

G&T / Competitions Committee Report – Sept 16, 2021

First, welcome back to the rinks for our teams and players. We are looking forward to an almost back to normal season (touch wood?).

Changes:

Ringette Ontario (RO) has changed the structure of the G&T committee, now named the Competitions Committee, and has significantly changed our mandate.

Effective immediate, all tournament approvals are managed by the RO Tournament Sanction Committee. This committee consists of 2 office staff, the Competitions Committee Chair, Officiating, and a Member at Large. Of note, Competition Committee members, representing the Regions, are no longer part of this process.

For this year, once tournaments are approved they will be opened for registration and it will be the responsibility of teams, at all levels, to apply directly. At this time there is expected to be an “opening day” vs one tournament at a time – watch for notices from the RO. The *office* may step in to ensure teams get into at least one tournament, but any concerns need to be directed to Karla Xavier (techdirector@ringetteontario.com), not the Competitions Committee.

It has also been made very clear that tournament assignment will be discontinued. This is a big change. Good in some ways, and not so good in others. Again, watch for more information from RO as the path to Provincials will be changing in the future under their direction.

These changes have been made by Ringette Ontario with consultation of some of the standing committees that were created over the last year. The former G&T committee members were not part of these committees. The G&T chair did participate on one of the committees in an advisory role. Our Regional Chair was also a participant in some of the committees and may be able to field questions that we cannot 😊.

Any and ALL concerns around tournament approvals, changes, or teams getting into tournaments need to be sent to Karla Xavier (techdirector@ringetteontario.com) and/or our Regional Director, Chris Sharpe. As a Region, we no longer have a direct connection or influence on these decisions.

So... what the heck does the Competitions Committee do then? Well, we are waiting to find that out too, but at a high level, we are still involved in running Provincials, and at the Regional Level, managing our year-end Regional events. It sounds like we will still be managing suspensions etc as well but we didn't get to that in last night's meeting, which was our first meeting since February 2020.

Chris and I are committed to continue to support our teams as we move through these new processes, but we ask for your patience as we find our way in this new world.

Provincials:

Hosts for Provincials have not been finalized but with Chris Sharpe's guidance, it looks like we have ice secured in Western Region for both events.

Regionals:

We have ice secured for Regionals, but are still looking for 1-2 additional ice pads in the London area to support the addition of U12A. Please keep in mind as teams form that the U12A players are now in the SAME year end event as our regional teams, and two team players can only play for ONE team (no exceptions).

Please keep an eye on the RO announcements, especially the President's Basecamp group, and make sure your association members are kept up to date as information comes out.

Yours in Ringette,

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