



Western Region Ringette Association Chair's Report

WRRRA General Meeting – Feb 24, 2022

The 6 weeks prior to beginning of Feb were uneventful due to the shutdown in Ontario. However, since the start of Feb Ringette has gone back into full swing less tournaments (Except for Ajax). It has been tough to keep up with all the scheduling changes and requests for ice times as a parent, and I sure even harder as associations. Thanks to all the associations and their members for working with the leagues to get as many games as possible in prior to provincial or regional championships this year. I am very excited to see that the provincials for the 2021/2022 season to still moving forward and just right around the corner. We have seen every effort by RO and the associations to make the year end events occur and for that I am thankful.

We need volunteers to help with the AA provincials being held in Kitchener/Waterloo on March 3-6, 2022. They have need for convenors and minor official roles (Minor officials are paid per game), if you are interested, please reach out to Tyler at the RO office with any questions: clubdevelopment@ringetteontario.com,

You can also signup at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SbowSdHQD4RB05RdEKIK1zaOVGgTVdtDNjdMGHdH6sl/edit?usp=sharing>

I am waiting for update from RO and the latest legal interpretations for what changes the reduction in vaccine passports will have on our sport. The RO Risk and Audit committee met last night and will be reviewing and making a proposal to the board soon. I hope there will be more complete information provided to members prior to March 1, 2022. I have conveyed the several concerns that were raised in region discussions with the new vaccine requirements for 5–11-year-old athletes.

As most of you are aware intents are open for Provincial players, and the Tryout's planning has started for 2022/2023 season, targeting April / May 2022. I would like the region to consider a cap on the distance an athlete has to travel prior to having closer out of region associations teams as options for play. I would like to propose that we put a 100 km cap on distance an athlete (per our matrix of town hall to town hall) before they can choose to tryout at the next closest association out of our region. This is to make it as reasonable as possible for the athletes to play the sport without excessive driving. That said, the athlete could also choose to not leave the region and continue down the matrix path of associations that offer the level of play they are trying to make.

WRRRA has requested more flexibility with goalies for AA, A, Regional to help form teams for 2022/2023. I have requested competitions committee review and widen permission for two team goalies. At this time, I have not heard back, however we need to know that information prior to tryouts starting in April.

AAA Program will continue for one more event in April this year. It is looking like there could be a cycle again next year if the winter games are a go for Feb 2023. Tournament hosts (Kitchener and Guelph) should keep an eye on this impacting their tournaments.

We also must progress on filling our duty for elections at this year's AGM.

The following positions are up for election in April 2022:

"In even number years the Treasurer, Games and Tournaments Director, Officiating Director and the High-Performance Director will be elected"

Per the bylaws the

Nominations Committee - The nominating committee will be chaired by the Past Chair when the position is filled. Brian Breckles will be chairing the committee, please email him at brecklesbrian@gmail.com with any nominations for any of the above roles. If you have questions, you can reach out to me or any of the people in those roles currently.

Thanks again, for doing everything you can to make this year's ringette season happen. Best of luck to all our teams at their year end championship events.



Chris Sharpe, Chair Western Region

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AGM Election Important notes from Bylaws:

Election of Directors

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Nominations Committee - The nominating committee will be chaired by the Past Chair (when the position is filled) or by a Director designated by the Board (when the Past Chair position is not filled).

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Nomination - Any nomination of an individual for election as a Director will:

- a) Include the written consent of the nominee by signed or electronic signature;
- b) Comply with the procedures established by the Nominations Committee; and
- c) Be submitted to the Registered Office of the Corporation seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This timeline may be extended by Ordinary Resolution of the Board.

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Nominations from the Floor – An individual may be nominated from the floor of the meeting of the Members in accordance with the Act.

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Circulation of Nominations - Valid nominations will be circulated to Members at the Annual Meeting prior to the elections.

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Election –The Executive positions will be elected at each Annual Meeting as follows: a) In odd number years the Chair, Secretary, Coaching Director, Membership Services Director and the Marketing Director will be elected. b) In even number years the Treasurer, Games and Tournaments Director, Officiating Director and the High-Performance Director will be elected.

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Elections – Elections for all positions will be decided by majority vote of the Members in accordance with the following:

- a) One Valid Nomination – Winner elected by Ordinary Resolution.
- b) Two or More Valid Nominations - The nominee(s) receiving the greatest number of votes and Ordinary Resolution will be elected. In the case of a tie, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees and a second vote will be conducted. If there continues to be a tie and more nominees than positions, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees until there remains the appropriate number of nominees for the position(s) or until a winner is declared. If there continues to be a tie then the winner(s) will be declared by coin flip.

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Post-Election Eligibility – An elected Director who does not meet the eligibility requirements for election as Director will have thirty (30) days to become eligible for the position or will be removed as a Director of the Corporation.

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Terms – Elected Directors will hold office for a term of two (2) years, and will hold office until they or their successors have been duly established in accordance with these By-laws, unless they are re-elected, resign, are removed from or vacate their office. There is no maximum number of terms an individual may sit as a director.