

Western Region G&T Report

January 13, 2015

Regionals:

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

Minor officials can now signup on the 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 in Guelph and Elora-Fergus.

Provincials:

Provincials are around the corner. AA & U12PP teams have already booked rooms. 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 is our 2nd year with the new vendor and there were very few complaints from our regional last year.

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, G&T approval is always required.

If it's a player from a different association, G&T approval is always required.

Suspensions:

We got the year off to a good start with only 1 or 2 suspensions, but this last weekend added about 4 more.

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. This usually requires a phone call or a msg 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:
 - o Penalty(s) served for another player (injury, goalie)
 - o Penalty(s) served for team staff (TS unsports, Illegal Substitution, TS Delay of Game)
 - o In both scenarios game sheet should show the player assessed the penalty or "TS", + the player serving the penalty
- Note that this does include:
 - o Penalty assessed but not served (example delayed penalty with goal scored)
 - o 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 above.
- 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 above
- 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.

Match:

A Match penalty is a code 18, with ejection. This penalty carries a minimum of a 2 game suspension 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 Western Region, anyone under a match penalty is considered suspended from all activities.

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