

# **WORL AA/A Team Declaration and Tryout Process 2015-2016**

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The following document sets out important timelines that must be met in proceeding through the player declaration, team tryout and team selection process. This process should facilitate informed communication between Western Region and its member Associations. It should help to identify potential conflicts so that they can be dealt with in a timely and mutually respectful manner, allowing the process to move along to completion.

If there is one thing parents want, it is to see their child enjoying themselves and getting better at playing the great sport of Ringette. This is what makes Provincial Ringette a worthwhile investment. Let us be reminded of this value, remembering it is the players who make this great sport what it is.

## **Goal**

The primary goal of the WORL and Western Region is to work cooperatively to create as many competitive teams at each competition and age level within the Region as possible, and thereby ensuring that qualified players have a place to play.

## **Objectives**

- 1) To improve communication among Western Region member associations and teams through documentation and preliminary meetings.
- 2) To increase the transparency of the process by ensuring that everyone knows what the steps are and how decisions are to be made.
- 3) To continue to enhance the player-tracking process.
- 4) To form an Evaluation Committee to monitor the Process. The Committee will include a diverse representation of individuals from across our Region and would be empowered to enforce all steps and associated actions as identified in the Process.
- 5) To implement a timeline for the completion for the AA and A process.
- 6) To help facilitate the number of teams, the distribution of teams throughout the Region, as well as to help provide the most beneficial selection of teams to qualified players within Western Region.

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## Intent-to-Tryout Forms

- **All Western Region players** intending to try out for any A or AA Provincial level team are required to complete the online Intent-to-Tryout Form no later than **March 31, 2015**. The summary version of the form will not be posted on the website until the Monday following the A Provincial Championships – Monday March 23, 2015.
- Players will not be allowed to participate in any tryout session without having completed the form.
- Players from outside of Western Region who move into our region due to relocation for post secondary education or other legitimate reasons should register their intent as soon as they make the commitment to move, rather than waiting to physically arrive in the Region. For instance, a player moving into the Region to attend university (i.e. Guelph, London or Waterloo) should indicate their intent to play at the A or AA level as soon as they accept their offer of admission, allowing our member associations to include these players in their planning process.

## Provincial Petite (U12)

- **Provincial Petite (U12)** will follow new guidelines established by the Ontario Ringette Association (ORA). Associations are permitted a preliminary team formation during the spring, with absolutely no team events through the summer months after the selection period. Activities that resemble a tryout or practice can resume after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Teams must hold a *minimum* of one final tryout after September 1<sup>st</sup> to allow for players to develop over the summer months.
- This means that the provincial petite (U12) teams should follow the selection process as outlined for an 'A' team, and finalize their commitment to host a team by **Wednesday June 24, 2015** by submitting a minimum roster that meets the criteria on page 5.
- Final rosters must be declared no later than: **Sunday Sept 20, 2015**

## Closed Tryouts

- Associations which are holding **closed tryouts** and will form an A or AA team entirely of members in their own associations are still required to adhere to the Willing-To-Host deadline. They may choose to hold their tryouts later, but should be aware that this may jeopardize their team formation if they end up having too few home association players to complete a roster, and may decrease the opportunities for their home association players who are not offered a spot on their team.

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## AA Team Formation

- Associations must complete the Willing-to-Host Form and submit the form to the Evaluation Committee by **Sunday April 19, 2015** if they wish to qualify to host a Provincial AA Level team for the 2015-2016 season.
- Evaluation Committee may host a meeting on **Tuesday April 21, 2015** and schedule individual meetings with every Association intending to host AA teams to review their forms.
- AA Tryout schedules should be posted no later than **Sunday April 26, 2015 and after confirmation** from Evaluation Committee.
- Each Association hosting an AA team must have completed at least 2 tryout sessions by **Sunday May 17, 2015** and will provide the Overview Committee with a tentative ranking of the players who have attended those tryouts by that date.
- All AA tryouts should be completed by **Sunday May 24, 2015**. The Offer to Play Letter shall be used by all Associations within the Region.
- AA team rosters must be declared by **Wednesday May 27, 2015**.

## A Team Formation

- Associations must complete the Willing-to-Host Form and submit the form to the Evaluation Committee by **Sunday May 17, 2015** if they wish to qualify to host a Provincial A Level team for the 2015-2016 season.
- Evaluation Committee may host a meeting on **Tuesday May 19, 2015** and schedule individual meetings with every Association intending to host A teams to review their forms. If an Association hosting A teams wishes to present their information at the same time as their AA requests, that is acceptable.
- A Tryout schedules should be posted no later than **Sunday May 24, 2015 and after confirmation** from Evaluation Committee.

