

Equipment Manager Report 2019-2020 season

2019/2020 season will go down in history as a totally unique unprecedented year with the Covid-19 taking hold of the whole world and forcing the ringette season to end abruptly in mid-March. Needless to say, we have many disappointed athletes and parents. One thing COVID-19 cannot take away is the friendship the athletes formed over the past months. They are looking forward to seeing their “new” friends when the season begins again.

In the past season, Waterloo Ringette Association had over 30 first time players who took advantage of our Equipment loan program. We even have some first timers who tried goaltending and really took a liking to it.

I received lots of positive feedbacks from the parents; kids enjoyed the season and have had lots of fun. Many are anxious to “get on the ice”. They can’t wait for the season to start up.

Smaller size equipment was purchased and distributed to satisfy the popularity of the ELP. Mask, Girdles, rings, goaltender pads as well as first aid supplies were well used and we will have ample supplies ready for next year. This coming year (2020 and on) we will stop lending out the helmets. Many families have donated sticks, pants and pads that no longer fit their kids. The donated “good condition” equipment will definitely increase our supply and enable us to replace the old ones. We certainly welcome the donation of good used equipment!

This year we were able to do a soft inventory of the jerseys and have noticed that we have very limited quantities of larger sizes jerseys. We were able to meet the demand in this past season but we may have to purchase some in the upcoming season due to the normal wear and tear over the years. While auditing the inventories, we discovered some “one off “ jerseys and there are in surprisingly good condition. It will make sense to purchasing the other half to make a full set. Note at the time the inventory was taken, we did not include some athletes who had “Keep their jerseys so they could keep their number’. We would strongly encourage the coaches to get the jerseys back from the players and stress the importance of practicing additional COVID-10 related safety measures meaning that the jerseys should be washed and put in plastic bag.

The coaching staff in the past season, consisted of some new as well as veterans. These coaches went over and beyond their comfort level to give the best they could offer for the athletes. The indoor ringette equipment was picked up and used by one team.

I am thankful for the support from my family members, David for “showing me the ropes” and the rest of the board and volunteers who never hesitate to jump in when I needed help. I could not have done the job without the help from everyone. I look forward to another great season!