



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR: Ice Allocator	REPORT DATE: Jan 9, 2025
PERSON REPORTING: Leanne Arch	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: Yes

There hasn't been a lot of interest from teams in using the gym space. I returned all the 2025 Tuesday & Thursday dates to the city. I provided them with feedback on the timing, so hopefully next year we'll get something a little earlier so our U10 teams can use them too.

I have contacted the TLC about painting the U10 creases on the ice and they advised that they'll look at it for next season.

Dates for Come Try Ringette have been secured. April 13, 4:00-5:00 and August 9, 11:00-12:00

I'm waiting to hear back from a city manager regarding shot clocks at the new arena and if we'll be responsible for them or if they'll have them there for ringette.

Ice times have been provided to BGL to host the U10 S1 & S2 wind up in March.

There has been 10 reschedules to date for Session 2.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR:
U16

REPORT DATE:
January 15, 2025

PERSON REPORTING:
Kelly Lang

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?:
yes

U16AA - Session 2

- Currently 3rd in the standings with 5 games played (with 2 in hand), 2 wins, 2 loses, 1 Tie, 36 goals for (2nd Best) for, 33 goals against (2nd Best) and lowest penalized team with 42 PM.
- Team is competing and looking good as they are coming into stride for session 3.
- Will be participating in the Sweetheart Tournament and hosting a highlight game on the Saturday at approximately 1:15 against Sherwood Park (will also serve as BGL Session game)

• U16A -Session 2

- Currently 6th in the standings with 4 games played, 0 wins, 4 loses, 1 Tie, 15 goals for (8th best), 33 goals against (2nd most) and tied for least penalized team with 42PM.
- Team appears to be inconsistent and playing beneath their potential. It appears there are parent concerns surrounding coach, engagement and athlete development that have been reviewed and discussions had with team staff.

U16B- Session 2

- Currently 7th with 5 games played, 0 wins, 4 loses, 1 Tie. They have 17 goals for (7th most) and 37 goals against (8th most) and 86 Penalty Minutes (Tied for 2nd Most).
- There are discipline concerns as two players have been given Match Penalties with multiple game suspensions for Misconduct Stick infractions and Fighting. Team Staff has been made aware and this will be monitored moving forward.
- All Team will be participating in session three with Provincials
 - U16AA - Calgary Feb 28 - Mar 02
 - 16A - Red Deer Mar 02-07
 - 16B - Medicine Hat Mar 14-16



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POSITION REPORTING FOR: Sweetheart Tournament	REPORT DATE: January 19, 2025
PERSON REPORTING: Tiffany Zender	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: Yes

☐ **Teams**

- o A list of Participating Teams can be found on the SGRA website at...
 - <https://www.sprucegroveringette.com/content/sweetheart-accepted-teams>

☐ Our **cancellation/refund policy** is on our Tournament Application page on the SGRA RAMP website for any teams requesting to withdraw. They will only receive a refund or partial refund if we are able to replace them.

- o <https://www.sprucegroveringette.com/content/sweetheart-application>

☐ **Gaming and Licensing**

- o Will be getting licenses pulled from AGLC. I have been informed that they
- o setting up 50/50 on rafflebox again
- o lotto board and player board will be set up
- o getting baskets prepared for silent auction and raffle tables.

☐ **Admin Committee**

- o Medals have been received and sorted.
- o I believe a draft of the schedule has been completed. Leeam is just working with the Ref In Chief to ensure that there are no issues for scheduling refs. We are scheduling 76 teams this is the same as last year.
- o Once our schedule is complete iVolunteer can be set up and we can get the parent volunteer positions set up and filled.
- o Once our schedule is complete we can start working with sponsors to schedule medal presenters.

