

WRRRA Coaching Report

AGM 2016

Bench Staff Qualification Requirements:

There were several changes to qualifications that have taken effect this season. This includes the addition of a new 'Introduction to Coaching' clinic which is required by all new coaches as well as a new 'Making Ethical Decisions' clinic that is required by all new coaches. These are both one time clinics that have been added to the coaching requirements this year. These changes have created much frustration amongst new coaches and associations this fall but hopefully as Ringette Canada and ORA work out the kinks these will go much smoother in the future. A reminder to all coaches that they must complete their online MED evaluation if they have not already done so on the NCCP website. Reminder that these are clinic specific so please ensure you complete the proper stream.

2015 Coaching Clinics

The following Coaching Clinics were set up this fall.

CI - Waterloo
CI - London
CSI - Dorchester
CSI – Kitchener
MED – London
MED- Guelph

In all, there have been over 100 new coaches trained this fall in Western Region.

CSI – 52 coaches trained

CI – 49 coaches trained

In addition there have been 7 coaches complete their CI Evaluation and become CI Certified

I would like to thank London, Waterloo, Dorchester, Guelph and Kitchener for their help in hosting these clinics.

Bench Staff Code of Conduct

All bench staff signed the Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement (ORA Form C-F-01) and we trust that most bench staff members have adhered to both the letter and spirit of this Code of Conduct. We have had a number of issues this past season and as a Region and Member Associations we must work to reduce these violations so that they are few and far between. Overall there were approximately 15 Bench Staff Suspensions throughout the province this season for various reasons. Of these, 6 were from

Western Region Bench Staffs and 5 of them were from benches of U14 and lower age Groups. Five of these suspensions were for verbal abuse and foul language while the 6th was for excessive penalties by the team. This is not acceptable as we make up 40% of the total suspensions in the province and even more of a concern is that many of them are from verbal abuse and foul language in front of our younger players.

We ask that coaches try to represent their team, association and Western Region appropriately during all sanctioned events.

Coaching Resources

There are various coaching resources, such as sample practice plans and videos, available on the Ringette Canada website (www.ringette.ca). In addition, Ontario Ringette has developed 'Guides to Success' for U6 to U10 coaches and Associations. Ontario has also produced a 'Drills for Skills' index to help coaches quickly find effective drills to develop particular skills. These tools can be found at www.ontario-ringette.com => Coaching => Resources.

It is also recommended each year that coaches take the time to understand the rules as well as all relevant information as it pertains to the ORA Operating Manual. Given the season is over the summer is a great time to review this information in preparation for the upcoming season. By doing so it will give everyone a better understanding of the sport, its rules and requirements and help to better understand what is required of them when the season does begin.

In addition, myself or any of the Coaching Clinic Facilitators are always willing and able to help coaches out at any time throughout the season. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions of us.

Interested in Getting Involved:

If you are interested in getting involved with helping to facilitate coaching clinics in our Region please let me know as we are always looking for interested and enthusiastic people to join the team.

In addition I am looking for someone to help me with the Coaching Coordinator's position. If you are interested please give me a call to discuss.

Special Thank You:

A Very Special Thank You to Mike Genereaux! Mike is retiring as a Coaching Clinic Facilitator/Evaluator after this season. Mike has been involved for more years and has helped more coaches than I can count to become trained and certified in our Region. Mike has previously held the Western Region Coaching Coordinator position and has been involved not only within our Region but with the ORA and Ringette Canada in this capacity. We Thank Mike for all his years of service to our great sport and wish him the best in his future endeavours.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact me at coachwrra@wrra.ca with any coaching related questions. Have a great season!

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