

G&T Report - September 2020

This month's report is as much a non-report as a report.

At this time plans for tournaments including year-end events are on hold pending Ringette Ontario's decisions to allow or not. And truthfully far more than just RO. Public Health, Local Municipalities, and the Province of Ontario all play a part in the final decision. Ontario's recent decision to hold for 30 days before proceeding with any additional re-opening is not trending in the right direction for tournaments, but was the right thing to do.

Officially we will not have sanctioned play until at "least" January 1st. But we cannot guarantee that tournament play or even league will be able to start then. The RO Risk Assessment Committee will be the ones making the final call. Even if allowed, locally some municipalities may not permit these events. That's reality in the surreal world of a pandemic.

So what can you do? Many associations are now approved to Stage 2 which allows for on-ice activities. Is this great? Well that depends. If you've been itching to get back on the ice for months, it's fantastic. Can you play full-out normal games, no. But you can get back on the ice, and that's a start.

Stage 3 will allow mini-leagues with modified game play. Will that be "great"? Sure! It's the next step and it's better than sitting at home sequestered in our houses except to walk the dog.

What if this entire season is nothing but mini-leagues? Well we don't know what the season will look like in January, or March. And if it is, well then it is. But it will be the same for almost all sports. Not just ringette.

So let's enjoy the time we have on and off the ice within our ringette communities and be grateful that we are healthy enough to be able to enjoy that time.

2020-2021 plans that may or may not happen::
Provincial A championships in Guelph/Kitchener/Cambridge
Regionals in Kitchener

2021-2022 Hosts needed:
Provincial AA championships
Regionals