

## **Sport Development Report – February 2018**

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the second half of the season. I am available to help answer questions about Fair Play, LTAD Compliance, 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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### **New U12P Team Formation Policy**

**There are new rules in place for the formation of U12P Teams for all associations in Ontario.** These new rules were put in place to;

1. Ensure that we are aligned with LTAD for this age group
2. Allow players moving up from U10 the summer to develop and grow
3. Allow associations that are worried about losing players can offer spots to those players in the spring
4. Ensure that all associations across the province are hosting tryouts with the same format

*Associations be permitted a preliminary U12P team(s) formation during the spring, where up to 8 skaters and 1 goaltender can be offered per team. (Associations that will be hosting 2 teams can offer 8 skaters and 1 goaltender spots for their Tier 1 team and then 8 skaters and 1 goaltender spot to play U12P without determination of which team they will be assigned to until final tryouts in the fall). There will be absolutely no team events through the summer. Teams will be finalized during a last round of tryouts in the fall with Team Roster finalized by September 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Please note that Associations that wish to complete the entire U12P selection process in the fall are absolutely permitted to. Associations do not have to offer Spring tryouts if they do not want to.

### **Come Try Ringette**

Interested in getting your volunteers CTR certified? Please send me an email at [t\\_tracey@rogers.com](mailto:t_tracey@rogers.com) and we can arrange a training session for your group at no cost to your association!

Do you have a Spring event planned? Don't forget to;

- Register the event on the CTR website
- Contact Tania for marketing materials
- Contact Tania for equipment and banner stands

We are here to help support you and your event, so please don't hesitate to reach out!

Start your fall planning now!!! Western Region will be declaring September COME TRY RINGETTE MONTH. We will be sending out more information on this program to all the Associations in March, but start the discussions now. Growth doesn't happen over a single day and we are going to use our first month of the season as an opportunity to attract as many new members as possible.

Financial Assistance is available for Association that need help with this, please contact me directly for more information.

### **Skills Matrix**

The first round of skills matrix evaluations have now all been submitted and your 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds are due by MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. 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> 2018.

### **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 and Compliance document covers not only fair ice time, but also includes things like;

- 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 😊