

Sport Development Report – April 2017

I would like to take a minute to Congratulate all our teams on such a fantastic season. Western Region was well represented across the Province at the many different tournaments and our players stood out as well developed athletes!

Come Try Ringette

This September will be our first ever *Come Try Ringette Month!* The Region will help support any association that wishes to participate with Marketing, Equipment and Training. If you are interested in participating, please let me know by June 1st so that I can help you get organized.

As in previous seasons, I would ask that all Associations reach out to me by June 1st to register their CTR event(s). I will be sending out a link to the registration page to all the Presidents later this month, so please try to get your board organized and settled on a date early. I will order all the materials needed for each Association and get them delivered in early July so that we are all organized and ready to go this fall.

We will also be offering a CTR certification course in September for those that wish to come. I will send out more information on this in the fall.

Fair Ice Policy and LTAD Compliance

Did you know that females drop out of sport between the ages of 9 and 14 75% more frequently than males do? Less than 15% of youth today get the daily activity they need to be healthy adults and sport is a great way to combat these numbers.

LTAD and our Fair Ice Policy were created with these facts in mind. It is not a tool to punish coaches or to inhibit development. It was designed to help keep our youth active, engaged and having fun.

The Fair Ice Policy and LTAD Compliance documents still appear to be confusing for many coaches and assistant coaches so we have decided to organize a mandatory education session for all coaches for the fall. This training will align with the Mandatory Rule Change clinic that all coaches have to attend so registration will be made available in the fall. Our hope is that through education, we can help ensure our coaches make better decisions and help keep our youth engaged and active for life.

A great start in this process is to encourage your coaches or potential coaches to take advantage of the FREE **NCCP Sport Initiation Program** that is being offered this summer. This training is available to anyone that is interested and a great tool for coaches and volunteers. As part of our 150 year Canadian Celebration, this course is being offered at no cost until August 2017, so please share this information with your association. Go to www.coach.ca for more information. (This also counts toward the Professional Development points that every coach is required to obtain!)

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Skills Matrix

The Skills Matrix Assessments are excellent tools for Associations, Teams, Coaches, Parents and Players to see how they are progressing through the season. The information gathered can help Teams and Coaches develop practice plans that support team and individual development and parents can have confidence to know that the primary focus is on developing their child.

Several associations have requested additional training for their volunteers on the evaluation process, so we will be hosting a training session for all associations on ***How to administer a proper Skills Matrix.*** Each association will have the opportunity to send as many volunteers as they want to this training. It will include both off ice and on ice so that we can help you deliver the best program possible.

More information on this training will be send out early next month.

This shows who still needs to submit as of April 8th, at 9am. If your association is still outstanding, please have your coach submit ASAP to avoid any fines.

Spring 2017 Skills Matrix Submissions

Association	U8	U9	U10	U12	U12 PP
Chatham	1	1	1	1	
Dorchester	1		1	2	1
Exeter/Seaforth				1	
Elora/Fergus		1		1	1
Forest	2		2	1	1
Goderich	1		1	1	
Guelph	1	1		2	1
Hanover			1		
Kitchener	2	1	1	2	1
London	1	1	2	2	1
Mitchell	1	1		1	
Owen Sound					
St. Mary's	1	1	1	1	1
St. Thomas				1	
Tillsonburg		1		1	
Waterloo	1		2	1	2
Wellington North				1	

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Team Activity Logs

Just a reminder that all Teams (excluding OPEN) in every association must submit a Team Activity Log by March 31st 2017.

Outstanding Associations as of 9am on April 8th are;

Chatham – all teams

Exeter – U12PP

Elora Fergus – all teams

Forest – all teams

Goderich – all teams

Guelph – all regional teams

Goderich – all teams

Kitchener – all regional teams

London – all teams

St Thomas – all teams

Tillsonburg – all teams

Wellington North – all teams

Finally, I would like to encourage anyone that has suggestions or ideas for our Sport Development program to reach out and contact me directly. We are always looking for ways to improve your experience and ensure that you have everything you need to be successful.

I look forward to hearing your feedback,

Thank you,

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