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Western Ontario Ringette League – WORL A/AA

There was no league play for the 2020/21 season to report. Thank you to all for patience and understanding as we worked through various scenarios for tryouts and team selection during the year however, we were never permitted to move forward with any due to Covid restrictions

Despite there being no games played this season, much work was done behind the scenes to prepare for a possible season as well as to review and undertake a new governance structure for Western Region Provincial Level Ringette.

In consideration of the revamping of the Western Region Ringette By-laws, a motion was passed at the June 28, 2021 WORL AGM to dissolve the existing WORL Committee and establish a new WRRRA Provincial League Standing Committee under the Western Region. This will allow this new committee to operate under the WRRRA By-Laws as a standing committee rather than independently. WORL no longer schedules and manages leagues play as this is being managed by GLRL. The new standing committee will be responsible for the governance of Team Formation and the Tryout Process for Western Region Provincial Level Teams. The existing balance of funds in the WORL account will be transferred to the Western Region and managed under the Region moving forward.

Planning for the 2021/22 season has begun. The player intents have been open since April and closed with a soft closing on June 30th. We have asked all Ringette Associations to submit an intent to host a Provincial Level Team so that we can begin strategizing what the Tryout Process will look like in the fall. Ringette Ontario has given directive where each player should receive a minimum of 4 on ice skates prior to tryouts starting. A projected timeline in a best-case scenario is that we use the month of September for pre-tryout skates, the month of October and early November for AA and A Tryouts with a possible team declaration by Nov 15th? This would leave 2 weeks for team development/practices and league play beginning around Dec 1st. Please remember this is best case scenario forecasting, any set backs due to covid restrictions or ice availability may push this back further. We must remember that we need to consider the impacts and ability to offer tryouts for all Associations in Western Region and not just a few. We have asked all WORL Reps to communicate with their respective Association Ice Schedulers to ensure that they are in communication with their respective municipalities or ice providers to learn what their ice allocations will be for September and moving forward. The sooner we know this the better for all. For league play to begin on Dec 1st, ice must be submitted to GLRL by Oct 15th. Looking forward to working with everyone to ensure a great season in whatever capacity for Ringette and to support the young players in this great sport.

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