

Western Region G&T Report – April 2013

The Associations of Western Region hosted 11 tournaments including one 3-on-3 tournament, and AA Provincials. Some tournaments are struggling – please encourage your regional teams to “play local” and consider including at least one tournament at one of the smaller centres in our region.

This year we saw a total of 10 player and 10 coaching suspensions, not including provincials. The player suspensions included 5 Match penalties, 2 Misconducts and 3 ejections due to excess penalties.

Of special concern is the number of Match penalties. These are general assessed for Intent to Injure and this type of activity has no place in our sport.

Minor fully served penalties:

- 14 Unsportsmanlike – 65
- 16-1 Major Boarding – 3
- 16-2 Major Body – 28
- 16-4 Major Crosscheck – 10
- 16-6 Major Elbow - 2
- 16-12 Major Slash – 5
- 16-13 Major Tripping – 1
- 17 Rough Play – 4
- 16 Major unspecified – 12

Player substitutions – WRRRA saw approximately 50 player substitutions at tournaments. League substitutions were not tracked.

2014 Provincials

- AA confirmed
- A – 2 submissions
- U12 – Host Needed

G&T Changes for this year – feedback requested:

- Change to allow 4 substitute players
 - o Is this needed? (Open B/C – yes, but what about other divisions?)
- Change to allow subs up to 12 – is this the right number?
- Questions raised about the calibre of substitutes, primarily re AA divisions.
- Clarification of running time rules to be used consistently for all games when running time is an option.
- Move of Open A – Jacks Division to AA Provincials

Discussion pending for the following items at the April SCM's:

- Consistent application of rules for U8
 - o Time clock
 - o Goalie interpretation
- Consideration of further limitation of tournaments for U12
- Overtime at Provincials
 - o Currently removed from U12
 - o Consider removing from A's as well? –
 - This year one game was at risk due to curfew. Games were running over 1 hour late due to multiple overtime games earlier in the day.
- Regional Reps at Provincials – should Prelim option be completely removed?
- Ranking of teams, what constitutes disqualification?
- Seeding of A teams – review process
- Preselection of tournaments for A teams?

Please forward your comments prior to Thursday April 25th.

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