



# Western Region Ringette Association Region Chair's Report

WRRRA MEETING – Nov 21, 2019

September and October have been mostly focused on setting up regional teams and league play for both regional and provincial levels, that said here is quick updates for all functional areas:

## Player Registration and Team formation for 2019/2020:

Western has 2737 Registered players this season, that is 3.6% (+96) growth over 2018/2019

Western has 195 teams Registered this season, that is a 4.8% (+9) growth over 2018/2019.

Some associations having house league and two teaming players to form other teams that plays regional or open, can make team # unclear.

## Notable Association Changes:

London is down 3 teams over 2018/2019

Goderich is up 3 teams over 2018/2019

Chatham, Forest and SWIRL have 2 more teams over 2018/2019

Most growth appears to be in the adult age groups, but raw data is tough to sort through.

## RO Updates:

-Major Focus on Competition Review, Process has started and will be an important meeting in Jan 2020 for key stake holders. Nothing is off the table for possible changes that help our sport best align with Long Term Athlete Development

-I would expect for the 2020/2021 mandatory Children's ringette to be required for U7/U8, could impact up to U10. If not in 2020/2021 then for sure in 2021/2022

-RO presentation attached with respect to Competition Restructuring Groundwork.

## Appeals:

Two Appeals were managed and completed for the start of the 2019/2020 season

## G&T:

-London tourney complete, Mitchell tournament this weekend

-5 suspensions so far this season: 3 major body and 2 major cross check all from behind the player.

To date all suspensions have been served

-One concussion reported in relation to one of the suspensions

## Provincial Play:

-GLRL has been fully established, Phil Singeris has done a great job with the rest of the GLRL board getting league setup.

-U12P in Western is only level not in GLRL this year, but will be next season

-So far people are liking the new 4@11 min periods for U16AA/U19AA

## Regional Play:

-All age levels formed this year, excited to see widespread and healthy qty of teams

-U9 level had very few teams, but with Cambridge playing in WRRRA, we have 4 teams. Many/most associations decided to move players to U10 in this age group.

Officiating:

- All refreshers for coaches and referees occurred for this rule change year
- Run a total 4 level 1 clinics: 44 Ref's have taken the course

Adult/University:

- Adult CTR events starting to happen in WRRRA. Do expect lots of interest in this once word is out. I do expect a fair number of "Dads" of players to give the sport a try.
- New University team formed at University of Waterloo

Coaching Development:

- Coaching clinic has occurred on Building a Practice Plan
- Clinic Scheduled later in Nov about Goalies: Don't forget them at Practice
- Clinic was cancelled in Forest in October due to lack of interest
- Clinic planning underway for UCC event on Strategies and Tactics

Athlete Development:

- 6 CTR events run across region this fall
  - Planning 3 goalie clinics (November, Dec and Jan)
  - AAA season, camps and events ongoing.
- RO will be working on formal AAA team formation rules to be put in place for next time. Including review of use of "Two" team agreements for all AAA players.

WRRRA Region Website:

- WRRRA is evaluating changing our system to RAMP. Found pricing high and have decided to also get pricing from 1DB also.
- Web site gets between 1850 and 5200 visits each day. Not sure what is driving this traffic to our web site, will be looking to determine better details about who visits.

Sub Committees:

- WRRRA has formed a new standing committee that will handle Provincial and Regional tournament application and award process
- Participants on this Standing committee will be:  
G&T: Nancy Houghtling (Chair), VP1: Phil Singeris, Vp2: Jason Vermeiren, Treasurer: Astrid Eastman, Elite: Peter Westlaken, Member at Large (Vicky Joris from Forest).

See you at the rink!



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