

G&T Report – Western Region AGM

Provincials:

Western Region was very well represented at all levels of Provincials, with teams proceeding and succeeding at Nationals and Easterns with teams attending in all divisions.

Our medalists include:

18+A Jaks: Waterloo-D (Silver), Waterloo-G (Bronze)

18+A Lajeunesse: St Marys (Bronze, Sportsmanship)

U19AA: Guelph (Gold), Waterloo (Silver)

U19A Jaks: Forest (Silver), Kitchener (Sportsmanship)

U16A Jaks: Forest Sportsmanship

U16A McCarthy: Mitchell (Bronze, Sportsmanship)

U14AA: Waterloo (Gold)

U14A Jaks: Forest(Gold), Kitchener (Bronze), Dorchester (Sportsmanship)

U14A McCarthy: London (Silver)

Tournaments – Hosts

A Tournament Co-ordinators meeting will be held in early May. This is a mandatory meeting for all centres planning a tournament in the 2017-2018 season. Please bring your tournament applications and be prepared to review the Provincial level division allocations. Reminder that your completed and signed (by G&T as well as you) tournament hosting applications must be received at the ORA office no later than June 30th.

Tournaments - Teams

All A, AA, and U12 teams will be assigned tournaments using a similar process to last year. Please watch for the next Ringette Flash for details and submission deadlines - early to mid-July for most divisions.

In order to facilitate this process, please ensure that Shelly Klassen (WORL) has your coaches' contact information as soon as possible, and that your President info is updated as these positions may change at association AGM's.

Regional teams are encouraged to plan their tournaments as early in the season as possible. All tournaments are currently required to submit their schedules 4 weeks in advance and most of the scheduling issues were due to changes in the regional divisions. Please also ensure that you follow the tournament's deposit and payment policy.

All teams should be aware that there may be sanctions for withdrawing from a registered tournament. For A/AA (& U12P) this is based on tournament assignments. For Regional teams and tournaments

outside of the regular playing season, this is based on the tournament's published deadlines and the required schedule submission dates.

Deciding to pull out of a tournament can have a significant impact not only to the host but also the other teams in your division.

Regionals

Western Regions was attended by 86 regional minor teams, including 12 U8 teams, and 5 Adult teams. This is the first year that I recall where every single Regional team U9-U19 has attended.

Our regional event had only a few significant issues. One coach suspension (U12) and two player suspensions. All were served during the tournaments but 2 players missed their last 2 games of the season (due to match penalties)

Western's regionals used 27 minor officials from 10 associations across the region. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Watch for signup next year in late January/early February. Remember that the first draft of the schedule is usually done by March 1st and finalized 2-3 weeks prior to the tournament. Anyone who is also reffing will be fitted in as needed once the ref schedule is set. This is perfect for meal breaks for those who are shot-clocking or time-keeping all day!

Come Try Ringette Week

Declining Enrolment continues to be a problem with our sport. In an effort to counteract this, Western Region with the support of Sport Development is naming September "Come-Try-Ringette" month. Please support this initiative. Every new player counts!

Suspensions

Western Region has a total of 2 carryover suspensions into next season. Both are players in 18+. One from the SWIRL league and one from 18+A.

G&T Representation

Western Region welcomes Chris Sharp to the Western Region G&T Committee beginning April 2017. This will assist with carrying out the many tasks of the position.

Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling

G&T Western Region

Proposal (from Western G&T):

Guarantee for each region to be able to offer to host

1. All regions can offer to host at minimum of 1 of each of the tournament divisions (U14AA, U16AA, and 19AA) regardless of the number of teams in their region. If the region has AA teams, this should be with the host association(s) of those teams if at all possible. If the region does not have a tournament host with AA teams, then 1 tournament of their choice may still offer to host each of the AA divisions.
2. Each region will be guaranteed a hosting allotment of up to 6 teams per AA division, regardless of whether or not they host AA teams.

For regions with AA teams:

3. Each tournament host that has AA teams, can offer to host those AA divisions.
4. Each region shall be allowed to offer to host a minimum number of tournaments divisions to be calculated as 75% of the total number of AA teams in each division (to be rounded UP in all instances where there is a partial amount). Where there are insufficient tournament hosts available who also have teams in those divisions, tournament hosts who have AA teams in any division may offer other divisions to fulfill their region's allotment. Where a conflict occurs, the region will determine which association(s) are offering to host.
5. Each region will be allocated 5 teams per division for each team they host in that division.

Team Submissions:

6. Teams will submit their tournament requests, as a ranked selection of 6 (or more) tournaments, with a minimum of one tournament in each of Eastern, Central, Southern, and Western ranked in their top 6.
7. Teams must specify the number of tournaments they wish to attend (minimum 4).
8. Teams shall accept assignment to any of their submitted options, up to the maximum number of tournaments they requested to attend.

Team Assignment Process:

9. The committee will assign all 1st rankings, then all 2nd rankings, then all 3rd rankings etc until each region has been assigned their maximum permitted allotment. If a team's selection is full, then the next selection will be used (example, 3rd choice is full, use 4th choice).
10. Each assignment round shall occur by random draw.
11. If a team's tournament selection cannot be fulfilled, the committee will go back to that team for revised selections before moving to the next round of allocations.
12. The committee may adjust assignments, within the parameters of # of tournaments and # of allocations by region, and based on the coaches selections to maximize exposure and/or to ensure viability of a tournament.
13. Based on the teams' selections, it is possible that not all regions or all hosts eligible to host with have their divisions fulfilled.

