

ADP Report

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The Season is off and running. There are 27 teams playing in SWIRL, 15 registered through the SWIRL registration, 12 registered through their own Associations. There are 3+1 tournament teams, Chatham, Stratford Thunder and St Thomas + Tillsonburg (Composite Team). There are 5 A teams and 3 University teams as well as our NRL team out of Waterloo. This Season there are also two Centres reporting Adult HL teams, Chatham and London.

This past weekend London hosted it's 35th Annual Ringette Tournament. Congratulations to Toronto, 18+ Jacks, London, A, Waterloo, BB and Tilsonburg CC.

I have a few seeding issues that I will be addressing. The first being that the Tillsonburg Tournament only CC Team (Composite) will be re-seeded as a B team. I am watching the St Thomas C team as well as the Woodstock C team, as both rosters are heavily weighted with young players and I have received feedback that they may be better suited as CC. I will pay attention to their progress.

I am waiting for official word, but it looks good for the OAIC Tournament to be hosted in 2017 by the Oshawa Ringette Association, considered date is April 7-9. I will have more if everything goes to plan.

There has been much discrepancy around the Substitution Rule for a Goalie vs a skater. I had a situation where a team has registered with 13 skaters and no goalie. I looked for direction on how to proceed and received several conflicting messages, as different contacts read the rules very differently. It reads:

NOTE: Players may substitute in their age division regardless of what division they are registered, only upon receipt of written approval of their Regional G&T Coordinator. A U19 player, who has decided to play 18+ by registering on an 18+ TRF, is not eligible to substitute for a U19 Team (except where a Two Team Player Agreement exists).

• Teams may carry up to four (4) substitute players in total per tournament. They must actually replace a player who is unable to attend part or all of that tournament. If the player they are replacing returns to play, the substitute may NOT continue to play, although they could then replace another player who was injured or called away. The Roster can NEVER increase in size as a result of a substitute and cannot exceed twelve (12) skaters with substitutions.

I had advice suggesting that a Goalie is not a skater, they are considered a player. That is when things were up for debate.

In the end, I consulted the ADP Chair, Nanci and decided to allow the Goalie to play as long as the roster did not exceed 12. This team won gold in their Division and as mentioned earlier, I am re-seeding them into the B Division for ORA Sanctioned Events.

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