



Agenda

Subject:	August TORL Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Date:	August 28th , 2024
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Zoom

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President	Tessa Russell	x	President, GVRA	Wayne Robert	x
Vice President	Richard Toth	x	Representative, KRA	Michael Beach	x
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Treasurer	Tammy Packer	n/a	President, WRA	Nathan Kurjata	x
Secretary	Courtney King	x	Past President (non-voting)		
Director of Coaching	Mati Glover	x	Ice Scheduler	John Hopkinson	x
Director of Officials	Derrick Doige	x	TORL Web Administrator	Katelyn Toth	x
Registrar	Rosemary Manton	x	KRA Rep	Jackie Nilsen	x
			Zone 6 Coordinator	Mark Campbell	x
			Zone 5 Coordinator	Courtney King	x

- 1.0 Welcome and approval of agenda. Motion made by Mike. Seconded by Mati. Called to order at 7:37pm.
- 2.0 Zone updates
 Rosemary reported on numbers:
 U14 - 13 KRA, 11 WRA, 14 GVRA (including 2 player movement requests & 1 injury), 2 SRA, 1 HRA = 39
 U16 - 17 KRA, 6 WRA, 15 GVRA (+ 2 possibly), 3 SRA =
 U19 - 5 KRA, 3 WRA, 1 GVRA, 1 SRA = 10
 Given the number of players, and lack of coaching candidate, Nathan made a motion for TORL to not host a U19 zone team for the 2024-2025 season. Seconded by Richard. All in favour. Motion carried. Communication will be sent from the league to presidents to send to their athletes soon.
 Motion made by Rosemary to cap the U14 zone teams at 12 players for 2024-2025. Seconded by Nathan. 7 voted for, 2 abstained, 3 voted against. Motion passed.
 Motion made by Tessa to amend the motion that a coach may request permission from their local associations to exceed the roster of 12 prior to making team formation decisions. Seconded by Nathan. 3 abstained. Remaining votes in favour. Motion passed.
- 3.0 Club Registration updates by association:
 SRA and GVRA will explore the possibility of a combined U14 Club team after evaluations.

- 4.0 Zone Roles and Responsibilities - committee of zone coordinators, Mati, and Richard will have an off-line discussion and set up meetings with the coaches as representatives of TORL.
- 5.0 Zone Coach Orientation - above
- 6.0 Discussion of GVRA Board motions

1. **GVRA Board Meeting Update: Zone Team Formation Motions**

The GVRA board met last week and had a lengthy discussion regarding our registration and team formation. In doing so the GVRA Board developed two motions regarding zone team formation to propose to the TORL board. The board wanted to be proactive as any discussions/actions (or inactivity) at the league level regarding zone 5 have disproportionately impacts on GVRA, given the substantial influence of the zone program's formation and operations—administratively, in coaching, and for players.

U14 Zone Team Formation

The motion was to recommend that TORL cap the Zone 5 U14 zone team formation at 12 players for the 2024/25 season, with the possibility of increasing this number depending on Zone 5 club registration numbers.

U16 Zone Team Formation

This is recognized as a complex situation, requiring a model that best fits the unique context of GVRA/SRA and TORL.

The motion emphasized that both GVRA and TORL should adhere to the following tenets and guiding principles in the development of any model and subsequent actions:

1. Ensure all players have a viable pathway to play.
2. Ensure all players have a viable pathway to development.
3. Any decisions made must support the realistic formation of a club team.

In line with these tenets, GVRA supports the discussion around TORL adjusting the boundaries of Zone 5 at the U16 level. Furthermore, we are open to the possibility of not having two zone teams for the 2024/25 season if it contradicts the above principles.

- 7.0 Zone 5 boundary extension discussion for U16 - GVRA has 20 U16 players total for Club & Zone. SRA has 10 players total. 23 Zone interest amongst both associations, 7 Club interest. Mati makes a motion to move the boundary of Zone 5 to include a further 2-3 athletes within the closest geographical area. Should an athlete opt not to participate in evaluations for Zone 5, an offer would be extended to the next athlete closest to Zone 5 until the maximum of 3 is reached to a maximum of 5 requests. Athletes who decline to move will be required to play for their local club team unless there are extenuating circumstances. Roster maximum would be set to 12 athletes total. If a minimum number of 22 athletes evaluating in Zone 5 is not reached before August 31st, then TORL will only have 1 Zone team for this season. Seconded by Bri. John, Tessa and Courtney recused. 4 in favour. 5 opposed. Motion defeated. Nathan motions that TORL has 1 zone team at U16 this season, unless registration in U16 increases by 4 athletes prior to September 2nd at midnight. Seconded by Tammy. After discussion, motion was removed.

