

February 21, 2019

## **Western Ontario Ringette League – WORL A/AA**

The 2018-2019 Ringette season is well underway within the Western Ontario Ringette League (WORL) with 18 Member associations including 23 Provincial AA teams (10 from CORL), 17 Provincial A teams and 8 U12P teams competing league play.

### **“AA” Declared Teams:**

<b>U14AA (6)</b>	Dorchester, London, Mississauga, Richmond Hill, Waterloo, Whitby
<b>U16AA (6)</b>	Ajax, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Richmond Hill, Waterloo
<b>U19AA (6)</b>	Cambridge, Guelph, London, Mississauga, Waterloo, Whitby
<b>Open AA (5)</b>	Cambridge, Mississauga, Waterloo-D, Waterloo-G, Western University

### **“A” Declared Teams:**

<b>U12P (8)</b>	Chatham, Dorchester, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, St Mary’s, Waterloo)
<b>U14A (7)</b>	Dorchester, Elora Fergus, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Waterloo
<b>U16A (5)</b>	Dorchester, Forest, Kitchener, London, Waterloo
<b>U19A (5)</b>	Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Mitchell
<b>Open A (NIL)</b>	No Teams for League

### **Western Region “A” Provincial Representatives have been declared**

- U14A – Forest
- U16A – Forest
- U19A – Guelph
- U14AA - Waterloo

League Champions will be declared at WORL AGM on April 15, 2019.

Provincials #1 includes U16AA, U19AA, 18+AA, 18+A & 18+University in Waterloo Mar 7-10<sup>th</sup>.

Provincials # 2 includes U14A, U16A, U19A & U14AA in West Ferris Mar 14-17<sup>th</sup>. “A” Team Western Region Representatives and selected Wildcards will participate.

All WORL U12PP Teams will participate in Provincial Event in Guelph March 21-24<sup>th</sup>.

The League is preparing for the 2019/20 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](http://www.worl.ca) - proceed to the WORL A-AA League Link to complete. All players are to

be registered by March 31, 2019. The 2019/19 Tryout Process and Team Declaration document will be posted on-line; it includes the team timelines and important dates of interest.

### **WORL/CORL Merger Discussion**

There have been 2 meetings involving WORL and CORL reps including directors of Western, Southern and Central Regions. The proposal being discussed involved a newly named league including all AA, A & U12P teams. This would require new bylaws and rules to be created along with a new Governance structure for this league.

AA teams have been playing under a combined league for many years, this would bring all the A teams in the 3 Regions to be scheduled games under this new league. The U12P teams would also have their games scheduled under this new league but would continue to play teams only within their respective Regions. Scheduling and travel are major discussion points but there is a desire to get greater exposure for the A teams. Setting up an East-West loop is desirable.

Any final proposals for a merger will be presented at the WORL AGM in April for approval and then brought forward to the Western Region as there will be changes affected there also. All Association WORL Representatives have been updated throughout this process and I encourage discussion and concerns brought forward through them.

WORL AGM is scheduled for Monday April 15, 2019 - 7:00 PM at a location to be determined. Presentation of banners, committee presentations as well as elections of new officers will take place.

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