



# Western Region Ringette Association Chair's Report

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The second half of the 2021/2022 season has been eventful, finishing on a high note with the yearend Provincial and Regional events occurring. The unfortunate shut down of ringette in early 2022 due to Covid-19 was a major challenge for all players, association, and volunteers. The planned tournaments and HP events got canceled for the most part. We all want to be participating in the sport we love, and it is just not possible. We are very much looking forward to getting back to the rink in whatever form that may be. Hopefully soon, but only when it is safe.

## Regional Play:

WRRRL Season was much shorter than I would of liked to see. This was partially due to the time taken to form Provincial teams in the fall and subsequently by the shutdown through Jan. London Ringette successfully hosted the 2022 Regional Championships in March. I want to thank all of London Ringette, specifically Elly Simpson and Melinda Suchard for pulling off such a difficult task.

It is important to note for the 2022/23 season it is our every intention to ensure majority of provincial teams are formed in the spring of 2022 and to have a much longer season for regional league play then we did this past year.

## Provincial Play:

GLRL went forward with most games getting completed, however some of them after provincials. Thanks to Shelley Handley for leading the A/AA committee and moving our team formation process forward. Best of luck to all athlete in the pending tryouts. Associations just a reminder to work together whenever you can. Thanks again to Phil Singeris and the GLRL board for all the work they did to make the season as much of a success as they could. Both yearend provincial events did get completed and were successful on all accounts.

## AAA:

Congratulations to all Western AAA athlete that were able to participate in the AAA cup this past weekend in Kingston. Best of luck to all athlete in their pursuit of an opportunity to get invited to Team Ontario tryouts. Looking forward to the AAA program re-kicking off next year with the hopes of heading the 2023 OWG

## RO – Planning for the 2022/23 Season:

- Process for hiring a new ED for RO is starting to wind down. There was lots of interest (85 applicants) with a number interviewed. Looking forward to announcing the ED soon
- Strategic planning process has started and will be continuing in near future. First RO board meeting in person planned for May 28, 2022, which will include time for the strategic workshop.
- RO's plan is for the entire sport to change to "Game sheets App" and eliminate paper score keeping is going to happen. So, let's get ready!

- Region Chair will be making it a priority to get the RO committees back on track and working on objectives and planning. So many challenges this year has made RO committee activity hard to move forward.
- RO is working to move next season forward. Tournaments, please start deciding if you wish to host this year. Please keep in close touch with Nancy about your interest to host. There will be a AAA program again this year, so when more is known about that program tournaments should plan accordingly.
- New Provincial funding opportunity is here! Please take full advantage of it and use the funding to best support your program and equipment needs for the future of our sport.

Top 10 Priorities List:

We made excellent progress on our top 10 list this past season. Thanks again to everyone who worked on the various priorities.

WRRRA Board & Coordinators:

I personally want to thank the entire board and coordinators that have put in so much of their time and effort this past season. We have accomplished a lot over the past 12 months, your patience with me and taking the time to make our region successful.

- Mark Delafranier thanks for keeping me organized and keeping stuff moving in the region.
- Mark and Megan Carberry, thanks for getting our web page converted to the new ramp site.
- Nancy Houghtling thanks for scheduling and help guide our regional championships
- Jordan Kovats, thanks for helping at our regional championships
- Elly Simpson thanks for being a great sounding board for me wrapping up players releases
- Jason Vermeiren, great job on running WRRL and hosting the team seating meetings.
- Shelley Handley, I know team formation can be stressful time and very time consuming, you did a great job.
- John Mezenberg, thanks for running the HP pre-tryout skates and always guiding our athletes. Best of luck to you and Team O!
- Adam McKinley, great work with the coaches this year, appreciate your dedication to the sport.
- Barb Green, well done on the conversion to Zero from QuickBooks. Your level of detail is always top notch.
- Stephanie Smith, thanks for being the bridge between the region and SWIRL. I am excited to see where the adult committee can take adult play in our region
- Denise Pelletier, thanks for organizing our amazing officials.
- Brian Breckles, thanks for helping provide insight to history and connecting me to others.

Association Presidents, I am asking you to ponder and discuss with your executives what you feel should be our top 10 priorities for next season. Please send me your list of proposed priorities before July 1, 2022.

Yours in Ringette,



Chris Sharpe,  
Chair of Western Region Ringette Association

## WRRRA 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)	(of the Rock Band)	Team Members (Rock Stars)	Status Notes
1	Covid Safety	Support CSL leaders through pandemic challenges	Barb G.	Association CSL Reps	CSL reps in place. RO providing direction as required
2	Covid Safety	Implement system to manage Covid Screeing/Vaccine Screening	Chris S	Association CSL Reps	Screening in RAMP or by assoc. Google dock
3	Team Formation	Successfully manage through AA/A team formation	Shelley	AA/A Play Committee	Team formation completed
4	Team Formation	Successfully manage through B/C team formation	Jason	B/C Play Committee	Teams formation completed. Was complete late fall and some teams were not able to get games going until Dec
5	Adult Committee	Form Adult committee and coordinate what league play will look in for WRRRA 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	Implementation complete, however requires more coordination for start of next season. To ensure everyone is running the program in the same way
7	IT & Web Site Remodel	Implement Base camp across region, prepare proposal for web site remodel	Mark	Megan	Web site converted to Ramp. Thanks to everyone!
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 only completed in Kitchener. Contact in London was not able to implement program
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