



# Western Region Ringette Association

## Directors Report

General Meeting – November 21, 2013

The 2013-2014 season in Western Region has started with a significant number of successes and a very few troublesome issues. September to November is typically the quietest time of our year for the Region Executive but often the busiest time of the year for our Coordinators and their counterparts at the local association level. 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.

We are about 2 months into our season and I am pleased to report that our teams have done quite well in tournament play against teams from other regions. Congratulations to all.

Our AAA team place 3<sup>rd</sup> at the first Challenge Cup in Mississauga. The next Challenge Cup is being held in Sudbury from November 29 – Dec 1. The third Challenge Cup will be held in St. Marys from January 17 – 19. Please take the opportunity to come out and support our AAA team as they prepare for the Ontario Winter games.

A friendly reminder that North Bay is hosting the World Ringette Championships from December 29<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>. North Bay is the birth place of our sport and is the ideal location for this event while we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. North Bay may sound far away but it is only a 4 hour drive on a very nice highway. Please encourage the members of your local associations to help support this event and even if just for a day visit North Bay and take in some fantastic Ringette.

Our sport and especially in Western Region is experiencing a shortage of referees. 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 the many hours they put in to ensure everyone's needs are met at the Provincial and Regional level. Like many of you they are parents or grandparents of players, they are members of bench staffs, they are actively involved with their local associations and yet they still give their volunteer time to sit on this board.

Thank you very much and please continue to give back to a sport that has been very good to all of us.

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