

Western Region Officiating Report April 2022

It was a different first part of the ringette season however the end to the season for officials as well as coaches and players was a welcomed sense of normal. We had several Western Region Officials that attended provincials, Easterns, Nationals and Regionals to end out the ringette season.

It will be very important to host level 1 clinics next year in the region. Our number of officials are low this season due to covid and lack of clinics and officiating opportunities. Look for these clinics early on in the season next September and encourage those players getting to the U16 age group to attend. Referee in Chiefs for associations will need to recruit more people to develop into referees.

Steve Baker from London continued assigning officials for WORL for A/AA games using the Arbiter. Association need to continue to schedule league games where possible during the week and not on weekends. Officials are busy on most weekends with multiple tournaments. Also, if they can schedule games back to back is helpful in getting games covered.

Ringette Ontario did not complete evaluations or very few due to officials not being on ice very much. The deadline for evaluations is being extend by a season so officials don't lose their rank. We were able to complete a few at regionals to move officials at the regional level and provide much needed guidance and feedback.

Have a wonderful summer and I'm looking forward to next year having a full ringette season.

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