

April 13, 2017

## **Western Ontario Ringette League – WORL A/AA**

The Western Ontario Ringette League (WORL) for A and AA Provincial Ringette teams in Western Region has completed the 2016/17 Ringette playing season with the League AGM having been held on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Western Region through our member Association teams, experienced tremendous success throughout the season having medal performances at tournaments across Ontario as well as at Provincials and National events - Western Region is the cream of the crop!

To each Association, their teams and the many athletes, none of these achievements would be possible without the parents and the many hours of dedicated work by our volunteers - Thank you!

### **Membership**

We had **14** member Associations and **39** Provincial teams competing in our League and or the combined WORL/CORL League this year. **30** Provincial A teams and **9** Provincial AA teams.

### **League Play**

Divisional Champions were determined by League play. The 2016/17 League Champions:

U12-Provincial Petite Waterloo-Gold

U14 A - Forest

U14 AA - Waterloo

U16 A - Forest

U16AA - Guelph

U19A - Forest

U19AA - Guelph

Open AJ –Western University

Congratulations to each Western Region team that earned post season successes at Provincials and the Canadian Ringette Championships. Good Luck to the teams travelling and competing at the Eastern Ringette Championships April 13-16 in Quebec. Good Luck!

### **Player Tryout and Selection Process**

The Player Tryout and Selection Process, by which we communicate, select and present our teams for play is one of this League's most valuable assets. Open communication and presentation through the website continues to define our League and showcase us as the premier League in Ontario. The Player Intent and Team Tracking spreadsheet has been very effective in keeping an open and transparent approach to managing team development and player movement. Peter Westelaken spends countless hours maintaining and supporting this League by updating this spreadsheet, his attention to detail, the collating of some 800 plus emails and his dedication to our sport, on behalf of the League, I want to THANK YOU!

**Officiating**

Denise Pelletier, Referee in Chief for Western Region

Steve Baker, WORL Referee Scheduler

Association Referee in Chief's

Thank you to our officials, on-ice and off-ice, for their dedication and commitment to our League. We would not have a successful League without their continued support. We need to continue to recruit, train and develop our officials.

**League Scheduling of Games**

Shelley Klassen, WORL League Scheduler – Scheduling over 300 League games and reschedules is not an easy task. Thank you Shelley for all the work you did to organize and produce this League schedule for our teams and Associations.

To each one of our Association representatives, to the division conveners and to the League executive members - Tom Reidy, Chris Billing, Lori Adams & Chris Sharpe.

Thank you all very much! This league cannot operate without all your continued support.

This has been my second year as WORL President. It is quite evident that the strong foundation of WORL has been built through the hard work of years gone by, the leadership of past members and the collective involvement of current members.

**Next WORL meeting is scheduled for – Monday, August 28, 2017 – Location TBD**

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