



WORL 2014 – 2015 President's Report

April 6, 2015

The Western Ontario Ringette League (WORL) for A and AA Provincial Ringette teams in Western Region will complete and finalize the 2014-2015 Ringette playing season with the League AGM on Tuesday April 7, 2015.

The remarkable successes that our member Association teams have had throughout the year in Invitational events, as well as medal performances 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 **15** member Associations and **43** Provincial teams competing in our League and or the combined WORL/CORL League this year. 30 provincial A teams and 13 provincial AA teams.

League Play

Divisional Champions were determined by League play. The 2014-15 League Champions:

U12-Provincial Petite	Waterloo-Gold
U14 A:	Forest
U14 AA:	London
U16 A:	Forest
U16AA:	London
U19A:	Exeter-Seaforth
U19AA:	Waterloo
Open A:	Waterloo-Dawson

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 U12 Provincial event April 9-12 and the Eastern Ringette Championships April 16-19. 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. Don't be afraid to thank them once in a while!

League Scheduling of Games

Shelley Klassen, WORL League Scheduler – The League approved a 20 game schedule for most divisions of play for 2014-2015, which equates to about 330 League games. Thank you Shelley for all the work you did to organize and produce this League schedule for our teams and Associations.

Concluding Remarks

To each one of our Association representatives, to the League conveners and to the League executive members: Lori Adams, Dan Dawson, Rich Gratton, and Sherry Townes, this League does not operate without your continued support, Thank you all very much!

This will be my final term as the WORL President. It has been my honour and pleasure to serve as President of this League for the past 4 years. This League has allowed our Associations a very competitive level of play and the athletes have met the challenges and have been rewarded at tournaments, provincials and national events with increasing regularity. Western Region teams have dominated the medal podium over the past few years in large part to the level of competition they see through League play each year. Good Luck and All the Best to our athletes, teams, Associations and in particular, the volunteers, thank you.

Mike Guiler