



Western Region Ringette Association Region Chair's Report

General Meeting - September 16, 2021

The summer months have been very busy with respect to Western Region and Ringette Ontario responsibilities. The WRRRA AGM this past July went well, the region was able to update our current bylaws to help reflect changes to the approach to voting in directors, enacting new committees, and establishing new important roles for our region. I want to personally thank everyone for their support this past year and to all the new volunteers for stepping up.

WRRRA volunteers engaged with working committees and standing committees along with Ringette Ontario staff continue to put in lots of time to keep up with the changing pandemic landscape and implementation of new initiatives around gender diversity, operational excellence such as the coming bylaw changes, the Club Playbook role out, competition structure improvements with AA/A and B/C levels of play and the restructuring of the AAA program.

CTR events are starting to be hosted in WRRRA, there are many to come. This is a great tool to get new players into our sport. One major challenge we have is only 1 of the 2 kits in our region have been located. We need all associations to look to see if they have any CTR equipment and banners in their possession. The next 6 to 8 weeks will be very busy for associations and athletes, as we go through the team formation process, please keep the region and our committees informed if you need any assistance during this time. Let's cross our fingers we can start playing some games in November/December and participate in tournaments in the new year.

We have so far successfully kicked off 2 of the 3 new standing committees we created as part of our updated bylaws, specifically, AA/A Play and B/C Play. Stephanie Smith and I has been working to lay the groundwork to launch the Adult Play committee including coordinating with SWIRL. I look forward to seeing how we as a region can engage these athletes better in our region.

I would like to thank all Executive and Directors for all the work they have done and are about to do to get this season off the ground. I want to ask all association executives, specifically the presidents to be patient with how we move forward this year, specifically around how covid-19 and vaccination mandates are being managed. I know it is taking longer than associations would like, however the issues as very complex and ever changing. With the most recent announcements from the Ontario Gov. and feedback from legal experts there is a lot of coordination work we will have to do as leagues, coaches, and associations to give the athletes the best experience possible this season. Please make sure that each of you and your CSL leaders do their very best to stay on top of communication from the RO office through basecamp.

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