



WRRL REPORT

December 7th, 2023

NEW LEAGUE:

- Work is continuing on forming the new league - look for a naming and logo competition coming soon!
- The league will be incorporated to protect the volunteers in the league.
- The governance part will be similar to GLRL and rules for the league will be similar to those established in the WRRL.

RESEEDING:

- Meetings are as follows:
 - U12 - Wednesday, Dec. 6th - hosted by Southern/Central
 - U16 - Thursday, Dec 7th - hosted by Southern/Central
 - Rest of WRRL on Dec. 11th
- Ice for second half due to Chris McMichael ASAP.

REGIONALS:

- Regionals will be in London from March 22-24
- The Southern and Central teams in U14-U19 will be participating in WRRLs regionals this year. Thank-you London for being so accomodating!

MATCH PENALTIES:

- Reminder that match penalties are an automatic 2 game suspension - players cannot be in dressing rooms, at practices or team events. They cannot be in the stands - only in warm viewing areas - however it is best they are not at the arena at all.

BENCH STAFF EJECTIONS:

- Any bench staff that are ejected from a game receive an automatic 1 game suspension. The bench staff member cannot be in dressing rooms, at practices or team events. They cannot be in the stands - only in warm viewing areas.



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ADULT BEHAVIOUR:

- Adult behaviour continues to be an issue in our sport. This behaviour is making it difficult for associations to find referees and for our children to enjoy the sport. It is also a point of stress and frustration for the volunteers trying to run a successful season in league play and for volunteers at the association level as well. As a result, the following will be introduced at the reseeding meeting:

This is your warning: if a referee ejects a bench staff from a game - it is an automatic one game suspension according to RO rules. The WRRL will add up to an additional 2 games for ejections that occur in WRRL league games. This means no practices and no team events. You are not to be in dressing rooms or the ice surface areas - you may only be in viewing areas until the full suspension has been served.

If the same bench staff member is ejected from a second game, they will no longer be in good standing with the WRRL and will no longer be allowed on the bench.

Fans in arenas: If a referee, or any other authority, removes a fan from the stands - it will also be automatically for 3 games. In this case, the fan is not to be in the arena at the same time as their child's ringette team is in the arena. This will be the association's and team coaches' responsibilities to monitor.

MIXED TEAM RATIO:

- So far, all of the feedback I have received is that people are happy that rules exist for mixed team play. A further review will happen in the second half of the season.

COMPLAINTS:

- The WRRL has received several complaints this season and is following up on all issues and tracking them along with the response by associations
- The process is as follows:
 - Any coach with a complaint sends it to their association president and/or WRRL Rep.
 - The association will then forward the complaint to the offending association president and/or WRRL rep. **and the Chair or WRRL**
 - The WRRL Chair will ask for a response from the offending association
 - If multiple complaints are received the WRRL may step in to issue consequences etc.