



Western Region Ringette Association Region Chair's Report

WRRRA General Region Meeting – Dec 16, 2021

The fall has been terribly busy for the entire WRRRA region. The primary focus for the region after the early September warmup ice times were completed was to form the AA/A team and B/C teams for the season. WRRRA region associations this year have formed 81 Regional Teams (B & C) plus 27 Provincial teams (7 AA & 20 A) and 15 Adult teams (SWIRL). There were several struggles this year that occurred during team formation process. The largest issues for team formation we had to deal with this year was limited goalies, associations not coordinating teams together and the overall loss of players. Groundwork was started to handle males joining Provincial level of play in the region.

Leagues have started off (with a few bumps): GLRL, WRRL and SWIRL. We have asked each of the leagues this coming season to review the rules of play for a refresh for the start of the 2022/23 season. To help with alignment and confirming the rules each league uses are fair and equitable to meet today's standards.

Lots of positive vibes from athletes around the AAA that I have spoken to. Parents have specifically identified the cost as a concern, and why there is such a significant difference in price over prior events. Parents and athletes were very appreciative of the contribution WRRRA made to help each of them with the program costs, in return we have requested each of them volunteer locally.

Covid 19 appears to be on the rise, the new Omicron variant is driving up the spread/transmission. As a region, as associations, as coaches and volunteers we need to put a renewed effort to ensure that we do our part to prevent the spread:

- PPE is being worn at the right times, anyone not feeling well should stay away from the rink,
- Making sure that all health attestations (Ramp App) are completed prior to anyone getting into the change room, please confirm/check prior to every single ice time.
- Contact tracing for both home and away games (away games can be more difficult to manage)
- Large area of risk I am told is the change room, if you are concerned about players wearing PPE in this area, ask them to keep it on and take it off just before going on the ice? Leave on the bench?
- Ask coaches to wear masks on the bench and ice during practices

I am looking forward to seeing how tournaments go in 2022. Cross our fingers that we find away to manage the current covid conditions to permit our sport to go on.

WRRRA has formalized our top priorities for this season, a summary list has been included with this report for your reference. A detailed analysis of the 2021 provincial program compared to 2019 program was completed and attached at the end of this report.

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WRRR Top Priorities -2021/2022 Season

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Team Leader
(of the Rock
Band)

#	Project (Rock)	Description - Overview (Initial but can be modified by team lead)	Team Members (Rock Stars)	Status Notes	
1	Covid Safety	Support CSL leaders through pandemic challenges	Barb G.	Association CSL Reps	No further activity for CSL reps until ice gets "turned back on". Will we need this position for next season?
2	Covid Safety	Implement system to manage Covid Screeing/Vaccine Screening	Chris S	Association CSL Reps	Chris to work with RO on policy and work with presidents to understand how local PHU rules may effect their association teams. Support RO in role out of policy
3	Team Formation	Successfully manage through AA/A team formation	Shelley	AA/A Play Committee	Tryouts for AA/A and 12A. Target leagues to commence play in Nov 2021 Target under GLRL. Successfully permit males to join on A/AA teams. As of now it looks like U12A would be only levels with possibly males
4	Team Formation	Successfully manage through B/C team formation	Jason	B/C Play Committee	Sortouts for B/C teams. Target leagues to commence play in Nov/Dec 2021
5	Adult Committee	Form Adult committee and coordinate what league play will look in for WRRR this coming season	Stephanie	Adult Committee/Chrs	Meet with SWIRL to determine if they plan to move forward as Association or league. Successfully role out males allowed to play in league play in the region
6	Childrens Ringette	Implement Children's Ringette	Jason	Associations	Implement new Fun 1/2/3 at all WRRR Associations. RO to provide financial support for equipment purchases in near future
7	IT & Web Site Remodel	Implement Base camp across region, prepare proposal for web site remodel	Mark	Megan	Ramp to be front end, with basecamp being information share system. Coordinate with Keith existing web site systems and annoncement process
8	Marketing Incl New Branding	Roll out Marketing plan for 2021	Megan	Association Marketing Reps	Implement marketing plan. Develop process to rebrand region. Pull in past proposals and expand with new ideas as they develop. Use new developed branding for web site remodel
9	Player Development	2021/22 Goalie Training - Two Sessions	Brian K in KRA and Andrew W in London	3rd party trainer	One session in east and one in west, make each session 2 hours long, need to increase budget
10	Parent Education	Parent engagment and education about the sport	Assocation Presidents	Shelley/Jason	Each association put on a minimum of one Parent Education session on a topic of their choosing this season. Any U12A potential host associations must create pathway for parents to learn about what it means to participate in Provincial play

Intent vs Roster Spots

Association	Total Intents			Secured Roster Spots				
	2019	2021	change	2019	%	2021	%	change
Chatham	11	19	42%	2	18%	1	5%	-13%
Dorchester	75	60	-25%	38	51%	48	80%	29%
Elora Fergus	35	30	-17%	28	80%	20	67%	-13%
Exeter Seaforth	15	6	-150%	3	20%	4	67%	47%
Forest	80	85	6%	54	68%	56	66%	-2%
Goderich	7	9	22%	1	14%	1	11%	-3%
Guelph	85	91	7%	61	72%	52	57%	-15%
Hanover	5	2	-150%	2	40%	1	50%	10%
Kitchener	90	75	-20%	57	63%	49	65%	2%
London	119	69	-72%	71	60%	47	68%	8%
Mitchell	35	19	-84%	27	77%	13	68%	-9%
St. Marys	37	43	14%	21	57%	26	60%	4%
St. Thomas	2	4	50%	1	50%	3	75%	25%
Tillsonburg	23	14	-64%	11	48%	9	64%	16%
Waterloo	107	82	-30%	80	75%	64	78%	3%
Totals	726	608	-19%	457	63%	394	65%	0%

