

G&T Report September 2015

Welcome back to the Rinks!

Provincial level teams were formed last spring, with some being finalized in the fall, and the Regional teams are beginning to be firmed up.

A/AA:

Tournaments:

G&T is continuing the process of assigning tournaments for these divisions. For the most part this is working well, but there are always a few teams not happy with their assignments.

It is important to remember that the tournaments you submit are the tournaments you are assigned. If you don't want tournament X, do not include it on your list.

The goal of the assignments is 2-fold: maximize exposure to other teams (especially AA with assigned ranking games), and ensure that the tournament divisions are viable, and as fairly distributed as possible.

Of approximately 80 teams assigned to 3-5 tournaments each, we have been have received 4 complaints (5%). Unfortunately not all have been resolved to the team's satisfaction.

I would like to remind teams that prior to assignments, we were having problems with late season tournaments folding, and teams scrambling to meet their requirements to attend provincials. In addition the previous AA process was ranking tournaments (with all ranking games). The revised system allows the teams choice, something that I personally believe is the most important factor.

While the system is not perfect, we continue to strive for improvements each year.

I would like to personally thank Phil Singeris who attended the August G&T Standing Committee meeting in my absence and assisted with some of the tournament assignments.

League:

The WORL league is well underway with the season schedule due to be released soon.

Regional Teams:

Tournaments:

Now is the time to be thinking about your tournaments for the upcoming season! Many of the smaller tournaments will be looking to fill their divisions early as G&T requires their schedules 4 weeks in advance. Plan your year and get your applications in so that the tournaments can confirm your division and start their planning process.

League:

The WRRL league is will underway with ice times due this week (to coincide with the WORL schedule release, assisting associations with teams in both leagues)

U12 & Under

Reminder that teams U12 & under are restricted for the number of tournaments they may participate in. These restrictions also apply to the players in these age groups. Keep this in mind for 2-team players.

U12 teams: 5 tournaments including Provincials or Regionals

U12 Players: 7 tournaments including Provincials and/or Regionals (for 2-team players)*

*this is a Western Region policy

for all other divisions please refer to Sport Development.

Substitutions:

Please review "Western Region Substitutions process"

Penalty Reporting:

Please review "Western Region Penalty and Suspension Reporting"

Tournament Hosts:

Reminder that initial schedules are due to G&T four (4) weeks prior to your tournament.

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Tournaments may be reassigned in December for the 2nd half based on tiering. This will affect both teams and tournament hosts. This is our first year for this approach and we will be working with all affected parties as we go through this.

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