



### **Non-Sanctioned Events**

The Executive of the West Ottawa Ringette Association recognizes that some members choose to participate in events that are not sanctioned by Ringette Ontario (RO).

Two examples of non-sanctioned events, but not limited to, include the Prospects Ringette Invitational in Kingston, and the Capital Ringette Classic in Ottawa. These events are private events, are not affiliated with the RO, and do not fall under the jurisdiction of the RO.

Non-sanctioned events are not bound by the same rules, conditions, and safeguards as RO sanctioned events. For example:

- Players, bench staff and team volunteers are not covered by the insurance provided through RO registration.
- These events do not conform to the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) principles that the RO and Ringette Canada adhere to.
- The skill level and calibre of competition can be unpredictable within divisions.
- Individual players may play at more than one level in different divisions within the same tournament.
- Tournament rules may differ from RO sanctioned play.
- Fair ice policy may not apply.
- No recourse or protest rights.
- Tournament organizers may charge entrance fees for spectators.

**The West Ottawa Ringette Association will not lend out jerseys for use in non-sanctioned events. Any team that forms with the intent of entering a non-sanctioned event will be responsible for acquiring their own jerseys for use during the event.**

It is strongly recommended that all teams purchase insurance to cover players and bench staff at these events. Insurance can be purchased at a reasonable cost.

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More information can be found at:

**Games and Tournaments (Sanctioned Play)**

<https://ringetteontario.com/resources/>

<https://ringetteontario.com/policies/>

**Insurance Providers** *(two examples are provided – neither are endorsed by WORA, and are provided for convenience only. Teams are encouraged to conduct additional research).*

<http://www.iplayhockey.ca/37/spring/summer>

<http://www.csib.ca/>