

Western Region G&T Report January 12, 2017

Regionals:

Reminder to all teams and/or associations to bring your registration deposits to the January WRRR meeting along with your team list.

Minor officials' signup will be posted on the Regionals 2017 page of the WRRR website. Please ask your minor officials to note their comfort level, if they want to partner with someone in particular, and any availability restrictions (very important!!). If they are also reffing, I need to know this as well but I will make any required adjustments around their ref schedule. Please encourage these people to put their names in – I very often use them to cover breaks and/or game conflicts and will work them in to avoid conflicts (same rink etc).

This year, Regionals will be hosted again London.

Are you interested in bringing Regionals to your association or group of associations? Please let us know asap! 2018 Regionals will be held the last weekend of March due to U12P's dates.

Provincials:

Provincials are around the corner. AA & U12PP teams have already booked rooms. The 18+A teams' room release will be on the same schedule as the A's.

For A, the regional reps will have first dibs on rooms and then 2 days later, the rest will receive their booking information. Please make sure your contact is available or update your contact if needed. Email confirmation of the team contacts are usually sent out prior to the release date.

Reminder that teams not using the ORA vendor for rooms are subject to a \$1000 fine and possibly other sanctions. This year is the beginning of a new contract with Hudson Travel.

2018 Hosts:

U12P March 22-25 in Waterloo

A's March 15-18 in Kitchener

AA's March 8-11 – **host needed**

Communication:

Please remember to include your association and team in the subject line of all communication.

Example: Question: St Marys U19AA Example: St Marys U19AA Sub Request This is very important! My email provider groups by subject line. For the Cambridge tournament alone there were 16 substitutions involving Western Region teams so you can imagine if all came in as "Cambridge tourney" it would be very difficult to sort them out and very easy to miss a new inquiry.

Substitutions:

If it's a tournament, a TRF Adjustment form must be filled out and signed by the Head Coach, and G&T approval is always required. This must be done IN ADVANCE. Emergency approvals will be managed on a case by case basis.

If it's a player from a different association, even just for a league or exhibition game, G&T approval is also required.

If it's a player from your association, and for a league or exhibition game, G&T does not need to approve as long as you are following the substitution rules. Anything outside of "standard" still requires approval. The onus is on the coach borrowing the player to advise your president.

In all cases, you must go to the player's coach FIRST. If the player is from outside your association, you should be going through your president to their president. If you have a long-standing friendship with the coach at the very minimum, you need to copy the president's on your player request.

Before the player can play for you, you MUST have the player's coach's permission and your president and the substitute's president must be copied. Any substitutions requiring G&T approval will require verification of this, so get it in an email.

G&T tracks tournament substitutions. Teams are expected to track their own players for league substitution rules.

A complete list of substitution rules can be found in the ORA operating manual. Below are some key highlights:

Max 12 skaters, or less if you have a smaller TRF, including subs if using sub skaters.

Goalie can sub for a goalie, and if they are the ONLY sub, all your skaters can still play.

In ALL cases, the substitute must replace someone on your roster. There is one and only one exception, and that is that you are allowed to add 1 goalie for Provincials if you do not already have 2.

Maximum substitutes per game: 4 (skaters and goalies in any combination)

G&T Maximum substitutes used in a single tournament: 4 (skaters and goalies in any combination). Note that player A can sub for a different player every game, but only counts as 1 substitute. ADP is slightly different for this rule.

Any player in Ontario U19 & under, may substitute in 1 tournament in the playing season (goalies exempt).

Any player in Ontario in 18+ (any division) may substitute in 2 tournaments in the playing season (goalies exempt).

Players U12 & under are RESTRICTED on number of tournaments by Sport Development (goalies INCLUDED).

For substitutions the “general” rule is same level or lower, same age or lower. Can go one age division down and one level up eg U14A can sub for U16B. The exception this is AA – no same level substitutions are allowed for tournament play. This applies to U14AA, U16AA, U19AA.

Suspensions:

We got the year off to a good start with 2 players suspensions, but have since added a few coaching suspensions. At this time all have been served and all are eligible to play and coach.

Reminder, if you have a player or coach ejected from a game they are automatically suspended for at least one game. YOU are required to contact G&T (that’s me) within 24 hours or BEFORE your next game. For coaching suspensions you must also contact John Mezenberg. This usually requires a phone call or message to arrange a phone call. If your player or bench staff is found to not abiding by the rules of their suspension (most often because “well, we didn’t know”), they will most likely have additional suspensions, and/or fines, and/or forfeits. I will always do my best to answer any questions you have regarding the situation so that this doesn’t happen.

Suspension types:

Misconduct:

Misconduct is any of the following:

- Code 15 on the sheet (2 min served by another player for player ejection, no minutes for coach ejection)
- Ejected but not with a penalty code (missed as a penalty, should have been code 15 with 2 min served)
- 10 minutes penalties (player)
 - Note that this does not include:
 - Penalty(s) served for another player (injury, goalie)
 - Penalty(s) served for team staff (TS unsports, Illegal Substitution, TS Delay of Game)
 - In both scenarios game sheet should show the player assessed the penalty or “TS”, + the player serving the penalty
 - Note that this does include:
 - Penalty assessed but not served (example delayed penalty with goal scored)
 - Penalty assessed after the end of the game (example, unsportsmanlike during handshake)
- 30 minutes penalties (coach) - This is total accumulated penalties minutes including all penalties during and after the game.

What does it mean when you have a Misconduct suspension?

Coach: - A bench staff shall not participate on any other team in a bench staff capacity until the suspension is fully served.

Coach who is also a player: - Same as coach. - May still participate as a player

Player: - May not participate in games with any team until the suspension is served. - This includes 2-team players, and playing as a substitute - They may still participate in practices and team activities (example: dryland)

Player who also coaches: - Same as player - Also suspended from coaching until the suspension is served (see coach under this section).

When an individual is on 2 teams or is both a player and coach there may be situations where the next game with the team where they received the suspension is some time in the future. In these circumstances they may be permitted back to activities with their other teams following that “the secondary position will never be more severely punished than the position held when the penalty was assessed”. Please contact G&T when this is the case for a clearly defined interpretation.

Officiating, any minor association, G&T, or the Region, may, at their discretion, extend a misconduct penalty to any or all other ringette activities under their discretion.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Coaching Suspensions for Misconduct penalties are now: first offense = one (1) game, second offense = three (3) games, third offense = five (5) games, fourth offense = ten (10) games, fifth offense = lifetime suspension. Clock will be reset after two (2) years of zero (0) offenses. No reset for lifetime offenses.

Match:

A Match penalty is a code 18, with ejection. This penalty carries a minimum of a 2 game suspension (3 if after the end of the game) and increases for repeat offenses. A Match penalty is most commonly for a perceived "intent to injure" and is viewed as very serious. As such the rules are a little different for Match penalties than for Misconduct. In ALL cases, the player or bench staff shall be suspended from any team until the full suspension is served with the team s/he was a member of when the penalty occurred. In Ontario, anyone under a match penalty is considered suspended from all Ringette activities. This includes practices, volunteering, officiating etc.

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