

G&T Report, September 2019

G&T welcomes Jordan Kovats to the G&T team :)

Provincial:

Most of the Provincial teams are formed, tournament assignments completed, and game sets created for the season. Ranking games have been removed and replaced by the system used for the A divisions.

Reminder to ALL teams that it is your responsibility to register for your assigned tournaments. on S2S (or any other method they may be using) and submit payment directly to the tournaments before their deadline. Any team failing to make payment when due may be declined by the tournament, and become INELIGIBLE to attend provincials. Furthermore refusal to make payment is akin to refusal to attend, which is a fine equivalent to the entry fee. So, in short, please make sure you are submitting your payments when you need to.

The move of U12P to fall is starting to get resistance from regions other than just Western. We will see where this goes for next year.

Does your association have a U12P team? Tournament selections are now due!

U12P tournament decisions are being made next week and should be posted shortly.

Effective this season, A/AA teams will be playing in the new Great Lakes Ringette League while our U12P continue to play in the local WORL league.

2020 Provincials:

March 12-15 Richmond Hill: U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, 18+U, 18+AA

March 19-22 West Ottawa: U14A, U16A, U19A, 18+A

April 2-5 Sault Ste Marie: U12P, U12R

Full payment for Provincials is to be submitted directly to RO using Interac e-transfers (preferred). All signed Intent to Proceed forms must be sent to the RO office. These are available now.

Reminder to all Provincial teams - the RO office will be releasing provincial hotel rooms on Oct 15th.

Regional:

Team formation is in process or completed across the region. Please ensure your association is making all league deadlines for team and ice submission.

Regionals:

Regionals is planned for the weekend of March 27-29. Location will be announced soon.

Deposits for Regionals are due at the November Western Region meeting. This can also be paid via Interac e-transfer to the Region (please make sure to specify team including ORA numbers and your association). The deposit amount is \$200/team. We will know the event fee closer to that date as well.

Confirmation of teams attending must be submitted at this meeting.

Hosts for Provincial Events:

2021: Western Region is responsible for providing a host for the U12P event. Interested? Contact G&T.

Suspensions:

1. For all Western Region teams, all suspensions (player or bench staff) must be reported to Western Region G&T, within 24 hours or before your next game, whichever is earlier. This includes a suspension at any away game or tournament.
2. For all Western Region teams, suspensions (bench staff) must also be reported to Western Region Coaching.
3. For all Western Region 18+BB & below Adult teams, suspensions (player or bench staff) must also be reported to the Western Region Adult Co-ordinator.
4. Failure to report is a finable offense.
5. Teams with illegal players or bench staff, which includes those under suspension, will be fined and have their games forfeited. This is considered a serious violation and negates insurance coverage for every individual associated with the game. Don't do it and if you see it being done, document and report it.

What if I'm suspended?

1. For all suspensions except the last 4 minute suspension, both players and bench staff are suspended from all ringette activities until served. Contact G&T for multi-team scenarios (still impacted).
2. Update for the 2019-2020 season: For last 4 minute suspension, the player is suspended from only their next game. They may still participate in other ringette activities. Players on multiple teams MUST contact G&T.

Causes of suspension (minimum 1 game except as noted):

1. Code 18 - Match penalty (minimum 2 games)
2. Code 15 - Misconduct penalty
3. Player assessed 10 minutes in penalties in the same game, including delayed penalties, including overtime
4. Coach of team assessed 30 minutes in penalties in the same game, including delayed penalties, excluding overtime
5. A major penalty (4 min fully served) assessed which will not be served in the remaining regulation time. Note that if a game is curfewed, and the penalty was not fully served, the suspension stands (new). Note also that if a penalty carries over into overtime and is fully served during game time, there is no suspension. However if a major penalty is assessed during overtime, and a goal is scored before the penalty has been fully served, that the suspension applies.
6. Reminder - a bench staff member if asked to leave the bench but not recorded on the game sheet as a misconduct or match, is still deemed to be a misconduct penalty and the resulting suspension still applies.

Player substitutions:

No changes from last year.

Borrowing a player? ASK THE COACH FIRST (not the player)!! The request for approval MUST include the player's coach's approval for her or him to play for you, and must copy both your president, and their president if from another association.

1. Western Region G&T approves all player substitutions for Western Region teams and players. If your player is going to help out a team outside of our region, we still sign off on the substitution. Please allow extra time for out-of-region approvals.
2. There are no special exceptions to limits on player substitutions. Plan ahead.
3. All tournament subs required G&T approval (TRF adjustment form, player's coach's approval, presidents advised)
4. For league play, you must follow the RO sub rules but do not need explicit G&T approval if the sub is from within your association. You are expected to ensure you have the player's coach's approval and that your president has been advised.
5. For league play, if the sub is from outside your association, G&T approval is required. Please send the player's coach's approval, copying both presidents. The approval is given to ensure that the process is followed. It is still the coach's responsibility to ensure that they are following RO sub rules at all times.
6. G&T substitution restrictions (number of tournaments) are for in-season invitational tournaments. The "clock" is reset for Provincials and Regionals.
7. Sport Development restrictions include Provincials and Regionals. Any questions or concerns re Sport Development restrictions need to be addressed with Sport Dev. G&T follows their guidelines and will not grant exceptions.

8. Player subs are same or lower level, same or lower age group.
9. Ringette Ontario sub rules apply for tournament, league and exhibition games.
10. On very rare occasions, G&T may allow a sub outside of the "standard". Once formally approved, the substitution is considered legal.
11. Any team found to be violating substitution rules at ANY game may be fined and have the game forfeited in their opponents favour.

Tournament Hosts:

1. Tournament hosts will be provided with the full game sets for all "A", "AA", and University divisions. If you have an Out-of-Province team coming in one of these divisions, please contact Western G&T. This has been painstakingly done to ensure that (almost) no team will play another in Round Robin play at more than 2 tournaments (A) or possibly 3 tournaments (AA), and to maximize exposure for all teams.
2. Tie-breaking at invitational tournaments (and at provincials) is the responsibility of G&T. Please make arrangements in advance if G&T will not be on site for your tournament.

Have a great season and see you at the rinks!

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