- **Welcoming committee** has everything ordered for swag bags, and they have a sponsor for the heart and hustle awards as United Cycle is giving a \$10 gift certificate and a water bottle for each winner.
- **Activities committee**
 - Finalizing the Activities Package for our visiting teams which will encourage visitors to explore our local communities and businesses.
 - Tiffanie Hutnan is working with our Activities Committee to work on Tournament Social Media Posts.
 - Posts Thanking our Sponsors
 - Posts to hype up the tournament
 - Photobooth is coming back.
 - We are doing a digital photobooth this year. Chad Paron has arranged for the Town of Stony Plain to rent their digital photo booth for \$300 for the whole weekend.
 - Social Media scavenger hunt being done.
 - Organizing Plinko and Duck in the Water games for some more fun and to bring in a little extra money.
 - NRL game will take place Saturday evening at 6pm.
 - Ringette for All will be taking part
 - We are waiting to hear if NRL game can be given 15 extra minutes to do a Ringette for All mini game before their game.
- **Sponsor Relations**
 - About \$17,000.00 in cash donations has been collected, and we are expecting more to come in.
 - PCL is our Title Sponsor this year.
 - We have our Title Sponsor and 3 Diamond sponsors, and a photographer who want to set up booths at the tournament. This is in our sponsorship package so we must allow it. The layout is going to be very tight at the Tri Leisure this year. Rae-Lynn is working on the floor plan to make sure we fit everyone in the best we can.
- **Referees**
 - We have had more interest than ever from refs wanting to ref at our Sweetheart Tournament. Some referees from out of our area interested in refing at the Sweetheart Tournament. Some of these refs are qualified to ref our highest level of ringette played at the tournament. This is very good.
 - The application for referees for the Sweetheart Tournament is on the SGRA website.

- <https://www.sprucegroveringette.com/content/sweetheart-officials-page>

Info on Voting matter:

I have talked to Shauna Adams about bingo exemptions. She has said that it is not her call, and she will proceed however the board wishes.

The information I found out about bingos is as follows...

- Shauna has worked with the Bingo Association to get us more bingos.
- SGRA receives 12 bingos per year
- Each bingo we do brings in \$3,000.00. I'm not sure how much of that is paid to volunteers, but probably very minimal.
- That is \$36,000.00 per year made from Bingos
- Each bingo requires 14 volunteers
- 168 volunteers per year required for bingos
- Directors (17), Coordinators (11), Head Coaches (16), Team Managers (18) are exempt from working bingo shifts
- That is 62 families exempt from working bingo shifts.

After learning this information, I would still like the **board to vote** on just one person on our Sweetheart Committee to be exempt **just this year** from bingo shifts.

Kristin Bakker is the head of our Gaming and Licensing sub committee for the Sweetheart Tournament. This is a huge job as she oversees our entire raffle and silent auction endeavour. The raffles and silent auction at the Sweetheart Tournament bring in over \$20,000.00 to the association. **Kristin's U14A team had already provided 2 sweetheart reps this year so she didn't have to come back and take this position on.** If Kristin hadn't stepped up to do this position this year, we would have been left with no one who had ever worked on Gaming and Licensing before, and there would have been no experienced leadership on this committee. That would have been a major problem for Rae-Lynn and I this year.



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POSITION REPORTING FOR:	REPORT DATE:
Coach Director	2025-01-23

PERSON REPORTING: Breanne Brown	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: Yes

RAB conducted audits of team staff requirements and sent out individualized messaging to two coaches. A few team staff removed from rosters due to not completing requirements.

Mid-year coach reviews went out to all within SGRA and a total of 71 responses received. Head coaches and related division director received responses, and in some cases, some suggestions to consider implementing going forward. Sharing of the specific feedback to remaining bench staff was left to the responsibility of the head coaches.