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- Each A team must have completed at least 2 tryout sessions by **Sunday June 14, 2015** and completed the online report identifying the players who have attended those tryouts. (U19A should have completed at least 1 tryout by that date)
- All A tryouts should be completed by **Sunday June 21, 2015**. The Offer to Play Letter shall be used by all Associations within the Region.
- Provincial A team rosters must be declared by **Wednesday June 24, 2015**.

## **U19 AA and U19 A Team Formation**

- **Willing-to-host** declarations will follow the same timelines as listed above.
- Given that AA and A team composition may be influenced by the movement of 3<sup>rd</sup> year U19 players due to post secondary school relocation, there may be additions/deletions made at this level in early September. Tryout sessions at either of the AA or A levels should be completed by the willing host during the spring tryout period, as defined above. The remainder of the tryouts can be scheduled in late August or early September to meet the team roster declaration dates listed below. Tryouts conclude with full rosters declared and the roster size is the decision of the Coach and/or the Association. Teams at U19 can leave space to add a player or two after the declaration date but it is expected that a full complement of players including at least one goalie to be listed on the roster.
- **Declaration dates for final team rosters** will be as listed below:
  - U19AA – Team rosters declared: **Sunday Sept 13, 2015**
  - U19A – Team rosters declared : **Sunday Sept 20, 2015**

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## Team Composition Requirements:

- In order to qualify to host a Provincial level team an association **must** meet the minimum number of Provincial calibre home association players listed in the chart below. The names of the players **must** be listed on the Willing-to-Host form. The **final team roster** must meet or exceed the number of home and current players identified in the chart below. See attached definitions for 'current' players.

## Team Composition Chart – A Teams

**U12    U14A    U16A    U19A**

Roster Size	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players
10	8*	7*	6*	5*
11	9	8	6	5
12	10	8	7	6
13	11	9	8	6
14	12	10	8	7
15	12	10	9	7
16	13	11	9	8
17	14	12	10	8
18	15	12	10	9

\*Minimum number unless approved by evaluation committee

## Team Composition Chart – AA Teams

**U14AA    U16AA    U19AA**

Roster Size	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players	Home or Current Players
10	6*	5*	5*
11	7	5	5
12	8	6	5
13	8	6	5
14	8	7	5
15	9	7	6
16	9	8	6
17	10	8	6
18	10	9	7

- \*Minimum number unless approved by evaluation committee

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- Neighboring Associations that wish to host, but do not meet the minimum roster numbers, may indicate their willingness to host a **Combined Team**. The request may be granted, if none of their immediate neighbours can satisfy the criteria or meet the criteria but are not willing to host. The **Combined Team** must clearly identify one centre as the HOME Association for the current playing year and have signed acknowledgement from the respective Presidents of these Associations. This declared HOME will establish the reference for player movement within the Region.

## Willing-to-Host Form

The Willing-to-Host form will provide the Region and the Evaluation Committee with advanced, valid information regarding an Association's bid to host one or more Provincial teams. It will also assist Associations with communicating their intentions clearly.

- An Association cannot list home association players on their Willing-to-Host bid form that will not be going to their tryouts or do not have the skill set to qualify the bid.
- It is important for all associations to understand that the criteria identified in the Team Declaration Chart will be used by the Evaluation and Overview Committee to determine the strength of an Association's bid for a Provincial level team.
- The Evaluation Committee has the latitude to qualify a Willing-to-Host bid where the criteria are not met but the situation warrants the formation of a team in that part of the region or the number of opportunities available to match player intent support and the need for another team or teams.

## Player Tryout and Release Form (M-F-07) for Tryouts and Final Release (October 2013 version)

- It is critical that all parties understand and treat the Player Tryout and Release Form like a contract. Once signed the parties are bound by the agreement. The team is committed to the player and the player is committed to the team.
- A player must be registered with their home association and the top "tryout" portion of the Player Tryout and Release Form must be completed and signed by the President or delegate before they can skate on another Association's tryout ice.
- A player must have an original Player Tryout and Release Form for each host association if a player is attending multiple tryouts. Through this process it is the responsibility of the player to be sure that their home association knows where they are trying out.
- The home association President must sign the top "tryout" portion of the Player Tryout and Release Form when requested by a home association player/parent

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## **▪ Tryouts**

- A player may attend as many tryouts as they wish.
- Tryouts are conducted by each Association in keeping with their established operating procedures. However, the timelines proposed below should be incorporated into these various procedures.
- Any centers that will be holding closed tryouts and team selection from among players only from their home association may begin and complete tryouts whenever they wish – provided that they meet the specified final roster dates.

