



# **Western Region Ringette Association**

## **Directors Report**

General Meeting – November 19, 2015

The 2015-2016 season has started with very few issues and a significant number of successes. September to November is the busiest time of the year for our Coordinators and their counterparts. There is a lot of documentation that is processed, league schedules drafted and fine-tuned, certifications checked, training clinics scheduled and held. All are critical components to that start of a successful season.

The ORA Board meeting was held last weekend in Toronto. One of the key initiatives coming out of the meeting is the start of the 3-5 year plan update, the key priority being the emphasis on growing the sport. As you can see from the League reports we have had a decline in teams over the past few years. It is imperative that we promote the sport and look at ways to bring more players into the sport.

With almost three months into the season I am pleased to report that our teams have done quite well in tournament play against teams from other regions. Congratulations to all.

On an unfortunately repetitive note, our sport and especially in Western Region is experiencing a shortage of officials. I encourage each association to reach out to their current and past players and foster a desire for them to participate in our sport at that capacity. Our sport cannot survive without them.

I would again like to thank my fellow executive members and Coordinators for their support. Let's have a great Season!

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