

Competitions Western Region – Report for General Meeting, Dec 1, 2022

Regionals 2022

This event will be run in Kitchener and Wilmot (New Hamburg) April 14-16, 2023. Watch for a registration link and pricing shortly.

Regionals 2024

Is your association interested in hosting Regionals in 2024 (maybe 2025?) or at some time in the future? Let us know!

Provincials

The year end Provincial Events are now run by the office.

Details for the Provincial Events can be found here:

<https://ringetteontario.com/games-and-tournaments/provincialsofficial/>

Ringette Ontario will be seeking out hosts for future events. Please let us know and contact the RO office if you are interested in hosting an event.

Tournaments

Welcome back to tournaments! Most tournaments will be scheduled similarly to in the past. Please remember that when attending tournaments, TRF Adjustments are REQUIRED when using substitute players and MUST be approved prior to the tournament. We have had at least one tournament with 3 teams submitting un-signed, un-approved TRF Adjustments. These are not acceptable and teams will be fined \$50 per game where an unapproved player was used, and may be stripped of medals as games with illegal players are considered a FORFEIT.

If you have one of the many current illnesses going through your team, as a few teams have had already, plan ahead, and arrange “in case” subs. Once the subs are approved if player A is now well enough to play but player B is now ill, it is straightforward to have the same sub player approved to replace a different player.

Tournament Hosts

Reminder that associations hosting tournaments still need the same approvals as pre-covid (schedules etc).

RO recently distributed a new Sanctioned Event package.

Post tournament requirements have changed - please refer to the Sanctioned Event package.

Fully Served Penalties and Suspensions

Please continue reporting all fully served penalties (#14 Misconduct, Rough Play, Majors, Misconducts, Matches).

Suspensions will continue to apply for Misconducts, Matches, and players receiving 10 minutes or more in penalties in a game, and head coaches, if a team has 30 minutes or more in penalties.

In the WRRL, the penalties have been updated. Unfortunately, updating wiped out penalties from prior games and it looks like a whole bunch of player received misconduct penalties (we know they did not!!). Going forward in the WRRL league, if a player receives a suspendable penalty, it will be flagged in RAMP. However it is only flagged for WRRL. If you have a player with a suspendable penalty, you still need to contact Competitions, within 24 hours or before

your next game, which ever is less. Can't reach anyone? It is YOUR responsibility to sit your player for their next game. Not reaching out is not an excuse for a player or bench staff not serving a suspension, and the same thing applies with fines and game forfeits as illegal subs.

Want to come play with us?

What kinds of things does the Competitions Committee do?

- Set tournament formats, including formalization of FunFests
- Approve tournament schedules to ensure a consistency in events and fairness to all teams
- Manage player suspensions (and assist coaching when needed for coaching suspensions)
- Approve player substitutions following set rules and guidelines
- Jointly with the membership Director, approve 2-team contracts, following set rules and guidelines
- Offer support to the leagues as needed
- Support all Western Region tournaments (in person if possible, but in person is NOT a requirement)
- Oversee the year-end regional event

This will likely be my last year on the Competitions Committee. We need new volunteers to step into this role. However, that said, I will not leave a new person without assistance, and am quite willing to help anyone who is willing to step in.

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