



Western Region Ringette Association Region Chair's Report

General Meeting - September 15, 2022

The summer months have been uneventful since the end of last season. I was fortunate enough to attend Nationals in Calgary this past April with my oldest daughters' team. It was an amazing experience to see the best of which Canada has to offer in the minor and adult level of play. RO office has been busy improving the team working on the process of developing a new strategic plan for the next five years (Growing the sport is going to be the top priority). The process is moving ahead as planned and should be ready to present to membership for the Oct RO AGM.

Please take the time to review the reports of our various Coordinators. As of this time WRRRA is without a Referee in Chief (RIC). Denise has done the job for many years, but has decided to step away, however she is willing to help train an interested party over the season.

There has already been many CTR events being hosted, in WRRRA this fall, there are still a few to complete through the end of the month. We all need to find ways as a sport to continue attracting new young athletes into the sport. There continues to be several associations that are putting incentives in place for new players to join up, some reduced rates, others have equipment help programs. I encourage all associations; this is essentially a must to do to compete with other sports. As a region we have invested money into free sticks for new players and on marketing through Rogers Media.

This year we are going to implementing "RAMP GAMESHEETS" for tracking all ringette game stats, results and game details. Each association should be deciding on hardware and preparing your team members on how to use the software. RO/Ramp will be communicating more soon on how to use the software etc. This Sat is the first event to use the Ramp Game sheets app for the Whitby Warm up tournament. You can view results for this event and all league/tournaments going forward at OntarioRingetteGames.com (Score2Stats is no longer in operation)

I would like to thank all executive and region coordinators for stepping up again for this coming season. There is going to be several executives in the region that this could be their last season volunteering for the region. Association Presidents please look at the region positions as an opportunity to remain involved outside of your home association, we need to ensure our Region has strong volunteerism. Also, the first draft of the Top 10 priorities has been posted please provide your input on those items after tonight's meeting so we can finalize them prior to the end of the month. Thanks also to all association team members for their hard working getting the 2022/2023 season organized and ready to run.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CS", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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