

G&T Report – Western Region, November 19, 2015

So far this season, we have had a significant number of major penalties, suspensions, and a few too many misconduct (bench staff) and match (player) penalties. This is not a good start to the season.

Please take a few minutes to talk to your players, parents, and bench staff about conduct expectations.

Provincial teams:

At this time all teams should have completed the online portion of the provincials registration process.

Online is DUE on NOVEMBER 20th

The signed printed copy (found on the Western Region website) is to be handed in at the Western Region meeting November 19th in Stratford with your provincial's fee payment.

Provincial A Reseeding:

Please forward any reseeding concerns or comments to G&T prior to Dec 6th. This can be feedback about teams that are strong and should be moved up, but also about teams that are strong that based on your play against them, are still "A" (provide some comments to support this).

Provincial U12 Tiering

Please forward your competitive comments to Western Region's U12PP Reps, Mel Norris (Waterloo) and Todd Claerbout (Guelph). These comments are intended to help G&T seed teams competitively at tournaments and at provincials.

Provincials Hotels Information (copied from the ORA website):

2016 Provincial Events - Accommodations

The procedure for the 2016 Provincial Events for booking of accommodations will proceed as noted below.

No one will be booked until the team is confirmed to be attending.

On November 24th, Ontario Ringette will send to the designated Travel Agency a list of teams who will be attending the 'U12' Petite Provincial Event in Ottawa and the teams who will be attending the 'AA' Provincial Championships in Waterloo. On February 18th, Ontario Ringette will send to the designated Travel Agency a list of teams who will be attending the 'A' Provincial Championships in Timmins as Regional Representatives and on February 26th, Ontario Ringette will send to the designated Travel Agency a list of teams who will be attending the 'A' Provincial Championships as Wild Cards.

For each team, the ORA designated Travel Agency will receive two contact names along with email addresses and phone numbers. These will have been verified by the Regional G&T Coordinator.

On December 1st, the ORA designated Travel Agency will contact via email, the teams who are attending the 'U12' and the 'AA' Provincial Events. On February 16th, the ORA designated Travel Agency will contact via email, the teams who are attending the 'A' Provincial Event as Regional Representatives and on February 19th, the ORA designated Travel Agency will contact via email, the teams who are attending the 'A' Championships as Wild Cards. If one of your authorized team contacts has not heard from the ORA designated Travel Agency by 4:00 p.m. on the specified day, then they should contact the ORA office directly. No one should contact the ORA office directly prior to 4:00 p.m. on December 1st for the 'U12' and 'AA' teams, on February 16th for the 'A' Regional Representatives and February 19th for the 'A' Wild Cards. Rooms will be released at noon on the dates specified.

Regional teams:

The WRRRL league is well under way. Reminder that the December seeding meeting will determine pools for the 2nd half of league play. Please ensure that your feedback and concerns is communicated through your association rep, or if you wish, coaches may also attend.

Regionals registration and deposits are due at the January Western Region general meeting.

U12 Regional teams wishing to attend the U12 Provincial Event must follow the same registration deadlines as U12PP teams.

Substitutions:

Reminder that for all substitutions, communication is to be with the player's coach and the association president(s), not the player. Formal communication outside your association is coach to president to president to coach. Once the player's coach has engaged and approved the player, only then is direct communication permitted as needed (example to firm up details re rides, when to be at the arena etc).

Reminder that ALL tournament substitutions require approval IN ADVANCE.

Reminder that ALL substitutions from outside your association require approval IN ADVANCE.

Reminder that all league substitutions must follow the guidelines in the G&T manual even if they are from within your association, and if it says G&T approval required, then G&T approval is still required!

Suspensions and Major/Fully served penalties

A player ejected for 10 minutes in penalties, or a coach ejected for 30 minutes in penalties is considered to have the equivalent of a misconduct penalty. Any player or Bench Staff asked to "leave" the game is also considered to have been assessed a misconduct penalty even if this is not specifically reflected on the game sheet.

