

## Western Region G&T Report – September 2013

This has been a busy year for G&T with again a significant number of motions presented to the board. The major changes this year are removal of overtime from round robin games at provincial events, and the assigning of tournaments for Provincial A team.

Sanctioned Events Listing is now available on the ORA Website. AA, A, U12 are assigned.

Please take a few minutes and READ through the ORA Operating Manual, in particular the G&T section. Our rules are in place to keep our game fair and safe for everyone. Failing to follow the rules because no one specifically “told” you is not an excuse.

Also take a few minutes to read all copies of the ORA “FLASH” and all member notices. Check frequently back to the website for updates. It is your responsibility as associations and teams to know the rules.

For the benefit of all here are a few highlights:

For all tournaments:

Divisions will continue to be capped. Since most of the A/AA tournaments are now assigned, this mainly applies to Regional teams. If your team is on a waitlist, consider seeing who else has space!

Ringette Flash Updates:

AA Specific:

- Ranking games are posted. Teams may attend additional tournaments if they wish. Tournaments will be capped for additional teams so G&T approval needed.
- Ranking game standings will determine tier at Provincials.
- Must attend 4 tournaments, 2 of which must be out of region. Note: where ranking games did not fit, teams have been exempted from this requirement.

A Specific:

- Assigned tournaments list will be released Sept 29<sup>th</sup> or earlier.
- Only round robin games against ORA teams within their division will be used for wildcard (semi-finals, finals not considered for wild card).
- Tournaments: When there is a 4 game guarantee, there MUST be a 4 game round robin. Please contact G&T if you have any questions.
- Must attend 2 tournaments, 1 of which must be out of region. To maximize wildcard points, a team would need to attend 4 tournaments, 2 of which would need to be out of region. Open A teams only – no multiplier, so max at 3 tournaments, 1 of which must be out of region.
- Substitutions for Ranking Games must be submitted to G&T 5 days prior to the event for committee approval.

#### U12PP Specific:

- Teams must submit your tournament selection to G&T
- Teams must submit your U12 Grid Sheet to G&T
- Teams may not participate in more than 5 tournaments including Provincials during regular season play (Nov 1 – Mar 31). Note that the WORL play-offs are not considered a tournament.
- Teams must attend 2 tournaments, one of which must be out of region. Must attend one tournament prior to Jan 1.

#### Provincials:

- All teams must submit their On-Line Intent to Proceed by Nov 20<sup>th</sup> (AA, A, U12PP)
- All teams must submit their SIGNED Intent to Proceed at the November WRRRA meeting, along with their provincial fees.
- All teams must wear Ringette pants at their Provincial event.
- “Associations withdrawing from the Provincial Championships after the withdrawal deadline of DECEMBER 31st of the current season shall be fined \$1000.00 in addition to the Administrative and Team Entry Fees, which are non-refundable “ (from Membership Notice)
- For Provincials, teams may increase their roster by (1) to add a second goalie to a maximum of 2 goalies. Teams may use a goalie of eligible age group (no overage), from an A, B, or C team not attending a Provincial event. (changed – previously only from B or C team). G&T approval is required.

#### Substitution reminders:

- WRRL & WORL have rules limiting the number of times a player can play for another team. All other substitution rules must follow the ORA guidelines. If an association requires an exception, they must request this from the league. The league decision will be on a case by case basis and considered final.
- SWIRL has specific substitution rules that must be followed for SWIRL league play.
- All players registered at U19 and under may only play in one tournament (part or full) for a team other than their registered team (or teams if a 2-team player).
- All players registered at 18+ and over may play in two tournaments (part of full) for a team other than their registered team (or teams if a 2-team player).
- An 18+ team may use a U19 “3<sup>rd</sup> year” player (aka born 1994) as a substitute. Must be same level or lower. No exceptions.
- Goalies (only) are exempt from # of games or tournaments.
- Under NO circumstances can ANY player play for more than one team in the same tournament or in a different tournament on the same weekend. Goalies are NOT exempt from this rule.
- Approval is required from G&T for all tournament substitutions except 18+ B&C
- Approval is required from ADP for all tournament substitution (18+ B&C)
- Approval is required for any substitute (exhibition, league, tournament) from another association or outside of the substitution chart if from within your association. Make sure you

have approval from the player's coach and that both presidents have been advised of the substitution.

- Under NO circumstances may a player not registered on a TRF in the current playing season be used as a substitute. This includes any player on a temporary UCC TRF. Since their registration on the temporary TRF is for UCC purposes only, they are ONLY registered for play on that UCC team and may not substitute for any other team.
- If you're not sure, ASK 😊.

#### Tournament Reminders:

- Please send your tournament package for review prior to distribution
- All submission deadlines are in your tournament package.
- Tournament schedule must be sent to G&T 3 weeks prior to your tournament and must be approved by the G&T committee PRIOR to posting or distributing
- All tournaments are to use shot clock for U12 & up (all divisions).
- U12 division & under have # of games per day & # games total restrictions.
- U12 – max 2 games per day to a total of 5 over the course of the tournament (including finals)
- The number of games advertised must be the number of round-robin games not including semi-finals or finals.

#### Uniform reminders:

- All teams must have 2 sets of matching jerseys, with numbers on the back AND front in accordance with ORA rules.

#### Fines/Levies

- ORA has increased or clarified a number of fines. All are listed online. All fines will be paid to ORA. An association with unpaid fines may be considered not in good standings by the ORA.

#### Major Penalties & Expulsions:

- ALL Major and Fully Served Penalties must be reported to G&T with a scanned copy of the game sheet. Don't have a scanner? Someone on your team will. Or buy a cheaper multi-function for less than \$100. The ones with the feeder work great for scanning game sheets.
- ALL Match & Misconduct Penalties must be reported to G&T/ADP within 24 hours or BEFORE your next game, whichever is less. This includes providing a scanned copy of the game sheet. For weekend away tournaments, a scanned copy Monday will be acceptable but the penalty must still be reported within the required time period.
- Any team who fails to report a Match/Misconduct penalty will be assessed at minimum additional suspensions for each game played while the player or coach should have been sitting out. In addition, the results of all such games may be voided. It is the responsibility of the COACH to report. Not the tournament.

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