



Western Region Coaching November Newsletter

Code of Conduct Form

- Every team must provide a completed Bench Staff Code of Conduct form signed by all members of your bench staff included on your TRF.
- These forms are now to be uploaded to the Association's google drive with RO. Hard copies no longer need to be sent to the Region or the RO office.
- Coaches should take the time to review the RO Policy with respect to Coaches Code of Conduct. In addition, they should ensure that Parents and Spectators are made aware of the Policy as it relates to their conduct. These policies can be found on the ORA website at <https://ringetteontario.com/home-page/operating-manual/policies/>

Bench Staff Requirements

- All information on bench staff requirements can be found on the ORA website under Coach Pathways. The Pathway contains checklists by age and level showing all requirements.
- Managers – qualifications are also listed on the Coach Pathways as well. Reminder U14AA, U16AA and U19AA teams are not allowed to have a manager on the bench during sanctioned events.
- Trainers – qualifications are also listed on the Coach Pathways as well. Please note that by November 1, 2020, all U9 to U19 teams will be required to have a dedicated trainer on their bench for all sanctioned events.
- If there are bench staff that still need to complete parts of their qualifications, they should contact the RO office.
- Bench staff that have not completed their proper qualifications should be removed from the Team's TRF.
- If associations need to change the bench staff on their TRF they need to have their registrar submit a Change of Bench Staff Information Form for approval ASAP.

Bench Staff Substitutions

- All Bench Staff substitutions must be approved by the RO office prior to the applicable sanctioned event (Tournaments only).
- If you do not have an approved bench staff substitution, this will result in forfeiture of the game in which the illegal bench staff member was on the bench as well as possible fines and suspension.

Coaching Clinics

- Both CI and CSI clinics in Western Region have been completed for this year.
- This year we hosted 2 CI clinics (51 participants compared to 67 last season)
- This year we hosted 2 CSI clinics (54 participants compared to 27 last season)
- If you need to complete your CI evaluation, please register via the Ringette Canada website and send your payment to the RO office. Once received you will be assigned an evaluator who will contact you to set it up.

Professional Development

- What is Professional Development and what do I need to do? <https://ringetteontario.com/the-people/coaches/professional-development/>
- The second 5 year cycle is coming to an end January 1, 2020. Coach should make sure they have completed the required number of PD points to maintain their qualifications.
- Coaches that have not completed their required PD and have their 5 year cycle expiring January 1, 2020 will be suspended until their PD requirement is completed.
- Don't forget to self report your coaching experience. Coaches receive 1 PD point for every year they coach.
- For more information on possible PD opportunities coaches should contact their association coaching coordinator or can contact myself directly for more information.
- The Region is working to set up a number of PD opportunities throughout the region. We have already hosted one clinic in Guelph (Building a Practice Plan), have set up a clinic in Kitchener (Goalies-Don't forget them at practice) and are working to set up a clinic during the UCC as well as in London in January. Coaches can register for these clinics through the calendar in their NCCP locker. If any other associations wish to host a clinic, please let me know.

RC Directives

Similar to last year, U16AA and U19AA coaches to attend the Canadian Ringette Championships Ringette Canada has mandated that coaches must complete the following:

- Respect in Sport <https://www.coachingringette.ca/index.php?page=375>
- Competition Development Course Requirement

Quest For Gold

There is an opportunity for coaches to receive funding for courses that they take through Quest for Gold. For more details please check out link at <http://coachesontario.ca/qfg/>

Fair Ice Policy

- Do you have questions about the Fair Ice Policy? Please review the policy included on the RO website at
Coaches who are not following the fair ice policy are subject to penalties as detailed in the RO Operating Manual – Sport Development section

Other Policies

- The RO has a number of policies that coaches and bench staff should be aware of. A complete listing of these policies can be found at <https://ringetteontario.com/policies/>

Do you have questions? Please check out the RO Coaching FAQ's to see if your question is answered there <https://ringetteontario.com/the-people/coaches/coaching-faqs/>

If you have any questions please contact John Mezenberg at coachwrra@wrra.ca