Reporting:

All suspensions are to be reported to G&T within 24 hours or *before your next game*, whichever is sooner, with a copy of the game sheet. NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to report may result in a \$50 fine. In addition any player or Bench Staff found participating in activities not permitted while under suspension, may be fined \$50 per occurrence, may receive additional suspensions, and any related games may be declared a forfeit.

All Major / Fully served penalties (#14 & up) are to be reported to G&T with a copy of the game sheet within 24 hours if at all possible, and at most within 48 hours. Both teams are asked to report. Teams failing to report may be fined \$50 per occurrence.

Please also submit a copy of the game sheet where a suspension was served. The serving suspension must be clearly noted on the game sheet – player name crossed out and "SUSP", + ref notes. This way there is no dispute and if questions are asked I can confirm that the person is eligible to be back in the game!

Note: a copy of the game sheet could be a clear, high-quality cell phone picture – make sure that when zoomed in all details can be read. Scanned copies are always acceptable as well. When sending please

include the GAME NUMBER in the subject line, the “who got what” for the applicable penalty and the ref comments. Also who *you* are (team, position).

Serving:

In ALL cases if a player or Bench Staff is removed from the game they are sitting out the next game. If they are with multiple teams they will most likely be sitting for all teams (see below). Keep this in mind if you are at a tournament or playing a double header and do not get an immediate response.

In ALL cases the suspension must be served with the team where it was assessed. ⁱ

In ALL cases suspensions are automatically reviewed and additional suspensions or sanctions may be added by any organization under ORA including G&T, Western Region, our leagues, and any association.

Misconduct penalties:

Bench Staff:

- No Bench Staff activities until suspension is served (with any team)ⁱⁱ.
- Includes games, running practices, etc.

Players:

- No games until suspension is served.
- Player may attend practices while under a misconduct suspension.
- If player is on multiple teams, the suspension also applies to all teams initially. Contact G&T for application details.ⁱⁱⁱ
- The player is still under suspension with the initial team until served.

Bench Staff on multiple teams and/or who also plays:

- No Bench Staff activities (with any team) until suspension is served.
- May still play.

Player who is also a Bench Staff:

- The suspension will apply to both playing (no games) and Bench Staff (no Bench Staff activities) initially. Contact G&T for application details.
- The player is still under suspension with the initial team until served.

Match penalties:

Bench Staff or Player:

- Suspended from ALL Ringette activities until the suspension is served with the initial team.
- Includes all games, practices, team activities and other Ringette related activities.

What IF??

“Where a player or bench staff receives a suspension and is unable to fulfill the suspension with that team the Provincial G&T Chair and appropriate Coordinator will rule on terms of the suspension.”

What game??

The suspension is to be served on the team next regular scheduled game. Examples:

- Next tournament game, including cross-overs, semi-finals, and finals as these are considered part of the tournament schedule. May also be the first game (s) of the next tournament if that would be the team’s next game(s), even if the tournament schedule has not been published at the time of the suspension.
- Next league game as on the published league schedule.
- Next re-scheduled league game, as long as the re-scheduling was finalized prior to the assessment of the suspension (proof of scheduling is required)
- Next exhibition game, as long as the exhibition game was arranged and confirmed prior to the assessment of the suspension (proof of scheduling is required).

Carryovers?? Tryouts??

- In the case of a carry-over suspension, the first scheduled game is the first league or tournament game of the next season.
- Players under suspension with a carry-over into the next season will still be permitted to attend tryouts. Please contact G&T for details and limitations.
- Bench Staff under carry-over suspension are still under suspension.

Please try to avoid carry-over suspensions by keeping things in check at your year-end tournaments.

ⁱ Exceptions may be determined by G&T where this is not possible.

ⁱⁱ The secondary team will never be penalized more than the initial team – contact G&T for details, (players only – does not apply to bench staff)

ⁱⁱⁱ Same as ii