

G&T Western Region – Report for General Meeting, Nov. 22, 2018

Regionals:

Yes, the Ice is booked and we are excited to be able to announce our location for 2019 Regionals is....

## TILLSONBURG!

In addition to Tillsonburg we will be using facilities in surrounding communities, including but not limited to Aylmer, Delhi, Simcoe, and Thamesford.

Hotels for Regionals:

This year we are doing things a little bit differently, and the Region is partnering with local hotels. Please refer to the listing posted on the Regionals Page of the Western Region site for our partner properties. We will continue to add partners as they are confirmed.

Our objective is to ensure that rooms are available for our teams, at a favourable rate, and that rebates come back to our Region to support our programs instead of into the pockets of a booking agency.

While you are not mandated to use the Region's partner locations, we are hoping that by negotiating the best possible rates, this will both save your team money and help the region.

Provincials

Effective this season, all provincial payments and Intent to Proceeds are to be sent directly to the Ringette Ontario office. E-transfer is an option - [ed@ontario-ringette.com](mailto:ed@ontario-ringette.com). Include team information in the message. Password is the four letter word that describes a blue thing (lower case)

Provincial Divisions:

The season has got off to a good start with only a few minor issues.

Moving 18+A/AA tournament selection back to July with the rest of the divisions helped to minimize conflicts with league scheduling. The G&T committee also moved their meeting date back 2 weeks to facilitate this. U12's will remain in September due to team formation timelines.

A reminder to ALL Provincial A teams to provide feedback on any team they may feel should not be in the A division. Your comments are confidential however you are truly the eyes and ears at the tournaments and have the best possible feel for your own division.

Regional Teams:

The Regional league is up and running well.

We have seen a flurry of last minute 2-team contracts, primarily to support smaller regional teams.

### Substitutions:

Changes this year for substitutions:

Teams may only use 2 lateral substitutes (same age group/level)

AA Teams are still not permitted to use laterals for ranking games.

Tournament TRF Adjustments must be submitted 48 hours in advance.

Goalies are NO LONGER exempt from the number of tournaments they can sub in. They are now the same as players.

### Reminders on Substitutions:

Players registered on teams U19 & under can only substitute in one (1) tournament per year (includes goalies). In addition there are strict substitution restrictions on players U12 & under. These are Sport Development rules which will be followed closely by G&T.

Players registered on 18+ teams may substitute in two (2) tournaments (again, includes goalies).

A player is considered to have substituted if she (or he) dressed for at least one game at a tournament and went out on the ice to warm up and play, even if they were not actually played (which just FYI would be against Fair Ice Policy for most age divisions).

Goalie substitution is goalie for goalie. If there are no skater (i.e. non-goalie) substitutions, then you are not restricted by the 12 skater rule.

As soon as you have one (1) skater substitution (skater for skater) you may not have more than 12 skaters in total, or the number of skaters you have on your TRF if less.

In addition your team is limited to a total of 4 subs over the course of a tournament. This includes both goalies and skaters. This could be 4 players (the same 4) for every game or it could be one different player for each of 4 games, but the total may not exceed 4. Note that the same substitute can be used to replace your player A in one game and your player B in another game in the same tournament.

At no time may your roster size be increased with substitutions. (Note that there is one exception to this rule re 2nd goalies at provincials)

Please contact G&T with any questions you may have on substitutions.

### Suspensions:

Suspensions must be reported to G&T within 24 hours or before your next game, whichever is less.

See you at the rinks!

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