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Western Region AGM

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Skills Matrix

First, a big thank you to the associations that have submitted both sets of the Skills Matrix evaluations for their U8, U9, U10 and U12 teams. There really aren't that many of you that have complied to-date. There seems to be some confusion about to whom they are to be sent, hopefully the notice that went out earlier this week will fix that. We have reminded the member associations many times throughout the season that there are to be evaluations done at the start of the year and another in the second half, so this should not be a surprise to anyone. Non-compliant teams/associations can be fined \$500.00 per team. Please get these reports to us no later than April 30th.

For next season the committee has been working on the creation of a standardized Drills Package for running the Skills evaluations.

U12

Co-ed Ringette in the U12 Provincial division. This is a polarizing issue and the feedback that the committee has received from members around the province is such that the committee has motioned the Board to have the Co-ed designation at U12 Provincial retracted. We will know in May if the motion goes through.

There has also been a revision proposed to the Fair Ice Policy at the U12 level. The change would remove situational play (non 5 on 5) from the Discretion 1 description. The division is still developmental in scope and shortening the bench is not promoting development.

The U12 compliance chart will have some clarification of player selection to teams based on the skills matrix results. There will also be some clarification of two team contract play as it fits into the number of tournaments and events a player can attend.

U8, U9 and U10

The programs have been underway for a number of years with these divisions so the committee is now at the point of reviewing them and determining what tweaks may be necessary.

Respect in Sport/Code of Conduct

One issue that took some discussion time in our committee was respect in sport. There seems to be a lack of respect shown at times towards individuals in our sport. The ORA has worked hard to develop a Code of Conduct and we need to remember that all of us are responsible to follow it and to make sure that others are following it as well. There will be further discussions on this topic with a focus on Player and Parent Codes of Conduct.

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