

WRRRA Coaching Report

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Professional Development

Reminder that all coaches are required to complete professional development in order to maintain their coaching credentials on a five year cycle. There are opportunities offered through many sources such as NCCP, Ringette Canada, ORA and the Region. Many of these are free or for a minimal charge and coaches are encouraged to take advantage of these courses as often as they can.

Bench Staff Code of Conduct

All bench staff are reminded that they have signed the Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement (ORA Form C-F-01) and we trust that bench staff will adhere to both the letter and spirit of this Code of Conduct. A number of bench staff have already been ejected and suspensions levied throughout the province including in our own Region this year so I ask that coaches, managers and trainers try to represent their team, association and Western Region appropriately during all sanctioned events. To date seven coaches have received at least a one game suspension due to their conduct on and off the ice.

I would also like to remind coaches that you are responsible for the conduct of your fans during all sanctioned events. I know this is difficult when you are on the bench but I hope that each coach within our Region has met with their parents to discuss the behaviour expected from all of them while at the arena both towards other fans and the officials and in addition if a situation should arise that they deal with these problems as quickly as possible to ensure there are not similar issues in the future.

Bench Staff Substitutions

For all sanctioned events (tournaments) teams that require a bench staff substitution must complete the applicable form. Both a hard copy and online form can be found on the ORA website. Once completed the form should be sent to Karla Xavier at the ORA office for approval.

Operating Manual

All coaches are reminded of the importance of reviewing the ORA Operating Manual, especially the sections on Coaching, Games and Tournaments and Sport Development. We have found many of the miscommunications that are occurring are due directly to the fact coaches have not taken the time to

look through sections of the operating manual such as fair play, bench and player substitutions or bench staff requirements or qualifications.

Interested in Getting Involved:

If you are interested in getting involved with helping to facilitate coaching clinics in our Region please let me know as we are always looking for interested and enthusiastic people to join the team.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact me at coachwrra@wrra.ca with any coaching related questions. Have a great season!

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