SGRA Board received feedback for improvement largely around communication. The entirety of this feedback shared with SGRA board. A few areas for improvement should be considered:

- The need to have a separate coach/manager meeting at the start of the season for our U10 volunteers to ensure they're all familiar with processes and where to find coaching requirements within RAB. I would also recommend ongoing messaging specifically to the U10 group around coach requirements and not rely on the overall SGRA shared with everyone.
- More communication about evaluations and how decisions are made for larger teams or team placements within varying levels.
- A team staff email proxy should be considered by RAMP, this would allow communication with all team staff and not have the reliance on head coaches passing along the messaging. It is too cumbersome to be creating this within the mailer system as the team staff is fluid until the RAB change cutoff of Nov 15th.
- Technical development plan to be shared with all team staff, division directors and even parents so they understand the plan for the year and value for their money.
- More communication about the why bingos and raffles are needed (in addition to Sweetheart tournament fundraiser).

A Free Dr Jody Carrington course about Mental Health in the Locker Room shared with Board and all head coaches to share with their team staff. Positive feedback received.

Ongoing communications with head coaches continue when issues or questions arise.

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<u>POSITION REPORTING FOR:</u> <u>U14 Director</u>	<u>REPORT DATE:</u> <u>Jan 19, 2025</u>
<u>PERSON REPORTING:</u> <u>Michelle Thoben</u>	<u>WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?:</u> <u>Yes</u>

U14AA

Session – Team is 2 W and 1 L

Nothing additional to update

U14A

Session 2 – Team is 2 W and 2 L

Some concerns/conflicts with parents – has been addressed with coach. Through the grapevine I am hearing it has not stopped the issue. What are the steps in addressing should this not settle down?

U14B

Session 2 – Team is 1 W and 5 L

Only concern I am seeing/hearing is with goalies. Goalie that was doing FT now wants to play out more. Head Coach has reached out to U12s for affiliation.

Also looking for guidance for upcoming session 3 and provincials.

Round Table discussion/thought – I know Goalies have been brought up a lot this season.

Goalies – do we have a plan for developing/encouraging more players to go full time goalie?

Is it possible for development to have our higher-level team goalie come out to practices to work with teams. i.e. U14AA to work with U12 or U10 etc.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR: U10 Director	REPORT DATE: Jan 19/25
PERSON REPORTING: Allison Wilson	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN <u>PERSON?</u> Yes

Active Start. No change from last session

Step 1 Played in Red Deer tournament, seems to be running well.

Step 2 Played in Red Deer as well, everything seems to be running smoothly.

Step 3 Session 2: 0-5 in Black Division. No issues from staff forwarded to me other than below:

Issue addressed and resolved with SGMH using our mini nets and making them unavailable for at least 1 or 2 league games. Hockey made aware and likely just due to excitement of minor hockey week. Clarified with Alison C our equipment coordinator that SGRA does indeed own 4 mini nets to remain at Stu Barnes arena at all times. They are also now labeled. Should not be an ongoing issue.

WIND UP STEP 1- March 1-2

Expecting roughly 250 players from 17 teams from 10 leagues.

WIND UP STEP 2 – March 8-9

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PLANNING for Windups would like to ask league for financial support to provide some activities. Hoping to recover some costs.

Photo booth, raffle basket, lollipop pull & face painting. Open to ideas.

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POSITION REPORTING FOR: Fundraising	REPORT DATE: January 23,2025
PERSON REPORTING: Tiffany Zender	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: Yes

- Tickets were delivered to membership December 16.
- Paper cheques have been collected and cashed.
 - U16AA cheques will be collected at January 23 Board meeting.
- Tickets will be collected for draw Thursday, February 6th between 6-8pm at Tri Leisure.
 - Any team needing more time, must coordinate with me to hand off tickets before Wednesday, February 12.
- Draw will take place Friday, February 14 at 7pm at Tri Leisure
- 1st place \$5,000; 2nd place \$2,000; 3rd place \$700; 4th place \$500
- Currently we have received \$37,800.00 in fundraising fees. U16AA is submitting \$3,000.00 in fundraising fees. This is a total of **\$40,800.00** received.
- After prize money paid out, profit will be **\$32,600.00**