

Western Region Officiating Report Sept 2016

Welcome to another ringette season. We have a few clinics set up for new officials as well as a level 2/3 clinic for officials looking to progress.

Here is a list of clinic in Western Region:

Level 1 Clinics (cost \$120):

Level 1 clinic – Sat Sept 24th 8:00am to 1:00pm WERC in Guelph

Level 1 Clinic- Sat Oct 1st 12:00 to 5:00 St Marys Pyramid Center

Level 1 clinic – Sat Oct 15th 8:30am to 2:00pm RIM Park Waterloo

Level 2/3 Clinic (cost \$50):

2/3 clinic – Sun Oct 16th 12:00pm-15:00pm RIM Park Waterloo

Referees: There is an online registration process for all referee clinics through the ringette Canada website. All referees have a profile online and will be able to update their info and see their qualifications online.

All officials must complete a registration form and hand it in prior to stepping on the ice to officiate their first game.

Going to a clinic does not register you to officiate with the ORA, you must fill out a registration form found on the ORA website prior to stepping on the ice to officiate your first game.

The form can be found at the following site:

<http://www.ontario-ringette.ca/officiating/registration.php?sub=officiating>

Also Police Checks need to be done every three years. So if referees need a police check it needs to be done before Jan 15, 2017.

Steve Baker from London continues assigning officials for A/AA games using the Arbiter. Referee in Chiefs will be responsible to schedule U12 A and one official for U14A as well as all exhibition games.

We still have a shortage of high level refs for Open A and U18AA and U16AA in the region and this will be the case for some time until we can build up our refs and get them through the ranks. We continue to struggle covering the demands of games on weekends, especially when there are tournament happening that weekend. It will be a very busy season with league games, exhibition games, tournaments, NRL, regionals, provincials and CRC's. Associations should try to schedule back to back ice for similar levels games in order to help with scheduling referees.

Western Region currently has 6 evaluators. It is my goal to get all referees in Western region evaluated at some point during this ringette season. Referees should be encouraged to attend tournaments as they have a better chance of being evaluated and can learn from the experience. There will hopefully be two more evaluator clinics this year through Ontario Ringette to hopefully add to our evaluator numbers.

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