

Western Region Officiating Report Sept 2014

Welcome to another Ringette season. It is time to get your skates sharpened and dig out your gear.

Here is a list of clinics in Western Region:

Level 1 Clinic for new referees (must be 14 by December 31st)

Sunday September 14th 5:00-9:00pm Activa Kitchener

Monday September 15th 6:00-10:00pm YMCA 190 Suncoast Dr. East Goderich

Saturday September 27th 4:00-8:00pm Flight Exec Center 2066 Dorchester Road Dorchester

Sunday October 5th 2:00-6:00pm Thedford Community Center 16 Allen St. Thedford

Level 2/3 Clinic for current referees

Monday November 10th 6:00-9:00pm RIM Park Room 104

Level 4 Clinic (invite only)

December 12-14th in Toronto

Online registration for clinics is in it's second year with Ringette Canada. To register for all referee clinics you must go to the Ringette Canada website under officiating. All referees will now have a profile online and will be able to update their info and see their qualifications online.

Steve Baker from London will continue assigning officials for A/AA games using the Arbiter. As in the past Referee in Chiefs will be responsible to schedule U12A and one official for U14A as well as all exhibition games.

All officials must be registered with the ORA by September 15th or prior to stepping on the ice. As well, any officials over the age of 18 must have a valid police records check within the last three years.

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, Canada Games, regionals, provincials and CRC's.

Western Region has gone from having 5 evaluators to currently 8 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. At regionals last year more than 30 evaluations were handed out to referees, please encourage your referees to apply for regionals at the end of the Ringette season. Referees were well represented at regionals by some associations however other associations did not have any referees apply. I would like to see every association send referees to regionals.

It will be a busy season once again and I look forward to another great year for western region officials.

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