

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.

Tournaments – Hosts

Associations are finalizing dates for next season. A listing of proposed dates will be forwarded to all reps. Reminder that all 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 submission deadlines mid-July for most divisions.

In order to facilitate this process a Google form link will be added to the Western Region website to add your team coaches/managers contact information as teams are formed. This is critical as we often need to reach out to teams during the assignment process.

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.

Regionals

Western Regions was attended by 70 regional minor teams, 10 U8 teams, and 8 Adult teams. This is a reduction of 8 regional minor teams from last year, with the same number (2) not attending although this year was completely different teams.

This is our second year for the mandatory coaches meeting. The same meeting was also the reseeding meeting which was involved a lot more discussion than last year.

Our regional event had only a few significant issues. One coach suspension (U10) and one player suspension (adult), in both cases carrying over to next season.

Western's regionals used 39 minor officials from across the region. We had no reported issues with minor officials. Thank you for making us proud!

Declining Enrollment

Western Region lost one more association this year (Woolwich, registered, but no teams) and will lose at least 1 next year (St Clements confirmed, with Wellington North and Hanover both suggesting that they are struggling). This continues to be concerning. Our numbers are significantly reduced in our Eastern Conference (regional teams) vs Western Conference at the regional level.

Suspensions

Western Region has a total of 3 carryover suspensions into next season. 2 are coaches (U10, U12PP) and one player (18+BB).

G&T Representation

Western Region will be adding 1-2 assistant G&T members (no specific titles) going forward. At least one is confirmed as available for the August meeting. This will assist with carrying out the many tasks of the position.

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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.

