



# Western Region Ringette Association

## Directors Report

General Meeting February 28, 2013

1. At the past Board meetings in Toronto we discussed a major concern in our sport about players being hit from behind during a game. Players are being hurt and the arena chat is getting really negative. This is not necessarily an officiating problem – I have discussed this and understand about intent and advantage and so on. The fact remains though that the perception from the stands is terrible and at least one player has left the sport so far this year because of it.
2. We also discussed the fact that it is mandatory for all players U19 and under to wear shoulder pads. In the past there has been a hesitation by officiating to enforce this rule. Officiating has been directed to consistently enforce this rule. Players will be responsible for proving they are wearing them when questioned by officiating.
3. In the fall the Board agreed to look into the frustrations Membership was having with the automated membership system. Work continues to be done to improve on the process but issues still exist.
4. We are quickly approaching the end of our 2012-2013 season. I would like to wish all teams participating in the Provincial and Regional championships much success.
5. We continue to have some coordinator vacancies in Western Region. An Adult and Sport Development coordinator is needed.

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