



WRRRA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

April 27th, 2023

Great Lakes Ringette League

- AA and A Provincial Ringette teams in Western Region have completed the 2022/23 Ringette playing season
- Some games were forfeited and fines paid to GLRL
- Western Region teams performed extremely well in league play winning almost every division:
 - U12A – Waterloo
 - U14A – Forest
 - U16A – Forest
 - U16AA – London
 - U19AA – Waterloo

Championships

- Provincials were also very successful for Western Region
 - U19AA – Waterloo (silver)
 - U14AA – Kitchener (silver)
 - U19A – Forest (gold), London (silver), Dorchester-L (bronze)
 - U16A – Forest (gold)
 - U14A – Mitchell (gold)

Tryouts

- We had 526 athletes put in their intents to tryout this season – this number is down, but does not include U12A
- The following willing-to-host applications were approved:

	14A	14AA	16A	16AA	19A	19AA	Total
Chatham	Yes						1
Dorchester	Yes		Yes		Yes		3
Elora Fergus					Yes		1
Forest	Yes		Yes		Yes		3
Guelph	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	4
Kitchener		Yes		Yes	Yes		3
London		Yes		Yes		Yes	3
Mitchell	Yes						1
St. Mary's					Yes		1
Tillsonburg	Yes						1
Waterloo	Yes		Yes			Yes	3
TOTAL	7	2	4	2	6	3	24



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Important dates in the tryout process:

Date (2023)	Event	Date (2023)	Event
February 1st	Intent to try-out goes live	May 10th	AA teams declared
March 1st	Intent form closes	May 10th - May 28th	A Try-outs (14, 16, 19)
March 8th	Willing-to-host forms due	May 31st	A Teams Declared
March 13th	Associations notified of approvals	September 1 - September 10th	U12 Evaluations
March 26th - April 2nd	Try-out schedules posted	September 13th	U12 Teams formed?
April 17th-May 8th	AA Try-outs		

Tryout Document

- The document was reviewed by the provincial committee and many updates, changes and clarifications were added
- Links to the most recent documents from RO were included
- Section regarding combined teams was added
- Slideshow was created for Associations to use for parent information sessions to ensure a consistent message
- The document was adopted in part by Southern Region as well as the slideshow
- Southern, Central and Western Regions worked together to have similar tryout dates to make player movement between regions easier

U12 Division

- There are many questions surrounding this age group – RO did send out a document surrounding U12 team formation
- The Provincial committee reviewed the document and sent in a list of questions for RO to clarify before more information is sent out to all associations in Western Region
- The uncertainty of competitive level of play at this age group has created a large amount of under-agers putting intents in for U14AA/A
- Once clarity is provided by RO, we could see some teams at U14A fold before tryouts begin



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Areas of Concern:

- This year we saw some poor behaviour of coaches, players and parents to the point that teams were forfeiting games, referees were refusing to ref games and, to the most extreme, an assault on a referee at the Guelph tournament – this behaviour is absolutely unacceptable, and associations need to adopt a zero-tolerance policy for such behaviour
- Goalie shortage continues to be an issue in our sport and needs to continue to be an area of focus
- Boys in ringette – as RO and RC continue to promote ringette for boys, more opportunities need to be made available to support boys at the provincial level of play – and the answer cannot continue to be “play regional”.

Thank You:

- A special thank-you to our referees for continuing to remind folks that this is a game, a game we all love, and that the players are kids for whom we are to be models for
- Thank-you to all of the volunteers who helped this season run as smoothly as possible – it can sometimes be a thankless job
- Thank-you to all of the provincial reps and associations for making an effort to work together this year during the team formation process
- Thank-you to Chris Sharpe and Mark DeLaFranier for representing Western Region at Ringette Ontario and ensuring our voices were heard
- Thank-you to the dedication of both the athletes and their supporting families to the awesome sport of Ringette.

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