

Reseeding Meeting
Dec 12, 2024 @7pm on MS Teams

Present: over 115 participants

President Introduction: Shelley Handley is the president of Dorchester Ringette and was the president of the Western Regional Ringette League. She has two daughters playing on the Dorchester U16 regional team and the U19 Dorchester Tournament Team.

Fall Season 2024/2025: Chris scheduled 850 games. It has been a good start to the season and the energy, teamwork and dedication has been amazing! Many thanks to all the volunteers, coaches, club presidents and parents.

Rules: We need to follow them! Coaches that are new to coaching need to be aware of bench staff requirements, substitutions, and their players. This is so that the games can be fair. LORL rules are based on the same as Ringette Ontario (RO) rules, these are not new! In the second half of the season, infractions will be costly to associations and teams. Penalties can include fines, player or coach suspensions or removal from the championship event.

Substitutions: must be reported on the [Player Substitution Form](#) found on the LORL website. Once it is submitted you don't need to wait for approval. If you are following the rules, then you are good; if you are not following the rules, you will hear from us!

Major and Match Penalties: Both teams need to record them on the [Major Penalty Reporting Form](#). We are tracking them to watch for patterns to ensure that game suspensions are followed in the case of match penalties and to monitor if there are repeat offenders for major

penalties. LORL can add other sanctions if the situation needs extra attention.

Cancelled games: Games can be cancelled due to lack of weather or lack of referees. Games can not be rescheduled due to lack of players. Cancelled games must be rescheduled. If cancelled games are not rescheduled, teams will be fined.

Year End Championships (March 21 to 23, 2025 in London / Dorchester): Registration is on the [London RAMP](#) website. Please register your teams soon. Payments are due by the end of January 2025. Preference is for payment via etransfer. If your club can't etransfer funds, the someone on the team needs to etransfer the amount and then the association can reimburse the person who paid.

Questions:

Unsafe Ice: If your team is unwilling to play at an arena due to unsafe ice, the concern must be reported to the association and the association needs to determine how to address this problem.

Minimum number of players for a game: Playing games with 7 people is possible but not ideal, there might be players from other associations that you can ask to substitute for your team. Lack of players needs to be extenuating circumstances

Player Substitution Rules: A team can borrow a player for 5 league games and one tournament. Once a player has substituted for one tournament, they can't substitute in another tournament with that team. Goalie substitutions are unlimited. A team can have two lateral substitute players. Example: A U16B team can borrow up to two players from another U16B team or from a U14A team. The remainder of substitutes must be from the U14B level.

Reseeding:

Thank you to Scott Walker for the work that he has put into forming the loops in each division.

FUN2:

- Loops in this division are subjective since no game sheets are kept. Creation of loops are based on feedback from team coaches and referees.

FUN3:

- Four loops: Blue, Orange, Red and White with the ability to have cross loop games
- FUN3 teams are supposed to be evened out instead of having one strong team strong and one newer team. LORL doesn't have control over the team formation within clubs. Often players in the first year of FUN3 are friends and players in the second year are friends, so clubs keep friend groups together. This is a RO issue.
- Niagara Falls FUN3 is moving up to play U12B regional games.
- Reminder that travel time needs to be considered when making the schedule

U12A

- Most were in favour of one large group, some wanted a weighted schedule based on standing
- Markham U12A will move down to the U12B division.
- Ringette Ontario organizes the Year End Championships.
- Typically, A level teams are expected to travel. However, U12A players were placed on a team during the selection process at the beginning of the season without understanding what was expected at the A level division.
- Concern for travel time expressed

U12B Regional

- U12B is divided into two loops. Red teams play each other. White teams are teams mostly from the area in Toronto and north of Toronto. Teams willing to drive are welcome to play teams in the other loop.

U14 B Regional

- Four loops (Blue, White, Red, Orange)

U16B Regional

- Divide into 3 loops (White, Red and Blue)
- Dorchester (Jan 11 & 12) and Barrie (Feb 1 & 2) would like to hold a mini U16 tournament of regional games for teams that have to drive long distances. 3-4 games in one weekend (Sat and Sun). Participating teams would pay for ice time and refs and the games would substitute for home games. The cost would balance the cost of travel to the cost of a hotel for long distance teams.

U19B Division

- Vote between: Option 1: 2 loops based on region and Option 2: 1 big loop where the bottom 4 teams do not play the top three teams.
- Option 2 implemented with consideration for travel distance.