Richard moves to cap the U16 Zone 5 and 6 teams at 12 players for the 2024/25 season, with the possibility of increasing this number depending on Zone 5 and 6 club registration numbers. Seconded by Mike. 6 votes for, 2 against. John, Tessa, & Courtney recused themselves. Additionally, Mike motions that all zone 6 athletes are given the opportunity to join zone 5. If a minimum of 3 athletes do not offer to move prior to Sunday September 1st at 5pm, then the boundary will be redrawn to include the 3 athletes closest to zone 5. If we are not able to obtain 3 willing athletes to evaluate for zone 5 prior to Tuesday September 3rd at 5pm, then TORL will only have 1 Zone team for the 2024-2025 season. Seconded by Nathan. 8 votes for. 2 against. John, Tessa & Courtney recused.

Amended and approved motion by email: If a minimum of 2-3 athletes do not offer to move prior to Sunday September 1st at 5pm, then the boundary will be redrawn to include the 2 athletes

closest to zone 5. If we are not able to obtain (3) 2-3 willing athletes to evaluate for zone 5 prior to Tuesday September 3rd at 5pm, then TORL will only have 1 Zone team for the 2024-2025 season.

8.0 Zone evaluation update - committee is meeting.
Underage player evaluation request - a KRA athlete has requested evaluation at the U14 age group. Given extra information provided Mike motions that the athlete should be given the opportunity to evaluate for the U14 Zone 6 team. Seconded by Mati. 2 votes for. 6 against. Motion defeated.

9.0 New business--Season Startup timelines - tabled

Next meeting:

Motion to adjourn - Tessa motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:45pm. Seconded by Rosemary.

Meeting adjourned

Zone 5 boundary extension proposal

I just wanted to share the outcome of my meeting with Ringette BC this past week about U16 Zone 5. I asked for some input/advice regarding how they have handled the critical team formation issues that other clubs are experiencing with the zone/club quandary that everyone is going through. The additional concern was that we have not had equity as a league in terms of the calibre of players who are rostered to Zone teams. This means that teams are typically unbalanced which does not allow for proper player development and provide meaningful competition at the right levels for Zone teams. The outcome of our meeting was that Ringette BC would support TORL in expanding the boundaries for Zone 5 to include a specific geographic region. There are several unpredictable variables but with what we know now here is the best we can do.

This temporary extension (2024-2025) would be to allow for the league to form 2 zone teams of no more than a maximum agreed upon by the league--without unfairly impacting the community teams in the associations. With current numbers, allowing more than 2-3 players to move would have a detrimental impact on WRA and KRA. Neither would have sufficient numbers to form club teams greater than 10 per association unless we receive additional registrations at club.

The GVRA/SRA current registration numbers, if accurate, would indicate the ability to potentially form a combined club team 12. (prior to the Team BC shakeout for Double Carding)

The model in the past seems to have been that whatever player does not make the team in one Zone ends up being added to the other, however, that does not create equity in the league and does not support meaningful competition.

In order to provide player development opportunities for both Zones and create stronger teams in the league, this geographic resetting of the boundary is the recommendation.

This would mean that the players in the suggested area will now be considered a part of Zone 5 and would be required to evaluate in that Zone. There would be no player releases, however, in the MOU, ice for practices would be billed to the "Home" association of these players proportionally, just as we do for league games. If a

player does not wish to evaluate for the Zone team in their new designated boundary, they will be required to play on a club team for their home association. There will be no option to refuse to move to the new Zone as they will now be deemed to be living in that Zone, if they wish to play on a Zone team. This extension would only apply to Zone players as this is the group meeting the critical team formation criteria.

With respect to who would be affected: In order to not unfairly impact Zone 6, the number of players in the proposed boundary extension would be limited to no more than 3 athletes. It currently affects the athletes in the Lake Country and North Glenmore (UBCO) area as they would be within the proposed boundary.

I've attached a map here for review. We plotted every player in KRA registered for Zone evaluations on this map to demonstrate the boundary assignment. The WRA athletes would, by necessity, not be eligible.

If a player who has been sent to Zone 5 does not make the team there and is cut after evaluations, then Zone 6 may still roster/AP that player for their team. Zone 5 can also AP any player who is cut during evaluations.

I hope this is fairly clear. Long and short of it.

Boundary extended geographically

Players in that region will evaluate in Zone 5

Cut players go back to KRA club (just as they would previously) but would be eligible APs for Zone 5 or pickup to the roster for Zone 6.

The proposed motion would be that TORL vote on extending the Zone 5 boundary to allow for Critical Team formation with the cooperation of Zone 6. An MOU would be put in place to delineate association responsibilities.