

## **WRRRA Coaching Report**

**September 2016**

### **Bench Staff Qualification Requirements:**

There continues to be confusion over Bench Staff Requirements. I will be planning a meeting with all Association Coaching Directors in late September or early October to go over these requirements as well as other issues as they pertain to Coaching.

In addition the ORA is working on Professional Development Requirements for all coaches as required by the NCCP. All coaches will need to complete a certain amount of Professional Development over a five year cycle in order to maintain their certification.

The hope is that by having this meeting all associations will be up to date on all the current issues in the Province as it relates to Coaching.

### **2016 Coaching Clinics**

The following Coaching Clinics have been set up so far.

CI - Waterloo – September 10/11 (completed)

CI - London – October 1 and 2

CSI – Elora Fergus - October 16

CSI – London – October 22

There are also clinics being offered in nearby Regions. Depending on how many coaches need to be trained this year we may add additional clinics as needed.

I would like to thank London, Waterloo and Elora Fergus for their help to date.

### **Bench Staff Code of Conduct**

All bench staff must sign the Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement (ORA Form C-F-01) and we trust that bench staff will adhere to both the letter and spirit of this Code of Conduct. We will be collecting the signed agreements at the November meeting. Please be sure to collect from your coaches and bring with you. We have had some issues with coaches around the province over the past few seasons including some from our own Region so I ask that coaches try to represent their team, association and Western Region appropriately during all sanctioned events.

### **Coaching Resources**

There are various coaching resources, such as sample practice plans and videos, available on the Ringette Canada website ([www.ringette.ca](http://www.ringette.ca)). In addition, Ontario Ringette has developed 'Guides to

Success' for U6 to U10 coaches and Associations. Ontario has also produced a 'Drills for Skills' index to help coaches quickly find effective drills to develop particular skills. These tools can be found at [www.ontario-ringette.com](http://www.ontario-ringette.com) => Coaching => Resources.

As was the case last season, the Region Coaching Coordinators have created a Sample Coaching Meeting Agenda including relevant links and information to help associations to ensure they include all relevant information in their initial coaching meetings. This includes a lot of great links for coaches and you should take a look if you have not yet seen it. A copy is on the Western Region website under Resources.

#### **Bench Staff Substitutions:**

The ORA Coaching Committee has created a new form for Bench Staff substitutions during Sanctioned Play. In the past all substitutions were requested using the G&T TRF adjustment form. In the future this form will only be used for player substitutions and for Bench Staff Substitutions the new form will be required to be completed and forwarded to the ORA office from approval.

#### **Interested in Getting Involved:**

If you are interested in getting involved with helping to facilitate coaching clinics in our Region please let me know as we are always looking for interested and enthusiastic people to join the team.

#### **Questions?**

Don't hesitate to contact me at [coachwrra@wrra.ca](mailto:coachwrra@wrra.ca), (H) 519-821-1778 or (C) 519-820-2077 with any coaching related questions. Have a great season!

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