

Games & Tournaments Report – Sept 2014

Motions going to the Board Sept 2014:

Penalties & Suspensions:

New Proposed Rule: Discipline received at a non-sanctioned event by an ORA registered player or bench staff must be fully served at that event. If not fully served, the discipline will carry over into regular play.

Tournaments:

New Proposal: Beginning 2015-2016 that each region be limited to 3 tournaments per region per division at AA and 4 tournaments per region at A. This will be further discussed at the break-out meeting. (Note that the last few years, Western Region has fallen within these numbers in most divisions already).

All U12PP, A, and AA tournaments are all assigned. This year U14A & U16A were moved back to August for this process. There has been teams asking about moving the U19A and/or Open A divisions & U12PP as well. Especially of concern is the impact to the league schedules. Feedback is welcomed.

Beginning this year, the A team matchups will also be assigned at each tournament. What does this mean to your team(s)? Instead of going to a large tournament to play team A who you will see again this year, we will try to make sure you see team B whom you won't see anywhere else this year. You might still play team A 4 times, but ideally not at the expense of NOT seeing team B.

Provincials:

New Proposal: Beginning with the 2015 AA's, that if the division has:

12 or fewer teams - 1 divisions.

13 teams – 2 divisions, split as 7 Jacks/6 McCarthy.

14 teams – 2 divisions, split as 7 Jacks/7 McCarthy.

15 or more teams – 2 divisions, split based on ranking with a minimum of 7 teams in each division.

Team fees for Provincials will be determined at the Sept/Oct ORA Board meeting.

Important Dates:

November 20 – Intent to Proceed (Provincials) signed form submitted with payment at WRRRA General Meeting

December 1 – Room release for AA, U12PP Provincial Events

February 17 – Room release for Regional Reps (A); Wildcards determined

February 20- Room release for Wildcard Teams (A)

March 12-15 – AA Provincials, London

March 19-21- A Provincials, Newmarket

March 27-29 Western Region – Regionals

March 29 – April 4 – Canadian Ringette Championships

April 9-12 – U12PP Event in Oshawa

April TBD – Easterns for U14AA, U16A, U19A, 18+ Jacks

APPENDIX I: PENALTIES & SUSPENSIONS:

Reporting Penalties & Ejections:

All fully served penalties and ejections must be reported to G&T. This includes code 14 & up, including excessive, misconduct, and match penalties and all ejections, whether on the game sheet or not. Please also report fan ejections (even if you don't have details).

This is to be reported ONLINE with a scanned copy or the game sheet (good quality mobile picture is acceptable) emailed to gtwrra@wrra with the game number, date and your team name in the subject line. BOTH teams are to report all infractions.

Reporting Suspensions:

Must be reported (in addition to the above) directly to G&T within 24 hrs or BEFORE your next game, whichever comes first.

General rule of thumb is if a player or bench staff is asked to leave the ice/bench, they are sitting for ONE (1) game minimum. If they do not sit, your team/association WILL be fined (\$50 per game minimum) + additional suspensions may be assessed (usually 1 extra game for every game not served). Note that a player on the ice can/will result in forfeit of any applicable games as well (including tournament and ranking games!!). ****DON'T DO IT!!****

For ALL games where a suspension is being served, you must send a copy of the game sheet to G&T. The game sheet must clearly indicate that the player or bench staff member is serving their suspension (ask the ref to write it in the comments). The name should be on the game sheet, crossed out, and "SUSP" written beside it.

While under suspension:

The Player or Bench staff member is not permitted in the rink area including stands or change rooms. The suspension (if only or last game to be served) is considered complete after the game and AFTER the players come out of the change room in their "street" clothing.

A player with a Misconduct penalty (including too many penalty minutes) cannot participate in games until their suspension is fully served.

A bench staff with a Misconduct penalty (including too many penalty minutes) cannot participate in a bench staff capacity with any team until the suspension is fully served.

If a MATCH penalty is assessed, the player or bench staff member is suspended from all Ringette activities until the suspension is served.

(If in any of the above the individual has multiple positions, check with G&T – details are in the G&T Operating Manual).

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APPENDIX II: PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS

When can you sub?

- Any time you are missing player and that brings your roster down to 12 skaters, or the number of skaters on your TRF, whichever is less.
- When you are missing a goalie.

When do substitution rules apply?

- All sanctioned games (exhibition, league, tournament, provincials etc). Or basically if there’s refs on the ice, the rules apply.

When do they not apply?

- Parent games, inter-squad games, etc where there is not a need for officials.
- Games during tryouts, with a combination of players in tryout and/or already confirmed to the team. (If you need to pull in players from another team for a tryout game, contact G&T.)

Who can sub for you?

- A player registered on an ORA team, and
- Of same or lower calibre – see chart in the G&T Operating Manual
- U19 & under can go one age group lower, one calibre higher.
- 18+ must be same calibre or lower ONLY but can use U19 players who are of 18+ age.

When do I need approval?

- Always but who needs to approve varies - see below

Game Type	Player from Same Association	Coach Approval	Association(s) Advised	G&T Approval
Exhibition	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
Exhibition	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
League	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a
League	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tournament*	Yes or No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provincials **	Yes or No	Must be Advised	Yes	Yes

In All cases, communication should go through the Association president (if it’s another association) and the player’s coach. The Coach has the right to refuse permission for a reasonable reason for all substitutions except Provincials. The President must be advised and is responsible for tracking of substitutions of players within their association in order to abide by league and G&T rules. The President should decline notify the appropriate parties if the player will exceed their permitted number of substitutions.

Coaching substitutions: Must meet the requirements of Coaching. For tournament play and provincials, a TRF adjustment MUST be submitted, signed by either Coaching or G&T. Proof of qualifications and registration may be required so plan in advance whenever possible!

* - tournament substitutions must be approved in ADVANCE by G&T (and/or Coaching), or in the case of Ranking Games (AA) by the G&T Committee. Please submit 1-2 weeks in advance whenever possible.

** - provincials substitutions must be approved in ADVANCE by the G&T committee (and/or Coaching). Please submit 2 weeks in advance if possible.

Emergency substitutions will be approved on a case by case basis. "My goalie has to work" is not an emergency. Plan ahead!

TOURNAMENT BREAK-OUT MEETING

1. AA Team Assignments & Ranking Games.
2. A Team Assignments & Game Scheduling.
3. U12PP Team Assignments & Game Scheduling.
4. Provincial Teams – expanding divisions.
5. Tournament Deadlines.
 - a. Schedule (4 weeks).
 - b. Rules for publishing your schedule.
 - c. Other deadlines.
6. Regional Teams – expanding divisions.
7. 3 team division format.
 - a. Round robin (2 games) + 2v3, loser v 1, winners play in final
 - b. Double round robin (4 games) with or without final
 - c. Round robin (2 games) with final, and cost rebate to teams (with approval)
8. Next year – proposed limits of offered divisions by Region
9. This year/Next year – limits of games to “average” of 2 per day building in flexibility to accommodate special requests.
10. Limits for U12 & under divisions.