

LORL Members Meeting

Sept 19, 2024 on Zoom

LORL Exec Present: Shelley Handley, Scott Walker, James Van Lierop, Heather Hills, Chris Ouellette, Wendy Stirbet,

Associations Present: Etobicoke, Goderich, Elora Fergus, Mississauga, Caledonia, Dorchester, Hamilton, Chatham, Cambridge, Waterloo, St Mary's, Exeter Seaforth, Mitchell, St. Catharines, Muskoka, Barrie, Hamilton, St Thomas, Whitby, Oshawa, Markham Stouffville, New Market, Sunderland, Exeter Seaforth, Ajax Pickering, Guelph, Tillsonburg, Paris, Burlington

[LINK TO AGENDA SLIDES](#)

Dues to be Paid

- If you are paying your fees by cheque, reach out to Bethany to let her know that it is in the mail. There are 19 Clubs outstanding
- Team schedules won't be released until club fees have been paid

Ice Availability for Games

- Available Ice dates were due last weekend, black out dates are due
- The due dates will be the same next year, if you need to book extra ice before your contract starts, make sure you book extra ice early
- Ensure that your teams have been formed by the dates provided
- This is the first time for clubs from the Western and Central so they will know what to expect next year

GLRL Officials

- Great Lakes charged each team \$450 for referee travel, GLRL pays travel costs for Provincial games
- Often referees stay after A / AA level games to get additional games, the cost of travel will be shared between GLRL and the association
- If you use a ref assigned to a GLRL game, you will be paying for half of the travel costs

Major Penalty Form and Substitution Form

- These forms can be found on the LORL website
- These need to be reported by both the offending team and the receiving team within 24 hrs. Better have double reports rather than no reports
- In U12 substitutions can happen between A / B / C level teams. Please be reasonable
- Note: Substitution Guidelines on the Substitution Form need to be updated to reflect the substitution allotments in the LORL Rules and Procedures
- Major penalties for tournaments are supposed to be reported as well. Penalty consequences carry over between league games and tournament games
- RO manages substitutions for tournaments

Canceled Games

- The only reason to cancel a game is due to lack of referees or weather
- Games can be played with 8 players
- Some associations gave lots more ice than needed, some associations have little ice to give, thus it is important to reschedule games
- If games are not rescheduled, you will be fined at the end of the season
- Reach out to [Scott Walker](#) (Division Coordinator) or other clubs in the region to which you are traveling if you are short players

Coaches Meeting

- James will host a series of meetings for coaches to go over expectations for the season. Any and all bench staff can attend. We will have 3 evenings (you only need to attend 1).
- Goal: to answer coaches' questions regarding qualifications, how to report substitutes and penalties, back to basics - who to contact in what situation,
- Dates: Mon Sept 30, Wed Oct 2nd, Thurs Oct 3rd
- Request: Collect and post coaches questions, can make an FAQ doc and post on the website

Overage Form and Overage Requests

- Almost 70 requests
- LORL first approved the requests and passed them along to RO for approval
- There are some extenuating circumstances
- St Thomas - U16B 4 overages, 2 males, one male is new, the team is typically not strong, so they allowed overaged males to play on the U16 team

- Muskoka - 5 overagers - they have been the same team, not ranked high, if they are in the top teams in the U16 age group, they would move up to U19 during reseeding
- St. Thomas Fun3: the U12 team folded, moved some players down to their FUN3, some released to London, FUN3 would not be viable without the overagers and they are new to ringette
- Niagara Falls - 5 Overagers: combo team, if their team is really strong, they could possibly move to U12
- Questions:
 - no requests were declined
 - overage requests can still be submitted
 - Overage player requests had to fill out an [Overage Form](#), linked in base camp, not listed on the website, [Scott Walker](#) will be able to send you the form or click on the link above

Division Convenors

Tasks: Ensure that all games have been played, do not need to attend the exec meetings, no vote, be familiar with the teams, make sure that issues are addressed, help create reseeding groups and help make the divisions for year end championships

FUN2 -

FUN3 - [Bethany Van Der Kooy](#)

U12 - [Jade Legacy](#) (Oshawa)

U14 - [Steve Bengert](#) (St Thomas)

U16 - [Ashley Quenneville](#) (Barrie)

U19 - [Wendy Stirbet](#) (Elora-Fergus)

18+ - Stephanie Singeris

Let us know if you can recommend someone who would do well as a Division Convenor

Divisions of Teams

FUN2

- No changes, overall everyone seems to be happy
- Teams will be added in the second half, there will be a call for teams before reseeding by Dec 12, have your teams formed by Dec 8.
- Teams at this level are all grouped by geography
- Noted: Guelph wants to start their games in Nov
- 6 games to be scheduled for each team

FUN3

- Within this level, the focus is on geography, followed by association requests (association that have multiple teams in one level may not want to play each other)
- Min of 6 teams in a group, teams play 10 games: 5 home and 5 away games
- Adjustment: Kitchener has only 1 FUN3 team

U12B

- Adjustment: Elora Fergus has only 1 U12 B team
- Dorchester is missing on U12 on Red
- Have Etobicoke U12B teams play in different loops

U12A

- These players are being developed to move into the provincial level play, you want as much exposure to as many teams as possible
- Preference for Option A (U12A Teams divided into 2 groups based around geography) with reseeding in the second half where teams play with other teams at the same level
- Guelph and Elora Fergus have lots of travel with this option, Chris (the scheduler) may tweak some of Guelph's games or schedule doubleheaders
- Suggestion: Could the loop be divided into a bigger group and a smaller group?
 - There must be a minimum of 6 teams per group. If there are only a few teams in a loop and they play against each other too often, the games get chippy

U16 B

- There are two teams that are Female Only (FO) and will only play FO teams
- There are only 4 mixed teams and St. Thomas is the only mixed team in the "Western" region
- RO said that we need to abide by player preferences to be on a FO team and choose to play against FO teams or mixed teams
- Overall, everyone prefers to play closer teams, the second half is based on caliber

U19

- If U19 teams play each other too often, it's not good for anyone
- This is a smaller group than the past; 8 mixed teams, 5 FO teams that will play mixed teams
- The vote is for Options B (2 divisions based on Geography)
- Note: If teams are traveling and need extra players, Dorchester has B level players, contact other close by associations or reach out to Scott Walker

U14

- RO wants a mixed league and a FO league
- Vote is for Option C based on geographical locations
- FO teams playing FO teams in White and Red may not get the full number of games as teams willing to play mixed teams

Overall Geography seems to be the preference

Question:

Regionals: Will regionals be divided between a mixed loop and FO loop?

- It depends on team strength and game play, all regional games should be paired at a competitive level which is better than pairing teams based on a mixed or FO composition. We will see how this plays out in March
- Have to honour FO teams that only want to play FO

Schedule Release: Chris will send out the schedule in draft to see for any errors (ie two games at the same time, or home and away and not enough time between games, logistical errors). He wants to release a draft in a week's time.

This is a lot of work, we are all volunteers, we want to do what is best for everyone, thank you. Thank you LORL exec for allowing us to be involved in working this through. You guys are doing an awesome job in this transition year. Cheers to you:)