

HISTORY OF LONDON RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

1975-1976:

Stoneybrook Sports Association (hockey) agrees to start a program called "Ringette for Girls". Thirty five girls of all ages were divided into 2 teams playing against each other at Carling Arena (ages were from 6 to 16 on each team). A knowledgeable expert from Etobicoke Ringette had moved to the London area and at the same time had formed a small group of girls in the South section of London to teach them this new game.

1976-1977:

SSA Ringette and the girls from the south joined together along with more new girls to form 4 teams, still of various ages.

1977-1978:

Huron East Hockey and Red Circle Hockey both expanded to include Ringette in their programs. Games were now becoming fairly competitive.

1978-1979:

Four new associations were formed - St. Thomas, Westmount, South-East, Lambeth. An association is formed with one member from each Association present.

1979-1980:

Oakridge joined association with 1 team. Select teams were formed from total compliment of girls to enter tournaments giving London its first real taste of competition. Girls fortunate enough to make the select teams enjoyed it so much that some of them started pushing for Rep teams to be formed.

1980-1981

London Ringette Association was formed to administer a Rep program for London. House League teams were still run by their own area associations giving them their own form of competitive play.

1981-1982

London held its first London Ringette Forest City Ringette Tournament. Tween and Junior teams went to Regionals, both taking 1st place. Petite and Belle teams won second place. London Ringette Association held its first A.G.M.

1982-1983

The London Ringette Board agrees to form house league teams on a city wide basis and supervised by the London Ringette Association instead of the individual associations. Incorporation of the Association was discussed and a committee was formed to look into it. Belles win the Regionals. Two teams were sent to the Provincials.

1983-1984

London Ringette Association Board was increased to 13 members.

1984-1985

London Ringette Association became Incorporated. Teams were formed by areas again by unanimous poll of parents - they felt balancing was not as important as closeness of arenas and rides. London Ringette Association hosted B regionals in March.

Information provided by a long time member