



LORL Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2025

Time: 7:00pm

LORL Exec Members: Shelley Handley – LORL President, James Van Lierop – LORL VP, Wendy Stirbet – LORL Secretary, Steve Benger LORL Communications, Scott Walker - Divisions Director, Chris Ouellette – LORL Scheduler, Michelle Linton – Competitions Director

LORL Club members:

Ajax-Pickering Susan Hart	Forest Jenn	Mitchell Chris Dowson	St. Thomas Deana Buller
Barrie Ashley Quenneville	Goderich Megan Frayne	Muskoka Brenda	Sudbury Mel Young
Burlington Mark	Guelph Amy Massie	Newmarket Savanna Lee	Sunderland April Carter
Caledonia John Brenzil	Hamilton Scott Eason	Niagara Falls	Tillsonburg Amanda Thorpe
Cambridge	Kitchener Cole	Oshawa Erin Munro	Waterloo
Chatham Kristen Crow	London	Paris Ashley	Wellington North LORL Rep
Dorchester Nicole Lindsay	Manvers	Richmond Hill Dennis Wong	Whitby Brenna De Angelis
Elora Fergus LORL Rep	Markham- Stouffville Jenn	St. Catharines LORL Rep	
Etobicoke Aaron Kratt	Mississauga Carolina	St. Marys	

[LINK TO LORL MEETING SLIDES](#)

[LINK to IMPORTANT DATES document](#)

- Keep an eye on this document for future meetings and deadlines

Team Fees

Bond: Each club must deposit a one time \$500 bond with LORL. This will be returned if the club folds. Unpaid fees or fines will be taken from the bond with the expectation to replenish the amount to \$500 for the club to be in good standing with LORL

Team Fees: FUN3 – U19 the team fees are \$250 per team. FUN2 teams team fees are \$150 and FUN2 teams that start in Jan will be charged \$100. Bethany (LORL Treasurer) will be sending out invoices.

Year End Tournament

Location: London (with games in Dorchester)

Date: March 20 – 22 (during March Break)

Cost and Registration: TBD

Basecamp

Basecamp is a communication tool which includes a “bulletin board” to post announcements, a space for a group chat and a place to post and access documents. Steve, the communications director, has started sending out invites and all invites will be sent out over the next few days. We are asking that only LORL reps and Club Presidents participate on Basecamp. Eventually Division Convenors will be able to use Basecamp for communication with coaches. Your team fees are supporting the use of this tool.

League Contact Info

As LORL clubs are not operational, LORL wants to make sure that we have the correct contact information. Please fill out the [LORL Basecamp Registration Form and Association Members Information](#) form. If you are having trouble accessing this form, we will develop an alternative means of accessing the form.

Female to Male Ratio on the Ice (51% rule)

Ringette Ontario (RO) and Ringette Canada (RC) expressed some concerns about the LORL 51% rule. RO and RC feel that LORL should be split into a female only league and a mixed league. Female only teams should not be permitted to play mixed teams. Furthermore, players that register should be able to choose if they want to play on a female only team or a mixed team. Based on registrations, the club needs to decide if it will host a mixed team or a female only team. If two teams declare themselves mixed, regardless of the distance from each other, those two teams play each other all year and at the yearend tournament. RO has hired a researcher to look at the issue of males in ringette. RO agreed that LORL would be a beta test this year for the 51% rule.

The 51% rule: 51% of the players (skaters) on the ice must female except for the goalie. The gender of the goalie is inconsequential. Three of five players on the ice must be female. If there is one penalty, three of four players on the ice must be female.

This rule is applicable to U14 and older. U12 and lower do not follow this rule.

Arbiter Vs Ramp

The Officials Representative for GLRL and LORL determined that it would be best for both leagues to use Arbiter for referee scheduling. This allows us to more easily track which referees are available and it will be easier to track referee transportation fees. There should be no additional costs to clubs for the use of Arbiter. The transition to Arbiter for this year was discussed at the AGM in May.

LORL Loops and Scheduling

- Sudbury games will be in Bala which is right next to Muskoka Ice.
- If there is a longer distance to travel (for older teams) to a game, we will do our best to schedule a

double header (two games on the same day in the same area)

- HUB games for long distance older teams need to be coordinated independently from the scheduler.
- FUN3, U12 & U14: Ten games in the first half: five road games and five home games. These teams will be reseeded in December.
- U16 & U19: Twenty games all year: 10 home, 10 road games. These teams will be schedule for the entire year and there will be NO reseeding.
- Schedule release: Hoping that the schedule will be released in about 10 days. Games will be scheduled for the first week of October and Clubs that gave ice time for Thanksgiving may have games on Thanksgiving.

[LINK to LORL LOOP CHART](#)

FUN2 – We tried to have teams as close as possible play against each other. There are a number of FUN2 teams starting in January. Six games in the first half, three home games and three road games. There will be reseeding of all FUN2 teams in December.

FUN3 – there are 44 FUN3 teams! We have sorted this into geographic groups.

U12 A and B/C - There is the possibility of teams moving up to the A level or moving down to the B level at reseeding in December

U14 / U16 – divided teams into two geographic divisions

U19 – divided teams into pockets of geographic division to keep in mind driving times. U19 teams will be scheduled first due to the complexity. A peek at this schedule can be released earlier so students can get time off work.

Overagers

[Link to Overage Player Request Form](#)

All overage player request forms go to Scott and a small group of people for evaluation. Please do not contact RO for overage requests. RO has given LORL the opportunity to evaluate overage requests and RO will approve LORL vetted overage requests. Generally, two overage requests are approved without much discussion. Three or four overage requests require more discussion. If a team has more than four overagers, the team will be encouraged to move up to the next level.

Two Team Contract

A U16A player can have a two team contract up to a U19 team. Contact Michelle for two team agreements so that LORL can work with RO to gain approval for necessary two team agreements.

Females on the bench

Each team must have a female coach or assistant coach (over the age of 18) and a trainer on the bench. A single person cannot be scheduled as the coach / assistant coach and trainer at the same time. Two separate

people must occupy each position. A person can be qualified for both the coach and trainer position and can switch between positions as needed. People can substitute as coach or trainer for other teams as needed. Clubs need to pay RO fees for each additional person who is qualified as a coach / trainer etc, however clubs do not need to pay RO fees twice for an individual who is registered in multiple roles.

Team Managers, please do not sign in to games sheets and do not mark yourself in attendance at games. A coach can be a manager but cannot be listed on the game sheet as a manager in attendance.

Substitutions

LORL and RO Tournaments have different substitution rules.

LORL game substitutions: Goalies have unlimited substitutions. A player may substitute a maximum of 8 times and a maximum of 5 times for one specific team. You must fill out a substitution form every time you have a substitute on the ice.

RO Tournament Substitutions allow a player to substitute for 6 tournament round robin games. A player could be called in for one game in a tournament or all games for that tournament. A player may play for one team in the morning and another team at a different tournament in the afternoon.

Division Coordinators

We are still looking for division coordinators for FUN3, U14 and U19. More information will come soon about division coordinators.

NEXT MEETING: December 4 @ 7:00 pm on MS Teams

- Reseeding for FUN2, FUN3, U12 and U14 teams