

## Western Region G&T Report – September 2012

This has been a busy year for G&T with a large number of motions presented to the board. Of note the motion to require A teams to travel to one tournament a minimum of 200km away was struck down by a motion from Western Region associations at the ORA AGM.

Sanctioned Events Listing is now available on the ORA Website.

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 be capped until “competing” tournaments have also filled to the cap level. A/AA divisions at 5, B/C divisions at 4. If your team is on a waitlist, consider seeing who else has space!

Ringette Flash Updates:

- Running time clarified. Please use the posted rules for all tournaments and game situations where running time is warranted.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> half only
  - o 7 goal spread – run time stops if reduced
  - o Time stops for: Injuries, penalties, time-outs. Time restarts on the whistle and run-time resumes.
- Bench Staff ejections – even if not specifically noted on the game sheet as a penalty it will be assessed as a #15 misconduct.

AA Specific:

- Ranking games are posted. Teams may attend additional tournaments if they wish. Tournaments will be capped for additional teams as per above.
- 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:

- Only round robin games against ORA teams within their division will be used for wildcard (semi-finals, finals are now excluded).
- 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.

#### 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 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 WRRR 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)
- Substitution Changes:
- Teams may now substitute up to 12 skaters (previously 10 skaters) or their roster size, whichever is LESS.
- Teams may now substitute up to 4 skaters (previously 3 players). They may also substitute a goalie.
- 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:

- WRRR & 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 an affiliate 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 from another association or outside of the substitution chart if from within your association. If you're not sure, ASK ☺.

#### Tournament Reminders:

- Please send your tournament package for review prior to distribution
- 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 submission deadlines are in your tournament package.
- All tournaments are to use shot clock for U12 & up (all divisions).

#### Uniform reminders:

- All teams must have 2 sets of matching jerseys, with numbers on the back AND front in accordance with ORA rules.
- This year all teams have been given a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch which is to be sewn on the left shoulder of the home set of jerseys.

#### 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.

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