



WRRL Report – November 20/2014

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The WRRL start-up meeting was held on October 2 at Spruce Lodge, Stratford. I am happy to report that all associations had representation at this meeting.

From U8 to U19 there are 87 Regional teams registered in Western Region for the 2014/2015 season. This is split into 35 teams in the Eastern Conference and 52 teams in the Western Conference. This compares to 43 teams in the Eastern Conference and 52 teams in the Western Conference for the previous season. The reduction in teams in the Eastern Conference is concerning but this is somewhat offset by some teams having more players year over year. With a conscious effort there has been growth within a couple of associations for 2014/2015.

However, there is a growing concern within Western Region, both at the regional and representative level that our sport has become stagnant and we need to do something to attempt to grow our sport. Alas, an ad hoc meeting was held on Nov 4 with a number of associations present to discuss our current status and start to develop a plan to “grow our sport” within Western Region. One overarching point is that the effort needs to happen before the end of this season to ensure any degree of success by September of 2015. This needs to be a collective effort across Western Region so stay tuned for further meetings and calls to action.

Important Dates

Friday, Dec 5 - Ice times due to Eastern & Western Schedulers.

Tuesday, Dec 9 - Second half seeding meeting – Spruce Lodge, Stratford

Monday, Dec 29 – Second half schedule released

Saturday, Jan 3 - Second half games begin.

Thursday, March 5 - Executive meeting — seeding/pooling meeting for regionals. Meeting may be open to all associations to ensure proper seeding/pooling.

Sunday, March 8 - Second half season ends.

March - 27-29 – Regionals tournament - Guelph.

Thursday, April 9 - WRRL AGM – Spruce Lodge