

WRRRA Coaching Report
AGM – June 25
Professional Development

Coach Development has been assessed as an important priority for us to focus on by both the Western Region Board as well as Ringette Ontario. The Regions and Ringette Ontario are working to provide coach development opportunities throughout the province but we believe it needs to be a priority at the association level as well and association executives need to encourage their coaches to attend the opportunities that are being provided. These opportunities help all our bench staff and in turn our players to be the best they can be. A number of resources can be found on the Ringette Ontario website at <https://ringetteontario.com/the-people/coaches/> and has also been shared with association

Coaching Coordinators and contacts.

This season I reached out to all associations to ask who might be interested in hosting a PD clinic this season. There were a number of clinics options made available including:

Building a Practice Plan – How Best to Utilize your Ice

Goalies – Don't Forget them at Practice

Strategies and Tactics – Don't Forget your Timeout

Those are the Rules – Closing the Gap Between Coaches and Officials

Only 4 associations inquired about hosting a clinic and from these four that were interested we were able to arrange three clinics as well as a fourth during the University Challenge Cup over the Christmas Break. We had 32 participants attend over the four clinics and from all accounts the feedback was very good and the participants felt the clinics were quite worthwhile attending. However, with almost 140 teams in our Region and well over 300 coaches this is somewhat disappointing given that during the Association Meetings over the summer with the Region this was put forward by those in attendance as a focus point for the Region moving forward.

In addition a Strategies and Tactics clinic was set up to be part of the AA Provincials and Richmond Hill and we had a lot of interest but unfortunately this was cancelled due to Covid-19.