

## **Western Region Officiating Report May 2018**

It was another successful season for Western Region officials. We were very well represented at U12 Provincials, As, AAs, Ontario Winter Games, CRCs and Worlds. It was a very busy season with many officials from the Western region being upgraded in rank and invited to provincial level events for the first time. We have been working very hard at a provincial and regional level to develop officials and I was very pleased to see that it is starting to pay off. I was very impressed with the young officials moving through the ranks in the Western Region and being invited to these events.

This year we welcomed 30 new referees to the Western Region. A great way for associations to start building their referee base is to host a level 1 referee clinic (which is required in order to officiate). We will be looking for associations to host level 1 clinics in the fall.

Steve Baker from London continued assigning officials for WORL for A/AA games using the Arbiter. Association need to continue to schedule league games where possible during the week and not on weekends. Officials are busy on most weekends with multiple tournaments. Also, if they can schedule games back to back is helpful in getting games covered. We have several younger referees ready to step in to some higher level games next year. We have been working hard to develop these referees and are excited about their growth in officiating.

Regionals was a huge success, we had supervisors (in most cases evaluators) at all arenas during the weekend. We were able to make sure that all referees received feedback over the course of the weekend. We struggled to initially get enough referees for the event so I encourage associations and referee-in-chiefs to encourage their refs to apply for regionals when the call for officials comes out through the wrra website. I am hoping to get a few more supervisors trained through the ORA next season so we can have evaluators at every arena and not just supervisors.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in a few months.

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