## **Final Roster Requirements**

- A 'full' roster meets the requirements of ORA for number of players needed to play in sanctioned events. Clearly roster size within those constraints is the decision of the coach/association. Teams can leave space to add a player or two after this date – especially at the U19 level where post-secondary player movement occurs. This roster should include a full compliment of players for the team, including at least one goalie.

## **Evaluation Committee**

- An Evaluation Committee will be formed to coordinate the AA/A process.
- The mandate for this committee will be to review and/or meet with each Association that is willing to host an AA/A team, review their submitted forms and ensure that the minimum criteria are met. The committee will then recommend for approval the number of AA/A teams at the respective levels covered by this process (U12, U14, U16 and U19). The recommendations of this committee will be binding.
- The President of WORL will request volunteers from the WORL membership to be nominated to sit on this committee. A minimum of 2 volunteers need to be nominated, and if there are more than 2, the President of WORL will ask the membership to select the representatives through a vote of eligible members. There shall be no more than one member of the committee from a single Association.
- The committee will include:
  - WORL Vice President (chair)
  - 2 nominated volunteers - WORL Representatives
  - Western Region Membership Services Representative (resource person)



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## Willing-to-Host a Provincial Team

This form is to provide Western Region and its Associations with information regarding the declaring of a team(s). The data will be used to help determine the number of potential teams and the availability of players prior to tryouts.

Association name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of play offered:    A     AA

Age Division:    U12 Petite   
                          U14 Tween   
                          U16 Junior   
                          U19 Belle

**NOTE: a separate form must be submitted for each age division**

Qualified coach (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Association Players (Minimum number as specified on Team Declaration Chart)

- |          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| 1) _____ | 6) _____     |
| 2) _____ | 7) _____     |
| 3) _____ | 8) _____     |
| 4) _____ | 9) _____     |
| 5) _____ | Goalie _____ |

Association President(s) agree to this Provincial team Submission and confirm ice availability to support the team.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Terms as defined in Operating Manual - ORA

<b>Releasing Association</b>	The Local Association in whose Boundaries the player resides, or the Local Association to whom the player has been released for three consecutive seasons as per Article 8.6. In either case, this is the Local Association from whom the player wishes to be released.
<b>Receiving Association</b>	The Local Association to whom a player wishes to be released.
<b>Two Team Player</b>	A Regional B or C level player that plays on a local association team, and also plays on a Provincial A or AA team through terms agreed upon in a written "Playing Agreement". No Release is required.
<b>Home Region</b>	The region which your home association resides.
<b>Home Association</b>	The local association to which the player is eligible to play by residency.
<b>Closest Association</b>	Governed by the player's Home Region Policy.
<b>Current Association</b>	The association to which a player has been released for level of play will then be considered the player's "Current Association".
<b>Residency</b>	Refers to where the player habitually resides. The residence shall be defined as the structure in which the player is a permanent resident. Any determination of the address of the structure shall always be from the main entrance of such residence.

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## *Western Ontario Ringette League – WORL*

### **- Declined Offer to Play –**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for attending the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Association tryouts for the 2015-2016 season.

At this time, there will NOT be a position offered to you to play for the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Team

(please circle where appropriate) U12 U14 U16 U19 Open 18+ A AA

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me.

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Western Ontario Ringette League – WORL*

### **- Offer to Play Letter -**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for attending the

\_\_\_\_\_ Association tryouts for the 2015-2016 season.

Expectations for the team members will be to attend scheduled team dry land training sessions and weekly on ice practices. The team will be participating in \_\_\_\_\_ tournaments from November to February with the goal of playing in the Provincials in March 2016. This will require full commitment at all times for the entire season.

You have been selected to play for the \_\_\_\_\_ Team

(please circle where appropriate) U12 U14 U16 U19 Open 18+ A AA

Please confirm your acceptance with the understanding of our expectations as listed above with a return email within the next **48** hours.

**If I do not receive a written reply (email is accepted) to this offer letter within the timeline indicated above it will be considered a**

**DECLINE of this Offer to Play.**

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me.

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_