



Western Region Ringette Association Chair's Report

WRRRA AGM April 27, 2023

The second half of the 2022/2023 season has been full of ups and downs but has finished on a high note. All the year-end ringette events have been completed and I am very proud of all of our region's associations and incredible teams for how they finished the season. It was a pleasure have our first complete year since covid go relatively smoothly all the way to completion without a shut down.

Regional Play:

WRRRA successfully hosted the 2023 Regional Championships a couple weekend ago in the Kitchener/Wilmot area. I want to thank all of the regional volunteers who help organize and run the event. Special thanks go out to Nancy Houghtling for chairing the event again this year, and to the executive and directors that stepped up to help in my absence. You are all amazing. Thanks to Jason for all his work and time putting into organizing and leading the WRRL league, without your leadership and effort WRRL would of struggled to operate as well as it has.

Provincial Play:

GLRL went forward with a complete season. The GLRL is planning their AGM for May 29, 2023 in person only at the Iceland Arena in Mississauga. Provincial Team formation is underway, cross our fingers everything goes smoothly. I want to stress, please associations to find ways to work together and support each other, our top priority needs to be to retain athletes in the sport however we can. Thanks to Shelley Handley for leading the A/AA committee and moving our team formation process forward, every year the process improves. The improvements this year should help associations find ways to work together more often.

AAA:

Congratulations to all Western AAA athletes that were able to participate in the OWG this year. I was personally at the event and thought it was some of the best ringette I have seen all season. Thanks to RO for putting on a great event. All the WRRRA athletes played very well.

RO – Planning for the 2023/24 Season:

- Strategic planning process was completed.
- Task force has made a presentation to all associations about changing the operation model of ringette across the province. Associations will have to decide and will be expected in the near future to attend a special meeting to vote on changing the bylaws of Ringette Ontario to facilitate a portion of the change, specifically removing the regions and region chairs from the board of directors and adoption of proposed zone model.
- Task force is being established to look at implementation of the new proposed operation model.
- RO's working on new U12 A/B/C team formation rules. Shelley Handley is leading the information and planning for the region on this matter. This includes creation of a new U12 yearend event.

-RO competition model is slightly changing for tournaments. 2nd half tournaments will contribute to a ranking process that will be used to determine who will be attending the provincial year end event next season. I would anticipate fewer overall teams will be attending provincials than has done in the recent past.

Top 10 Priorities List:

We made excellent progress on our top 10 list this past season. Thanks again to everyone who worked on the various priorities.

WRRRA Board & Coordinators:

I personally want to thank the entire board and coordinators that have put in so much of their time and effort this past season. We have accomplished a lot over the past 12 months, thanks to your patience with me and taking the time to make our region successful.

-Mark Delafranier, thanks for always being there and having a great mind with all your contributions. I would not have been able to do the chair roll without your aid for the last 4 years. Thanks for participating in the recent RO task force.

-Megan Carberry, you have done a remarkable job with our promotions, most notably the free stick program, thanks again.

-Elly Simpson, you are just such an amazing volunteer. Helping associations as membership services, helping with ramp and tournaments and even recently stepping up to help at regionals. We would have been in deep trouble with Ramp and tournaments without your guidance this year.

-Jason Vermeiren, great job on running WRRL...I know you don't have a child in the sport right now, and all your help has been unbelievable...WRRL has done so well.

-Shelley Handley, (Future Dorchester President??)..Great job again this year with the A/AA team, this is a very difficult role. Thanks for creating the team formation power point presentation and figuring out what U12 will look like next season.

-John Mezenberg, I do see you around the rink an awful lot, because you so involved with Officiating, coaching, Team O and NRL. Everyone respects and cherishes the information and guidance you provide including myself. Thanks so much for being there for our HP athletes

-Barb Green, You have been one of the most organized Treasurer's I have had the pleasure of working in my ringette volunteer career. You are always on top of our money and where it is, this is so important but often not obvious to others. Thanks for everything, your level of detail again this years was top notch.

-Stephanie Smith, Thanks for being at our meetings and bring adult issues to light. Specifically highlighting the need for RO to consider Adult interested in the new operation model.

-Denise Pelletier, thanks for organizing our amazing officials again this year for regional championships and leading the charge to ensure our officials issues are not forgotten and brought to the forefront

-Nancy Houghtling your dedication to this sport for the last 10+ years has been to the sports benefit. It is tough to be the person who applies the rules that means players or coaches are not allowed to play, however you have done as good of a job at it as anyone. Your knowledge and experience have been such an important asset for WRRRA and ringette as a whole across the province. I know you no longer call WRRRA region your home, but we consider you as part of the WRRRA family and we are so grateful for all that you have done.

Association Presidents, I am asking you to take the time to review the proposed new RO operational model. Get involved and engage in the proposed changes and how they might affect. It would be my recommendation that meet and discuss with each of your board members and create a list of questions or comments about the proposal and send it to RO, so they can address them directly before you decide of vote on the changes.

Yours in Ringette,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Sharpe,
Chair of Western Region Ringette Association

WRRR Top Priorities -2022/2023 Season

UPDATED: 15-Feb-23
Team Leader
(of the Rock
Band)

#	Project (Rock)	Description - Overview (Initial but can be modified by team lead)	Team Members (Rock Stars)	Complete Y/N	Status Notes
1	Team Formation	Successfully manage through B/C team formation	Jason B/C Play Committee	Yes	Manage team formation in a way to minimize time to complete so B/C league play can start as soon as possible this season
2	RAMP Gamesheets	Launch Ramp Gamesheets for WORL and GLRL game play in WRRR	Chris	Yes	Ramp Game Sheets implementation completed for this season. Many opportunities for improvements for next season
3	Marketing Incl New Branding	Roll out Marketing plan for 2022 - Specifically free stick program, Rogers marketing. Finalize new Logo for the region	Megan Association Marketing Reps	Yes	Launch new free stick program, Marketing Plan
4	Goalie Clinics	Have 4 Goalie Clinics through out the region in 2022/23 season	Mark Cam	Yes	Three Clinics Completed. See Report from Mark D.
5	Officials	Find and secure new RIC for WRRR	Mark Rest of Board of Directors	No	Work and cultivate possible candidates. RIC is not a heavy role, but critical for season to go smoothly
6	Tryouts	Work with other region to beter align start of AA/A tryouts in Spring of 2023	Shelley Chris Sharpe	Yes	Updated team formation guidelines and have already coordinated dates
7	Tryouts	Develop electronic method for tracking player releases	Elly Shelley/Peter	No	Meeting occurred and decision to only update form and utilize Peter documents for now. Request sent to RO to update form
8	Player movement	Work with other regions to permit easier process to allow for player movement over region boundaries	Chris Elly Simpson	No	Southern Region and Central Region. Southern Region has formally notified Chris they do not wish to change the way boundaries effect player movement next season
9	League Scheduling	Need to find more efficient way for GLRL can schedule season. Submission of Ice that better aligns with team needs	TBD Phil Singeris & Jim File	No	Should Age/ level of team dictate type/time of ice that needs to be submitted?
10	Parent Education	Parent engagment and education about the sport	Association Presidents Shelley/Jason	No	Each association put on a minimum of one Parent Education session on a topic of their choosing this season. Any U12A potential host associations must create pathway for parents to learn about what it means to participate in Provincial play