**Coaching Report for MDRA AGM – June 7, 2022**

Season Summary

The 2021/2022 season was closer to normal with teams being formed at all levels and head coach selections. In September 2021 twelve (12) teams were formed in all divisions and levels. Coach Selection Committees were formed by MDRA Board members not in conflict and head coaches were chosen. Head coaches then formed their bench staff who worked together for the season with their respective teams.

Ringette Ontario offered a number of Community Sport Initiation (CSI) and Competition Introduction (CI) coaching clinics throughout the season and continues to do so in June.

MDRA welcomed new coaches into the association this season and a number of MDRA coaches advanced their qualifications with the completion of CI training. The goals for this season were to increase the number of qualified coaches and specifically female coaches. MDRA was also encouraging more Junior Coaches.

**MDRA Coaches: 43**

**Female Coaches: 25 (4/12 teams Female Head Coach)**

**Junior Coaches: 3**

**New Coaches: 5**

First Aid Training Course held November 13th @ Greely Legion. 12 people attended to fully certify of recertify their training. 7 registrants from MDRA and 5 from surrounding associations.

Bench Staff Survey sent out at the end of the season in early April for feedback about bench staff and the association generally. Response rate varied by team yet overall helpful for 2023 coach selection and also areas of improvement for the association generally which include:

* Goalie development
* Shooting clinics
* Dissemination of information re team formation for non-competitive teams

Goals for the 2022/2023 Season

* continue to increase the overall number of qualified coaches within the association;
* continue to increase the number of female coaches at all levels - especially given the requirement that a fully qualified female coach must be at all team activities this can’t fall to one person only and additional qualified female coaches will be needed;
* continue to encourage and support older players assisting with the younger age levels as on-ice and off-ice volunteers to learn some skills as a coach and encourage and support more older players to take on the role of Junior Coach;
* provide support and resource materials to coaches within the association throughout the season; and
* encourage parents, players and/or bench staff to raise any concerns regarding teams and bench staff to MDRA Coaching Director or any Board member not in conflict or MDRA Convenor throughout the season so issues can be addressed promptly.

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU on behalf of MDRA to all of the volunteers for helping the players get back on the ice this season. Without all of the volunteers helping both on and off the ice this season would not have been possible.

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