



## Western Region Ringette League WRRL AGM Report

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### Western Region Ringette League –WRRL Report

With the 2019/21 Season behind us, we can look forward to 2021/22 Season. Things will be still be different, but we want to get players back on the ice.

RO will be communicating on how the 2021/22 season will be structured.

### Important dates:

**The 2021/22 Meeting Schedule will be sent out to WRRL Reps and posted on the WRRR Website.**

### New Items for 2021/22 Season

1. U10/12 Programming changes below and they are posted on RO website under member notices.  
<https://ringetteontario.com/news/notice/>.
2. Children's Ringette below as they are mandatory for this season.

### Ringette Ontario U10/U12 Programming

Ringette Ontario encourages smaller roster sizes for U10/U12 Club teams to facilitate increased ring touches, player engagement and overall enjoyment of the game. In addition, smaller rosters assist with the following player development initiatives:

- Increased engagement for all players as they are more active during practices and games
- Increased opportunities to experience playing different positions
- Increased opportunity for skill development
- Increased opportunity for players to experience different game situations; and
- Increased opportunities for Coaches to train and develop all the athletes on their team while recognizing individual skill levels of players.

### **U12A Division**

This division is an introduction to a more competitive environment by grouping athletes by skill to form teams for play within the region and across the province.

- Players born in 2010 and 2011.
- [This division offered: Girl and Boy Players. \(Mixed Teams\)](#)
- Teams are "formed in participation" with A/AA sub committee process for each individual Club.
- Clubs should conduct formal player evaluations on all athletes within the age division.
- Evaluations should be completed by knowledgeable coaches and 18+ athletes that are completely unbiased towards the athletes being evaluated and/or the team that are being formed.

- U12A Championships at the end of the season
  - This is an open item
  - Possibilities are to be at the regional tournament or something with GLRL
- It would be up to Regions and Associations to implement additional development resources to support second year U12 athletes looking to make the transition into the U14A/AA stream the following season.
  - WRRRA may look at hosting an event for second year U12 Players to transition into U14A/AA

## U12 B/C Division

This division is an introduction to a more competitive environment by grouping athletes by skill to form teams for play within the region and across the province.

- Players born in 2010 and 2011.
- B/C divisions: Girl and Boy Players. Mixed teams will be permitted to play in league and tournaments  
WRRRL will work with teams to determine B or C declaration
- Teams are formed within each individual Club.
- Clubs should aim to create as many U12 teams as possible within each tier.
- Clubs should conduct formal player evaluations on all athletes within the age division.
- If a Club can form more than one team within that tier (B/C), (two at B or two at C) then they should be balanced, however you could also form one at B and one at C. Work WRRRL to discuss best fit of level or play for a team the teams will be balanced to allow those teams to compete under the same competition structure.
- Evaluations should be completed by knowledgeable coaches and 18+ athletes that are completely unbiased towards the athletes being evaluated and/or the team that are being formed.
- Two (2) to three (3) balancing games between teams in the same Club should take place following assessments and initial team formation and prior to the roster deadline. Players may be moved between teams to ensure the teams are fair prior to the roster deadline.
  - This is an option for each association
- Leagues should consider dates throughout the season to review results from league play to balance and create meaningful competition amongst the teams in the league.
  - WRRRL will continue to do a mid season review of teams in each division
- All U12 teams will be invited to compete at Region Based Championships at the end of the season.
- It would be up to Regions and Associations to implement additional development resources to support second year U12 athletes looking to make the transition into the U14A/AA stream the following season.
  - WRRRA may look at hosting an event for second year U12 Players to transition into U14A/AA

**For the U12 division players: WRRRA would like to see at least 4 practices offered to players to prepare to the U12 tryouts.**

**U12A** tryouts/team formation: AA/A sub committee will determine best to have the U12A tryouts. Could occur at same time as AA since they do not conflict.

**U12B/C** sort-outs/team formation.: These would occur after "A" tryouts are complete

## **U10 (FUN3) Division**

This division is an extension to the FUNdamentals program and introduction to Learn to Train programming, providing athletes with the opportunity to learn the game in a full ice environment for the first time.

- Players can be U9/10 regardless of experience and skill level as the program will provide players with the opportunity to learn the skills of ringette through games and practices.
- **Players born in 2012 and 2013.**
- **Division is mixed (girls and boys).**
- Teams are formed within each individual Club.
- Club should aim to create as many balanced U10 teams as possible.
- Clubs are responsible for overseeing the creation of the rosters.
- Two (2) to three (3) balancing games between teams in the same Club should take place following assessments and initial team formation and prior to the roster deadline. Players may be moved between teams to ensure the teams are fair prior to the roster deadline.
- Leagues should consider dates throughout the season to review results from league play to balance and create meaningful competition amongst the teams in the league.
- **U10 teams will be invited to compete at Region Based Championships at the end of the season.**

**If you have any questions about the above information for U12 and U10 please contact Jason Vermeiren or Chris Sharpe.**

## **Children's Ringette**

**Link to RO Info on Children's Ringette**

<https://ringetteontario.com/childrens-ringette/>

There are three progressive age categories in Children's Ringette – FUN1, FUN2, and **U10 FUN3 (See Above)**.

### **FUN 1 and 2 mandatory for associations to implement for 2021-22 season**

**FUN1** is for children who are new to ringette or skating, learning basic game structure, and still developing basic skills, this group plays cross-ice.

**FUN2** is for children who are learning to lengthen their stride, ready to learn more rules of ringette, and have developed some basic skills, this group plays Mini Ringette.

Both FUNdamentals 1 & 2 divisions use small-sized nets and play adapted games of 3 on 3 and 4 on 4 respectively. Smaller spaces ensure more touches, interactions, shots on net, and passes. Teams are split into smaller squads to ensure the majority of players are participating at a time. With these adaptations in the FUNdamentals divisions, children are able to experience maximum participation, practice learned skills, and move through divisions based on skill and readiness.

**Please contact me if you need any help getting equipment to implement Children's Ringette.**

## **Regionals**

2021/22 Regionals: Date TBD

- **Looking for an association to host:** Please contact Nancy Houghtling if you are interested in hosting

Stay Safe and Healthy.

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