

February 20, 2020

AA / A / U12P Provincial Team League Play – WORL (Western Ontario Ringette League)

This season the Western Region U14A-U19AA teams are playing league games in the GLRL (Great Lakes Ringette League) www.girl.com allowing for a broader range of opponents.

The U12P division is continuing to play in WORL.

League play for the U12P division has progressed well this season. We added a new team for the 2nd half schedule in St Mary's as they had been very strong in Regional play during the 1st half of the season. We also have accommodated a request from Dorchester Ringette to expand their league play to include some of the competitively similar teams who were playing in GLRL. As a result, we were able to schedule 4 games (2 home & 2 away) versus Richmond Hill and Burlington during the 2nd half. Thank you to Nancy Houghtling as WORL U12P Scheduler for preparing and amending the schedule for 2nd half league play.

The 2019-2020 Ringette season with Western Region includes 9 Member associations. This year there are 11 Provincial AA teams, 15 Provincial A teams and 8 U12P teams competing in the GLRL & WORL league play.

“AA” Declared Teams:

U14AA (3)	Dorchester, London, Waterloo,
U16AA (5)	Dorchester, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Waterloo
U19AA (3)	Guelph, London, Waterloo,

“A” Declared Teams:

U12P (8)	Dorchester, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Mitchell, St Mary's, Waterloo
U14A (6)	Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, St Mary's, Waterloo
U16A (5)	Dorchester, Elora Fergus, Forest, Guelph, Waterloo
U19A (4)	Forest, London, Mitchell, Waterloo

League Champions will be declared at WORL AGM on April 27, 2020.

AA Provincials – Richmond Hill, March 12-15th

A Provincials – West Ottawa, March 19-22nd

U12 Provincial Event – Sault Ste Marie, April 2-5th

Tryout Process & Team Declarations

The League is preparing for the 2020/21 Provincial team declarations and team selections once Provincials are completed. The League is asking all Associations to encourage any and ALL players interested in playing at the provincial level to register their intents on-line at the WRRRA website. www.worl.ca - proceed to the WORL A-AA League Link to complete. All players are to be registered by March 31, 2020. The 2020/21 Tryout Process and Team Declaration document will be posted on-line; it includes the team timelines and important dates of interest.

Great Lakes Ringette League

All Western Region AA & A teams have enjoyed league play in the newly formed GLRL this season. This new league has been operating much like WORL in managing league play, game rescheduling and all other matters related to league play. The GLRL introduced a new format to the U16AA and U19AA divisions for league games that has them playing 4 x 11-minute periods and overall the response has been positive from all those involved. The GLRL will be requesting that Ringette Ontario adopt this game format for Tournaments and Provincials moving forward.

The GLRL will also be submitting a letter to Ringette Ontario this month petitioning that the U12P Tryout Process be changed to Spring Only tryouts as it was a few years ago. The impact that the fall U12P tryout process has had on player retention, coach recruitment and disruptions to the Regional team formation in fact too great to ignore any longer. The GLRL Committee voted unanimously to support this request.

WORL AGM is scheduled for Monday April 27, 2020 - 7:00 PM at the Dorchester Library. Presentation of Trophies, committee presentations as well as elections of new officers will take place.

Thank you and good luck to all teams at Provincials this season!

See you at the Rinks!

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