

Western Region Sport Development Report

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Skills Matrix Reporting

The deadline for the Skills Matrix completion and submission was October 20. To date we have received 15 associations' reports. Many of these were submitted after the deadline. Those that have not sent them are required to do it immediately as any need for an extension, such as late ice, is well passed and there are fines for non-compliance. Any association that does not have teams in the U8, U9, U10 and U12 divisions should advise us of that as well, as this information should be added to our reporting.

The next deadline for reporting is February 28, 2014.

Team Activity Log

Teams should also be completing their Team Activity Log. These too must be submitted at the end of the playing season and it is far easier to fill in the data as the season is going than to attempt to revisit every activity at the end of the season.

Fair Ice and Fair Play Policies

This is the time of year when we begin to hear of abuses to the Fair Ice Policy. Associations are encouraged to review the policy with their coaches and parents. Some associations are attempting to balance the ice time of players throughout the season rather than throughout the games. Remember that there is a distinct difference in Developmental Ice Time (practices and exhibition games) and Competitive Ice Time (games for placement within the region or province whether league or tournament) and a balance must be struck in both and it should not be considered transferrable.

Remember that the Fair Play Policy is also in effect for all throughout the entire season. Again this should be reviewed with players, parents and coaches.

Compliance Information

Associations should be reviewing the Compliance Information with coaches of all divisions. The specifics of what can and should be done throughout the season in each age group are included. These are reviewed and discussed by the provincial committee at the end of each season to determine if changes are required

The U12 Skills Matrix completion is currently not noted in the Compliance but is mandatory.