Late Player Intent Submissions

Association	Total Intents		
	2019	2021	change
Chatham	2	5	3
Dorchester	1	2	1
Elora Fergus		4	4
Exeter Seaforth		1	1
Forest	1	10	9
Goderich			
Guelph	5	13	8
Hanover			0
Kitchener	5	7	2
London	12	9	-3
Mitchell	3	3	
St. Marys	3	4	1
St. Thomas	2	2	
Tillsonburg			0
Waterloo	10	9	-1

Totals 44 69 25 57% increase in late intents (Was anticipated to be higher then normal)

Roster Size per Team

Association	U12 A			U14A			U16A			U19A		
	2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change
Dorchester	11	13	15%		14	100%	12		-100%		16	100%
Elora Fergus							14		-100%			
Forest	13	14	7%	14	15	7%	14	15	7%	16	16	0%
Guelph	16	14	-14%	12	13	8%	14		-100%		17	100%
Kitchener	14		-100%	15		-100%						
London	14	14	0%	13	14	7%		12	100%	15	13	-15%
Mitchell	12	12	0%							13		-100%
St. Marys				11		-100%		13	100%			
Waterloo	13	15	13%	13	15	13%	13	15	13%	16	20	20%
Totals Players	93	82	-13%	78	71	-10%	67	55	-22%	60	82	27%
Total Team	7	6	-17%	6	5	-20%	5	4	-25%	4	5	20%

Association	U14AA			U16AA			U19AA		
	2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change
Dorchester	13		-100%	15	14	-7%			
Guelph				15		-100%	16	16	0%
Kitchener		17	100%	16	16	0%			
London	14		-100%	17	15	-13%	16		-100%
Waterloo	15		-100%	18		-100%	17	33	48%
Totals Players	42	17	-147%	81	45	-80%	49	49	0%
Total Teams	3	1	-200%	5	3	-67%	3	3	0%

Number of Teams per Division

Division	Total		
	2019	2021	change
U12A	7	6	-17%
U14A	6	5	-20%
U16A	5	4	-25%
U19A	4	5	20%
U14AA	3	1	-200%
U16AA	5	3	-67%
U19AA	3	3	0%
Total	33	27	-18%

TOTAL PROVINCIAL PLAYERS 2019=	470		
TOTAL PROVINCIAL PLAYERS 2021=	401	14.7%	Reduction
TOTAL PROVINCIAL TEAMS 2019=	33		
TOTAL PROVINCIAL TEAMS 2021=	27	18.2%	Reduction

% of Home Association Players on Roster

Association	U12 A						U14 A						U16 A						U19 A					
	2019			2021			2019			2021			2019			2021			2019			2021		
	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%
Dorchester	11	8	73%	13	11	85%				14	9	64%									16	10	63%	
Elora Fergus													14	14	100%									
Forest	13	12	92%	14	13	93%	14	13	93%	15	15	100%	14	13	93%	15	14	93%	16	15	94%	16	14	88%
Guelph	16	10	63%	14	13	93%	12	9	75%	13	7	54%	14	12	86%						17	16	94%	
Kitchener	14	14	100%				15	14	93%															
London	14	14	100%	14	10	71%	13	8	62%	14	13	93%				12	4	33%	15	14	93%	13	12	92%
Mitchell	12	11	92%	12	10	83%															13	7	54%	
St. Marys							11	7	64%							13	10	77%						
Waterloo	13	10	77%	15	12	80%	13	11	85%	15	6	40%	13	8	62%	15	7	47%	16	10	63%	20	9	45%

Association	U14 AA						U16 AA						U19 AA					
	2019			2021			2019			2021			2019			2021		
	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%	Roster	Home	%
Dorchester	13	10	77%				15	10	67%	14	13	93%						
Guelph							15	12	80%				16	15	94%	16	13	81%
Kitchener				17	12	71%	16	7	44%	16	8	50%						
London	14	11	79%				17	12	71%	15	9	60%	16	10	63%			
Waterloo	15	7	47%				18	17	94%				17	14	82%	33	22	67%

= 50% or less

Number of Goalies per team - Home and Away

Association	U12A				U14A				U16A				U19A				U14AA				U16AA				U19AA							
	2019		2021		2019		2021		2019		2021		2019		2021		2019		2021		2019		2021		2019		2021					
	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away				
Dorchester		1	1				1			1					1	1							1	1								
Elora Fergus									2																							
Forest	1		1		1		1		1		1			1	1																	
Guelph	1	1	1		1			1	1			1			1						1				2		1	1				
Kitchener	2				1														2			1	1									
London	1		1	1		1	1					1	1	1	1			1			1	1		1	1							
Mitchell	1		1										1																			
St. Marys					1							1																				
Waterloo	1		1		1			1	1		1		1		1	1		1			2				2		2	1				

Total Quantity of Goalies by Age/Level

	9	7	6	5	6	4	5	7	3	2	7	3	5	5
% Change		-22%		-17%		-33%	40%		-33%		-57%		0%	
Total Goalies 2019	41													
Total Goalies 2021	33													
% Change		-19.5%												

Teams with 1 goalies	5	5
Teams with 2 goalies	2	1

Totals 2019	Totals 2021
26	22
79%	81%
7	5
21%	19%