

Western Region Officiating Report Sept 2015

Welcome to another ringette season. Things are starting up quickly as it is another refresher year. All referees MUST attend a rules clinics and one coach from every team MUST attend a rules clinic hosted by officiating.

Here is a list of clinics in Western Region:

Coaching Refresher:

Coaching Refresher Regional – Friday Oct 2nd 6:00pm-8:00pm Lions Hall Kitchener

Coaching Refresher A/AA– Tues Oct 6th 6:30pm-8:30pm RIM Park - room 104

Coaching Regional Refresher – Wed Oct 21st 6:00pm-8:00pm Dorchester Arena

Coaching Refresher A/AA– Tues Oct 13th Guelph Victoria Arena 6:30pm-8:30pm

Coaching Refresher A/AA – Thursday Oct 1st 7:00pm-9:00pm North London Optimist Center
(Highbury/Cheapside)

Coaching Refresher Regional- Friday Oct 16th 7:00-9:00pm North London Optimist Center

Coaching Refresher A/AA- Monday Oct 26th 7:00-9:00pm Mitchell Arena

Coaching Refresher Regional- Monday November 2nd 7:00-9:00pm St. Marys (location TBD)

Level 1 Clinics (cost \$120 for level 1 and \$50 if taken as a refresher):

Level 1 clinic – Sun Oct 18th 11am-3pm Albert McCormick - Beaupre Room and 3pm ice on AMC-East

Level 1 clinic – Sun Oct 4th 12:00-5:00pm Forest Legacy Centre Thedford (ice 2:00pm)

Level 1 Clinic – Sat Oct 17th 2:00pm-6:00pm North London Optimist Center (Ice 6:30pm at Carling Arena)

Referee Refresher Clinic (cost \$50):

1/2/3 refresher – Sat Oct 3rd 12pm-4pm RIM Park - room 207

1/2/3 Refresher – Thursday Oct 15th 6:00pm-9:00pm Lions Hall Kitchener

1/2/3 Refresher- Monday Oct 5th 6:00pm-9:00pm Guelph Victoria Arena

1/2/3 Refresher- Wed Oct 7th 7:00-10:00pm North London Optimist Center

1/2/3 Refresher- Sat Oct 10th 12:00-4:00pm Goderich YMCA Maitland Rec Center 190 Suncoast Drive, East,
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1/2/3 Refresher- Tuesday Oct 27th 7:00-10:00pm Mitchell Arena

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

2/3 clinic – Wed Oct 14th 6:30pm-10:30pm RIM Park – 104

2/3 clinic – Wed Oct 7th 6:00pm-9:00pm Forest The Shores Recreation Center

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.

Coaches: There is an online registration process for coaching refreshers through the WRRRA website:

<http://www.wrra.ca/off/>

If you are a referee and a coach you must attend a referee refresher and not a coaching refresher.

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>

Police Checks need to be done every three years. So if referees need a police check it needs to be done before Jan 15, 2016.

Steve Baker from London continues assigning officials for A/AA games using the Arbiter. Referee in Chiefs will be responsible to schedule U12PP 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, AAA challenges, 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.

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