not have league fees for sanctioned league
- In future, may have approx. \$600 fee for sanctioned league from Ringette Ontario
- Tom (Treasurer) will send email to reps and associations on how to pay the fees
- \$500 Bond still being held in trust. Associations who do not have provincial teams have had bond cheques returned.
- If this is your first year playing in GLRL, the association will need to provide a \$500 bond cheque. Chatham is the only new association joining this year.
- Motion put forth by Treasurer to set team fees at \$100
 - Seconded by Dorchester
 - All in favour - Carried

GLRL ASSOCIATIONS								
A & AA								
TEAMS	# Prov teams	U12A	U14A	U16A	U19A	U14AA	U16AA	U19AA
Ajax-Pickering	4		x	x			x	x
Barrie	4	X	x	x		x		
Burlington	4	x	x		x		x	
Cambridge	2	x	x					
Chatham	1		x					
Dorchester	5	x			x2	x	x	
Forest	4	x	x	x	x			
Guelph	5	x	x	x	x			x
Kitchener	4	x			x	x	x	
London	4	x	x		x		x	
Markham-Stouffville	3			x	x			x

Mississauga	4	x	x	x				x
Mitchell	1		x					
Oshawa	6	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Paris	2			x	x			
Richmond Hill	7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
St. Mary's	2	x		x				
Sunderland	2	x	x					
Waterloo	4	x	x	x				x
Whitby	4	x			X	x		x
	72	15	14	11	12	6	7	7

7) U12A Division

- U12A no longer considered provincial level team and now falls under regional banner
- No longer have end of year separate event, last year U12A played in regional championships
- **Team composition**
 - Last year U12A teams were all declared as female only teams
 - Regional chairs (Central, Southern and Western) are requesting that GLRL U12A league play be declared as mixed teams this year as it falls under the regional banner
 - GLRL would like to keep U12A league play for this upcoming season
 - Three options put forward:
 - Do not allow mix play (female only)
 - Allow mix play
 - Allow mix play but have rules around fair play and ratios
 - New Options: declare U12A as mixed this year and work on rules all year to be released next season 2023 with legal advice
 - Need to consider being inclusive but also protect the integrity of the game
 - Open to Rep Discussions:
 - Would rule changes now while planning is still going be too much? Should consider for 2023 year
 - How would rules be enforced around mix play?
 - What was the motivation for the ask from chairs?
 - Inevitable change that is coming
 - Need to align with regional league
 - Oshawa advocating for this as they may most likely have a male on U12A
 - Agree that this change is inevitable but how do we approach it should be the concern.
 - Some believe that GLRL should not put anything in writing this year and take the time to get everything together. This is not the time in August to change things with the season starting in September.
 - Concern that parents won't know what they signed up for and thought they signed up for female league
 - GLRL is a female league and being asked to move to co-ed so should reference other co-ed leagues for creating co-ed rules
 - Concerns about alienating females and/or alienating males
 - Equal opportunity Ringette Canada document says all activity at U12 and under should be organized as mixed
https://www.ringette.ca/wp-content/uploads/policies/Equal-Opportunity-for-Participation-Guidelines_.pdf

- GLRL is governed by Ringette Ontario
- **Next steps:**
 - **Need GLRL vote on whether to make U12A to be mixed or female only league**
 - **Need GLRL vote on whether to implement rules around mixed league this year or for next season**
 - Reps to go back to their associations for discussion and be prepared to vote later this week or in September
 - Ask your board, would your U12A team play in the mixed league?
 - **Secretary to set up google link asking question to each association to be completed by August 29, 2022**
 - 1 vote per association with Majority vote will be the final decision

8) Other Business

- **Game Sheets Discussion (added by Chris Sharpe)**
 - Electronic game sheets are coming
 - Need support of the reps to implement electronic game sheets and make this a priority
 - Oshawa has started using game sheets and has some struggles
 - Ringette Ontario has instructions and guides to follow – located on website under Operating Resources
 - Ringette Ontario stated all ringette activity will be used through game sheets
 - **All Associations Presidents should be aware that game sheets are mandated and should contact RAMP to determine cost and access to the game sheets. Reps need to question the boards on where they are with that.**
- This is the last year of U14AA
 - This was the last year in Manitoba, Alberta and other provinces
 - U14AA will not be offered next year
- Governance in the news of Hockey world
 - Ensure all boards are operating in good governance
- Centre of Excellence is coming from Ringette Ontario
- Ringette Ontario hired new “Operation Manager” which was the previous “Technical Director” which has not been announced.
- Rule to suspend a player with a major penalty in the last 4 minutes for next game – this rule is suspended for this season

9) Next Meeting – Monday Sept 26, 2022 – 7:00 via ZOOM

10) Future Meeting Dates – Mon Nov 21, 2022

Mon Jan 16, 2023

Mon Feb 13, 2023 – Change to Feb 6th

AGM - TBD

11) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn – London
- Seconded by Chatham
- **All in favour - Carried**