

## **Review:**

Western Region continues to be a part of GLRL and this year U12A will be added to the mix. Western Region is still well represented on the GLRL Executive with Phil Singeris (London) and Shannon Crinklaw (Dorchester) taking on another two years as president and secretary. I am still the Western Region Representative. The new game formats for U16AA and U19AA were very well received by coaches and players so they will remain as a 4 x 11-minute period format.

## **Boys in Provincial Level Play:**

Currently, we have two associations in Western Region with boys who have intents in at the U12A division, Waterloo and Chatham. Ringette Ontario has provided guidelines on this. Once tryouts are completed and teams are formed, we will see if there will be a need for a mixed division at that age group.

As a result of this change, RO wants associations to collect information about what division players would prefer to play in. Once the choice is made, they cannot change their minds later. These are some of the key questions asked and answered:

### **Should you run gender specific tryouts for each division? (i.e. mixed, female only)**

Each tier/division should have an open tryout for any participant who wishes to tryout, as tryouts should be open and team formation takes place afterwards based on assessments and numbers. **It is recommended that all players who arrive to attend the tryout, should sign a form indicating whether they would play on a mixed and/or a female only team (or they may choose both!). This form would be considered binding and if a mixed team is formed, and an offer to play on this team is given to the athlete, they cannot be released to play on a female only team.**

### **Can a team be labelled as female only? If yes, when can that be done?**

Yes, teams may be labeled as female only, mixed, or male only. However, this should be done after tryouts have been held and a fair and unbiased assessment of the players has occurred, and all offers to play have been accepted.

### **If there are not enough teams to create two teams in a division loop, how do we support that male player?**

Males who try out for A & AA where the formation of mixed team is not possible, may be offered the opportunity to play up in the B category. However, that must be assessed on a case-to-case basis. (e.g.) a U14A Male player may play in the U16B division.

For further information please visit the RO website:

<https://ringetteontario.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Team-Tryout-Formation-Guidelines.pdf>

## **Tryouts:**

Tryouts for U12A and AA begin Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with teams declared by October 13<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts for A begin Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with teams declared by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **League Play:**

Target is a 16-game season, front loaded since there will be no tournaments in the front half.

It is hoped that league play for U12A and AA will begin in early November and for A in the middle of November.

**Reminders:** Players must be registered with their HOME associations to attend any tryouts. Please update your players' list with Peter Westlake. Some associations have yet to provide Peter with the necessary information about registration. Please get this to him by Friday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. We do ask for a final update if you have any late registrants by Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It is highly recommended that players bring proof of registration when attending other association tryouts. It is also highly recommended that players reach out to associations so that they know vaccination policies for other facilities. The recent announcement by the provincial government may make things easier, or they can be more confusing depending on what health units, associations or facilities decide.

The attendance tracker is up and ready – here is the link <http://www.wrra.ca/alweb/> Thanks Keith!

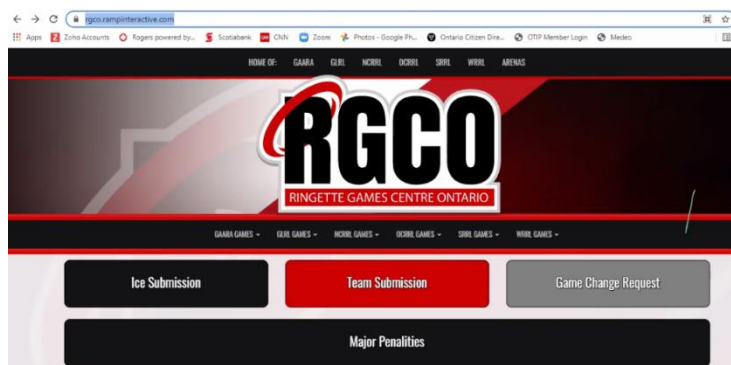
## **Issues:**

Many associations are having issues with facilities and limits. Arenas in the same associations will have different allowances for # of players in the dressing rooms, on the bench, or on the ice. This will be up to team covid leaders and/or managers to know the rules for each arena their team is playing in.

## **Ice Scheduling:**

### **1) Season Scheduling Update**

- Working with Kevin Sweeney (Ice Scheduler) who is working with RAMP
- Kevin will have a meeting with all Ice Schedulers to review how to enter ice.
  - **Ice Submission Form – To Association Ice Scheduler by Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, submitted by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Where schedules will be posted**
    - Schedules will NOT be loaded on GLRL website
    - Will be on separate website for Ringette Games Centre Ontario
    - Any associations who use RAMP will be able to link directly via the Home Website



- Click on GLRL and will take to game schedule
- Ice Schedulers will click on “Ice Submission” to submit ice times
- Will also be used for Game Change Request form and Major Penalties
- If an association is on a RAMP system, the Division Bar will link direct to Ringette Games Centre Ontario

### Projected Provincial Teams for GLRL:

	# of teams	U12A	U14A	U16A	U19A	U14AA	U16AA	U19AA
Ajax	5	x	x	x	x		x	
Barrie	2	x		x		x		
Burlington	4	x	x				x	x
Cambridge	1	x						
Chatham	1	x						
Dorchester	4	x			x	x	x	
Elora Fergus	1				x			
Forest	4	x	x	x	x			
Guelph	5	x	x	X (1 of)	x		X (1 of)	x
Kitchener	2					x	x	
London	6	x	x	x	x		x	x
Markham	4		x	x	x		x	
Mississauga	4	x			x	x	x	
Mitchell	1	x						
Newmarket	2			x	x			
Oshawa	6	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Paris	2		x		x			
Richmond Hill	7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
St. Mary's	3		x	x	x			
Sunderland	3	x	x	x				
Waterloo	6	x	x	x	x			x (2 teams)
Whitby	4	x	x	x				x
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>

## **Provincial Events**

AA – March 3-6<sup>th</sup> - Waterloo/Kitchener

A – Hoping London (London look at March 18- 20)

U12A – Will attend regional events.

We are all looking forward to getting on the ice!

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