

WRRRA Coaching Report

2018 AGM

Certifications this year

This year we had the following coaches attend clinics in the Region:

CI -19 coaches

CSI – 46 coaches

PD Courses – 26 coaches

We also had 14 coaches complete their CI Evaluation to become CI Certified

Professional Development

Reminder that all coaches are required to complete professional development in order to maintain their coaching credentials on a five year cycle. There are opportunities offered through many sources such as NCCP, Ringette Canada, ORA and the Region. Many of these are free or for a minimal charge and coaches are encourage to take advantage of these courses as often as they can.

Reminder that the first five year cycle under this process will end January 2019. Therefore coaches that qualified prior to January 2014 will need to ensure they have completed the required PD in order to maintain their current certification. In order to find out when your cycle expires and how many points you require you can see this information on your NCCP transcript at www.coach.ca.

Bench Staff Code of Conduct

All bench staff are reminded that they signed the Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement (ORA Form C-F-01). A large number of bench staff were ejected and suspensions levied throughout the province including in our own Region this year so I ask that coaches, managers and trainers that they try to represent their team, association and Western Region appropriately during all sanctioned events in the future. Seven coaches within the Region have received at least a one game suspension due to their conduct on and off the ice this past season.

I would also like to remind coaches that you are responsible for the conduct of your fans during all sanctioned events. I know this is difficult when you are on the bench but I hope that each coach within our Region has met with their parents to discuss the behaviour expected from all of them while at the arena both towards other fans and the officials and in addition if a situation should arise that they deal with these problems as quickly as possible to ensure there are not similar issues in the future.

Process of filing complaints with respect to Teams and/or Coaches

Everyone is reminded that when something occurs for which a complaint is to be filed this should be done in an appropriate and timely manner through proper channels. Complaints should be first brought to the attention of your association President who in turn will bring the complaint or issue to the attention of the coordinator overseeing the matter for the Region. For example if an officiating issue it should be brought to the Officiating Coordinator, Coaching Issue to the Coaching Coordinator, Games and Tournament issues to the G&T coordinator and most other issues to the Region Chair.

This year there were a few mass emails from parents, coaches and other spectators sent to all members of the Region and the ORA. This should not be the case and should be first vetted through appropriate channels in order to be properly resolved.

Operating Manual

All coaches are reminded of the importance of reviewing the ORA Operating Manual, especially the sections on Coaching, Games and Tournaments and Sport Development. We have found many of the miscommunications that are occurring are due directly to the fact coaches have not taken the time to look through sections of the operating manual such as fair play, bench and player substitutions or bench staff requirements or qualifications.

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.

Questions?

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

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