

Competitions Report, September 2022

Provincial:

Most of the Provincial teams are formed, tournament assignments completed by the RO office. Please direct any questions or additional tournament requests directly to the office.

Reminder to ALL teams that it is your responsibility to register for your assigned tournaments on RAMP and submit payment directly to the tournaments before their deadline. Any team failing to make payment when due may be declined by the tournament, and become INELIGIBLE to attend provincials. Furthermore refusal to make payment is akin to refusal to attend, which is a fine equivalent to the entry fee. So, in short, please make sure you are submitting your payments when you need to.

2023 Provincials:

March 2-5 Kitchener-Waterloo: U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, 18+U, 18+AA

March 16-19 Mississauga: U14A, U16A, U19A, 18+A

RO has indicated that the 2023 Provincial Events will be all inclusive again this season. Watch for updates from Ringette Ontario regarding the event and hotel bookings for the event.

Regional:

Team formation is in process or completed across the region. Please ensure your association is making all league deadlines for team and ice submission.

Regionals:

Regionals will be hosted in Kitchener/Wilmot on the weekend of April 14-16, 2023.

All teams will be required to register for the tournament in RAMP no later than November 25th. Payment is to be made to the Region by Cheque or E-transfer. Please include the association and teams including RO team numbers (as displayed on the team's TRF) in all communications.

As in past years, a call for officials, minor officials, and volunteers will be sent out at a later date. All associations will be required to contribute volunteer hours (usually convenors or prize table volunteers) based on the number of teams entered. In addition, teams will be asked to contribute to the prize tables. More to come on that!

Hosts for Future Events:

Interested in hosting Regionals in the future? Please reach out to competition@wrra.ca.

Interested in hosting a Provincial Event? Please reach out to Ringette Ontario.

Major Penalties:

Please continue to submit all major penalties. These are used for statistical tracking. This may be redundant in the future as all game sheets are moving to Ramp, but for now please continue to submit on the google form.

Suspensions:

1. For all Western Region teams, all suspensions (player or bench staff) must be reported to Western Region G&T, within 24 hours or before your next game, whichever is earlier. This includes a suspension at any away game or tournament.
2. For all Western Region teams, suspensions (bench staff) must also be reported to Western Region Coaching.
3. For all Western Region 18+BB & below Adult teams, suspensions (player or bench staff) must also be reported to the Western Region Adult Co-ordinator.
4. Failure to report is a finable offense.
5. Teams with illegal players or bench staff, which includes those under suspension, will be fined and have their games forfeited. This is considered a serious violation and negates insurance coverage for every individual associated with the game. Don't do it and if you see it being done, document and report it.

What if I'm suspended?

1. For all suspensions, both players and bench staff are suspended from all ringette activities until served. Contact Competitions for multi-team scenarios (still impacted).

Causes of suspension (minimum 1 game except as noted):

1. Code 18 - Match penalty (minimum 2 games)
2. Code 15 - Misconduct penalty
3. Player assessed 10 minutes in penalties in the same game, including delayed penalties, including overtime
4. Coach of team assessed 30 minutes in penalties in the same game, including delayed penalties, excluding overtime
5. Reminder - a bench staff member if asked to leave the bench but not recorded on the game sheet as a misconduct or match, is still deemed to be a misconduct penalty and the resulting suspension still applies.

Player substitutions:

Borrowing a player? ASK THE COACH FIRST (not the player)!! The request for approval MUST include the player's coach's approval for her or him to play for you, and must copy both your president, and their president if from another association.

1. Western Region Competitions approves all player substitutions for Western Region teams and players. If your player is going to help out a team outside of our region, we still sign off on the substitution. Please allow extra time for out-of-region approvals.
2. There are no special exceptions to limits on player substitutions. Plan ahead.
3. All tournament subs required Competitions approval (TRF adjustment form, player's coach's approval, presidents advised)
4. For league play, you must follow the RO sub rules but do not need explicit Competitions approval if the sub is from within your association. You are expected to ensure you have the player's coach's approval and that your president has been advised.
5. For league play, if the sub is from outside your association, Competitions approval is required. Please send the player's coach's approval, copying both presidents. The approval is given to ensure that the process is followed. It is still the coach's responsibility to ensure that they are following RO sub rules at all times.
6. Competitions substitution restrictions (number of tournaments) are for in-season invitational tournaments. The "clock" is reset for Provincials and Regionals.
7. Substitution restrictions for younger players include Provincials and Regionals with respect to their total number of tournaments permitted.
8. Player subs are same or lower level, same or lower age group.
9. Ringette Ontario sub rules apply for tournament, league and exhibition games.
10. On very rare occasions, Competitions may allow a sub outside of the "standard". Once formally approved, the substitution is considered legal.
11. Any team found to be violating substitution rules at ANY game may be fined and have the game forfeited in their opponents favour.

Tournament Hosts:

1. Tournament schedules will continue to be approved by the Competitions Committee and must be submitted 4 weeks in advance of your tournament start date.
2. Tie-breaking at invitational tournaments (and at provincials) is the responsibility of Competitions. Please make arrangements in advance as Competitions will not be onsite for all tournaments.

Have a great season and see you at the rinks!

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