

Sport Development Report – Thursday September 15, 2016

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to another great season of Ringette!! Sport Development was busy this summer making sure that we were able to help all of our associations grow and develop.

The biggest project we worked on was our Come Try Ringette Program;

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In June I went to the ORA AGM to do a short presentation on CTR and it was well received and many great ideas were shared across the Province. We all agreed there that this needs to be an area of focus for ORA and specifically Sport Development. As a result of this, Sport Development has made some recommendations to the ORA Board and they are meeting next week to discuss. If these recommendations are approved, it will be a huge step forward for CTR in Ontario ☺

9 people attended our Certification course in August representing 5 different associations, to bring the Region total of certified Associations to 12.

We have 10 CTR events and 1 Bring a Friend event happening this fall in 8 different associations. CTR Banner Stands and Equipment will be at every event to help support the associations.

I have supplied each of the participating associations with 50 Flyers, 100 Registration forms, 100 promo cards, 30 goodie bags with colouring books and crayons. I have also given each association a CTR kit from the Ringette Store that includes start kit information, tattoos and pencils.

If you are interested in getting your association certified or in learning more about how we can help support your associations growth, please let me know.

We also put together a new education presentation for our Regional coaches regarding the Skills Matrix:

Skills Matrix Information Seminar

Sport Development has created a PowerPoint presentation and education seminar for U9, U10 and U12 Regional Coaches to help them get more out of their Skills Matrix.

Currently the numbers are being used by some tournaments, but not all and there are still some Associations that do not complete this at all.

The Skills Matrix is an essential part of LTAD and the point of this Education session is to show coaches how to take the information learned from the Skills Matrix and apply it to Practice Design and team development.

The hope is to have all our Regional coaches and Assistant coaches attend, so that they are better educated and able to help develop the skills of our youngest players.

The Western Region session will be held on October 4th at the first WRRL meeting. (7.30pm here in Stratford) A registration link has been sent to all the WRA Presidents, so hopefully they have sent it to all their coaches to sign up!

And last but certainly not least, there have been changes to the Fair Ice Policy, which impact all coaches:

Changes to the Fair Play Policy

Refer to the Attached ORA policy. All changes are highlighted in Yellow.

Essentially it now gives the Sport Development Committee with support from G&T and Coaching to hand out sanctions when violations have occurred.

Violations will be determined by Sport Development and can include; ice time, rotation of players in a line up, positional play as per LTAD and any other shortening of bench situations.

All reports of violations received by associations from coaches, players and/or parents are to be submitted to your Sport Development Rep for investigation. The process of investigation will vary from situation to situation, but the changes to this policy have been made to ensure that coaches are following the rules, as they have been many violations in the past with no consequence.

If you have questions about the policy and the changes, please reach out to me directly.

Just a reminder that all Regional Convenors must submit their Skills Matrix scores to me by October 10th 2016 at the latest. The 2nd round of Skills Matrix scoring is due to me by January 30th 2016.

And Coaching Coordinators need to ensure that all coaches have been given a copy of the Team Activity Log to complete over the season. All Activity logs are due to be submitted by March 31st 2016.

I am always available to help or answer questions during the season, so please do not hesitate to reach out,

Sincerely

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