

Provincial Convener Report 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 season started off strong with teams from U14 A to U19 AA playing in the newly formed Great Lakes Ringette League which encompasses Western, Southern and the Central Ringette Leagues. Its formation allowed for more competition and visibility with other associations in league play.

A change in game format for league play for U16 AA and U 19 AA to 4 - 11 minute periods was also introduced and was well received by the teams participating. This format allowed for increased coaching time between the periods and at halftime, increased playing time and was more in line with the game format at the Elite levels such as AAA and NRL. Bringing this format to the U 14 AA division and Provincial A teams is also being considered.

The season unfortunately ended abruptly during the “AA” Provincial Championships in Richmond Hill in March 2020.

Before that time Waterloo teams were seeing a great season of development and competition!

U 12 PP participated in tournaments in Oshawa winning Gold!! They also competed in the Waterloo, Kitchener and Guelph tournaments.

U14 A competed in tournaments in Pickering, Waterloo, Kitchener and Newmarket. A season of fun and competition was cut short before “A” Championships in West Ottawa.

U14 AA participated in tournaments in Nepean, London, Waterloo and Richmond Hill. They started to compete at “AA” Provincials in Richmond Hill and were looking forward to a competitive tournament.

U16 A competed in tournaments in London, Pickering Waterloo and Richmond Hill. The team had a great year and were looking forward to “A” Provincials in West Ottawa.

U16 AA competed in the London tournament winning Gold. The team then travelled to Edmonton Alberta in November to compete in the Edmonton Wood Tournament. They finished 5th overall facing strong teams from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. It was a fantastic experience for the girls. In the New Year they competed in the Waterloo and Gloucester Tournaments and finally in Paris winning Gold. Sadly, their season ended as well in Richmond Hill immediately following their game against GCRA. The team finished 2nd in league play in the Great Lakes Ringette League.

U 19 A participated in tournaments in Nepean, Mississauga winning Gold and Waterloo winning Silver and Guelph. Unfortunately, the “A” Provincial Championships did not proceed but the team tied with Oshawa as Great Lake Ringette League Champions!

U 19 AA competed in tournaments in Nepean, Whitby, Waterloo winning Silver and Guelph. They were ramping up for a great “AA” Provincial tournament.

Our Open 18+ A and AA teams represented Waterloo proudly and we are proud to have such strong Open teams so competitive in the Province. Our Open players also continue to give back to the sport training, coaching and mentoring young players and coaches in the Association.

Waterloo Ringette wishes to thank all the hard-working coaches and bench staff for their time, passion and dedication to the players and to the sport.

Thank you to the parents for your support of the players and the coaches.

Finally, to the players who worked so hard all season and had the season end as it did; we all look forward to next season as we prepare to get everyone back on the ice. The season will look different, but we are working to get teams formed and play underway.

Enjoy the summer months and we'll keep everyone posted on the Return to Activity and Return to Play planning with Ringette Ontario as it develops.