

## WRRR Coaching Report – April 2015

### 2014 Coaching Clinics

Coaching Clinics were very successful this year. We have had two CI-1/2 clinics (44 participants), three CI-2 clinics (37 participants) and two CSI clinics (56 participants). We also evaluated and certified 25 new CI coaches.

Beginning in the 2015 season the CI-2 stand alone clinic will no longer be offered. Any coach that had completed their CI-1 prior to the 2013 season and did not complete their CI-2 over the past two years will be required to complete the combined CI-1/2 clinic in order to be properly qualified for future seasons.

I would like to thank Guelph, London, Kitchener, Chatham and Waterloo for their help with supplying locations and ice for our clinics this year. As well, I would like to Thank Mike Genereaux, Jodi Walsh and Craig Hennessey for their help with facilitating the clinics this year and helping with completion of Coaches' Evaluations.

For 2015 we will be welcoming a new facilitator/evaluator. I would like to welcome Todd Marrow to the team.

This spring all coaching facilitators in the province will be attending a mandatory training course to ensure that clinics are being facilitated in the same manner throughout the province.

### Bench Staff Code of Conduct

All bench staff signed the Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement (ORA Form C-F-01). Overall, things went well during the season but we are still consistently having issues with bench staff and their conduct during games. I ask that bench staff try to represent their team, association and Western Region appropriately during all sanctioned events. In addition, I would hope that all associations take a strong stance to ensure that any bench staff showing questionable conduct towards players, officials or other teams are dealt with in a proper manner so as to ensure that this conduct does not continue.

### Coaching Resources

There are various coaching resources, such as sample practice plans and videos, available on the Ringette Canada website ([www.ringette.ca](http://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](http://www.ontario-ringette.com) => Coaching => Resources.

It is also important that coaches take the time to read the following resources so they better understand the rules, procedures and guidelines that have been established by both the ORA and Ringette Canada. In most cases if bench staff took the time to read these resources it would clear up a lot of the miscommunications that happen between bench staff, associations and ORA Committees.

- ORA Operating Manual, especially the Coaching and Games and Tournaments Sections
- ORA Ringette Flashes
- Membership Notices on the ORA website
- Ringette Canada Rules and Case book

### **Questions?**

Don't hesitate to contact me at [coachwrra@wrra.ca](mailto:coachwrra@wrra.ca), (H) 519-821-1778 or (C) 519-820-2077 with any coaching related questions. Have a great season!

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