



Western Region Ringette Association

Elite Report

General Meeting September 15, 2016

This year's Elite Development Committee members are:

1. Kelly Sitland - VP Technical
2. Harry Hirsimaki - Standing Committee Chair
3. Steve Welch - Eastern Region
4. Christian Moores - Southern Region
5. Laura Caldwell - Northeast Region
6. Lou Cornachia - Central Region

The committee met via conference call on August 30, 2016. All but the Central Region rep was on the call.

Issues Discussed

1. Status of AAA coaching selection process for the upcoming AAA season. The Western Region AAA coach will be chosen before December 31st of this year. A notice will be sent out next week to the region. Similar to the previous years the region will be asking for head coach applications first. Once the coach is selected we will then seek applications for other bench staff.
2. A Ringette Flash will be sent out to request applications to host Challenge Cups. Pros and Cons to stand-alone events vrs during an association's annual tournament. Perhaps Western Regions should apply and have it held in 3 neighbouring associations to spread the awareness out.
3. Callout for Team Ontario coaches. Committee discussed the need to get the Membership notice out quickly. Technical Director pointed out the CD coaches clinic will be during Thanksgiving and some applicants may need to participate to apply. Committee Chair will ask for a copy of previous notices from the office to review.
4. Location of Ontario Winter Games. Orillia will be hosting the 2018 Ontario Winter Games. More info to follow.
5. AAA bench staff requirements. Currently (the committee supports):
 - a. Head Coach
 - b. Assistant Coach
 - c. Assistant Coach
 - d. Trainer
 - e. Manager

Sunday September 11, 2016 – Central Region sent a motion to the Elite Committee Chair.

Motion: The Central Region Ringette Association be permitted to use A/AA two team agreements for 4 players between the Pickering U16A and Central U14AA teams for the 2016/17 playing season.

Rational: For the past few years and moving forward, Central Region has been rebuilding their Provincial programs. This includes ensuring a strong base at the Regional level and developing for Provincial. This year there is a shortage of players to fill out the Pickering U16A roster. The team currently consists of:

- 5 Pickering Players
- 2 Whitby Players
- 2 Part Time West Muskoka Girls (on a 2-way with their B team)
- 1 50% goalie from Etobicoke

They need to increase player numbers as well as another part-time goalie to make this team viable for the entire season. Right now they have a number of players and families who are happy to help by participating in a 2-way contract with their current teams as follows:

- 1- U16B Pickering player is interested in playing U16A as well (currently on the Whitby U16B team and really a skilled B player, but a solid B player)
- 3 - U14AA players who also have parents that are prepared to serve as bench staff for this team.
- 1 U14AA goalie willing to share the goalie duty.

Discussion: This is a terrific opportunity to ensure that the original team members do have a place to play, and, it presents a great opportunity for player development of the U14 players being introduced to a level up as well as the U16B player being introduced to the A level. It also enhances promotion of the sport and our region as committed to finding a place for everyone to play thus reinforcing the message to our own Central Region ringette community. It is understood from discussions with G&T that any players who are part of a two team agreement would only be able to participate in one Provincial event. The U14AA players would participate in the AA Provincial Championships and the U16A team would use substitute players to fill the void in their roster at the A Provincial Championships.

Elite Committee Feedback

Western Region – Not supported. Secondly I don't believe this is an elite issue. Membership Issue

Eastern Region – Not supported. Feels it is a G&T issue

Northeast Region – Has issues with Central Regions reference to what is being done in the NE Region

Southern Region – No comment to date.

Central Region – No comment to date.

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