



Western Region Ringette Association

Elite Report

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Hello everyone,

It has been an interesting, frustrating and very uncertain period of time over the past number of months for individuals, families and communities. My thoughts and best wishes go out to all of you during this unprecedented time of social health awareness and social distancing. It has been hard on everyone especially those within our Ringette community who have family members directly infected with this disease. The Covid-19 pandemic clouds the understanding of not just what the future will bring but how we will deal with it and how we will triumph over it.

I would like to congratulate John Mezenberg, his bench staff and the talented AAA players for a successful season. I have been the Western Region Elite Coordinator for a number of AAA years and this past season has been one of the best organized and well run teams WRRRA has had the pleasure of hosting. Much of the credit goes to John Mezenberg. John's organizational skills and team building philosophy is truly second to none. He confidently delegates responsibilities and allows his team members to utilize their proven skills to manage those responsibilities. It was one of the few seasons where I was required to address parental and player concerns. Thank you John for a job well done.

Moving forward starting during the 2020-2021 season the Elite position does not formally exist in the organizational structure of Ontario Ringette and therefore will not be a formal coordinators position on the WRRRA board. Our Chair, Chris Sharp, continues to see a value in having an Elite position within the WRRRA framework. Therefore there is an opportunity for someone to fill this role for the next two seasons. If one of you are at all interested in the position please make Chris aware of that at the June 25 AGM. I will gladly assist the newcomer with transitioning into the role. If there currently isn't an interest in the position I will remain in the position and guide the region into and through the next AAA season.

Thanks everyone and enjoy to the best of your abilities the remainder of your summer. The fall will continue to be an unprecedented time for all of us and our sport.

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