

2021/22 VP Adult Report

It was nice to get back on the ice this year, even if the season still looked a little different. There were lots of changes at the Adult level this year. Adult teams are now able to register as direct RO affiliate teams, so SWIRL is no longer an association. We also updated coaching requirements for Adult teams, significantly lowering the requirements and expanding eligibility for player coaches. Lastly RO expanded the Adult Cup at the end of year, include A level teams for the first time. This event was held successfully in Oshawa with A, BB, and B teams from across the province participating (C/CC divisions were offered but did not have enough interest).

The SWIRL League resumed play this season successfully, thank you to all volunteers who make it possible. The League now operates as a co-ed league for teams, in accordance with RO policies. Tournaments were a challenge for all in the sport this year, but especially for adult teams as less tournaments and divisions were offered.

As we look to the future we will continue to advocate for Adult friendly rule updates, tournament participation, and look to continue to expand pick-up style play across the region at the request of Adult players. We will also be looking to pilot a "how to start an adult team guide" and survey for the membership to see our region would like to see Adult play continue to grow in the area.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the rink in 2022.

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