

## Sport Development Report – January 2017

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year and welcome to the second half of the season. I am available to help answer questions about Fair Play, Skills matrix, and Come Try Ringette. If you have a team or if your association needs help, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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### Come Try Ringette

During the fall 9 Associations hosted 11 Come Try Events across Western Region. Based on the information provided by the Associations, we had 139 new players come out to try Ringette. Of these, 67 or 48% joined a team!

	Attendees	Joined	
St Mary's	9	2	
Dorchester	11	6	
Waterloo	33	14	
Exeter- Seaforth	9	8	
Elora-Fergus	15	4	
London	19	10	
Guelph	14	7	
Kitchener	24	14	
Woolwich	5	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48%</b>

A Great job was done by these associations promoting and advertising their events! Based on their feedback, we will be working to secure more marketing materials and have put more funding into our CTR budget. If you would like more information about how to host your own Come Try Ringette Event, please let me know.

### Skills Matrix

The first round of skills matrix evaluations was due to be submitted by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Below is a chart of teams in the region that need to complete the Skills Matrix assessments. As you can see, there are several associations that have not yet submitted their assessments. Failure to do so results in a \$500 fine for the association. Associations that have not yet submitted will be given until January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 to submit before they are fined.

### Fall 2016 Skills Matrix Submissions

Association	U8	U9	U10	U12	U12 PP
Chatham	1	1	1	1	
Dorchester	1		1	2	1
Exeter/Seaforth				1	
Elora/Fergus		1		1	1
Forest	2		2	1	1
Goderich	1		1	1	
Guelph	1	1		2	1
Hanover			1		
Kitchener	2	1	1	2	1
London	1	1	2	2	1
Mitchell	1	1		1	
Owen Sound					
St. Mary's	1	1	1	1	1
St. Thomas				1	
Tillsonburg		1		1	
Waterloo	1		2	1	2
Wellington North				1	

In October, we hosted an education seminar for all U12 and younger Regional coaches *"How to get the most out of your Skills Matrix"*. This session was designed to help coaches use the information learned about their players and team during the skills matrix and build practice plans to support that development. We shared ideas and drills and worked together to develop season plans.

Special congratulations go out to the St Mary's and Chatham Associations that had coaches attend. Their feedback was very positive and both associations felt that their coaches benefited from this information. It was extremely disappointing that NO other association sent coaches to this event. Grass Roots development is an essential part of the growth of Ringette and this seminar was designed to help support this initiative.

Moving forward, this will be a mandatory session for all Regional coaches U14 and under.

**The second set of skills matrix assessments are due by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.** Failure to submit will result in an association fine of \$500. No extensions will be given to any association. Please make sure these assessments are completed and submitted prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.

#### **Fair Ice Policy**

**Just a reminder that the Fair Ice policy impacts ALL teams not just regional teams.** I have attached a copy of the policy as a reminder for all and ask that all associations share this with your coaches again.

The Fair Ice Policy covers not only fair ice time, but also includes things like;

- Rotation of starting lines
- Rotations of goalies
- Rotation of players in key situations
- Rotation of players through positions (U8, U9 and U10)

The Fair Ice Policy is designed to help all players at all levels have the opportunity to develop skills.

In Western Region we have already verbally warned 4 coaches from 4 different associations at a variety of age groups. A written warning is the next step in the process and is attached permanently to your coaching record.

If you have questions regarding the policy or how to apply it, please reach out. It is our goal to help educate coaches not punish them 😊