



Western Region Ringette Association

Chair Report

WRRRA AGM June 7th, 2024

Dear Members of the Ringette Community,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to everyone involved in making the 2023/24 season a remarkable success. This season marked a significant shift from our long-standing operational setup, and despite the absence of the Ringette Ontario coordinating committees and the vacation of the Western Region coordinators, our operations ran smoothly. Several areas for improvement were identified and, as discussed in the recent Ringette Ontario town hall, many of these are on the radar for the upcoming season. We are undergoing a period of change and have the opportunity to be positive contributors.

I would like to highlight some of our notable successes:

Regional Play:

- Refined fair and equitable play measures.
- Active monitoring, tracking, and resolution of all complaints and disciplinary actions.
- Enhanced safe sport measures.
- Tremendous success of the regional tournament, with London Ringette doing an outstanding job as host.
- Congratulations to all teams who participated.
- A huge thank you to all volunteers, bench staff, and officials.
- The WRRL served as a foundational framework for the inception of the LORL.
- Successful shutdown of the WRRL and handoff to the LORL.

Provincial Play:

- An outstanding season for teams in the GLRL.
- Seamless coordination with the GLRL.
- Excellent oversight of the 2024/25 tryout and team formation process.

Volunteers:

- **Shelley Handley:** Outstanding job as Chair of the WRRL and in the formation of the LORL.
- **Shae Stanbra:** Excellent work in driving the 2024/25 season tryout and team formation process.

- **Barbara Green:** Thank you for your meticulous work in maintaining accurate financial records.
- **Elly Simpson:** Thank you for handling the countless RAMP paperwork.
- **Chris Sharpe:** Thank you for your information, advice, and counsel throughout the season.
- **Presidents:** A huge thank you from the bottom of my heart. You experience the good, bad, and ugly firsthand.

2024/25 Roadmap:

I recommend that the Western Region continue aligning with the central operational strategy adopted by Ringette Ontario, following the path of the Central and Southern regions in dissolving. This will be a slow and methodical process involving all Western Region member clubs. At a minimum, I would like to ensure that a transition plan is discussed and agreed upon for the following topics:

- Mary and Keith Scholarship Program
- Operational plans and communication paths between clubs and Ringette Ontario, as well as clubs and leagues
- Provincial team formation and tryouts
- Deprecation plan of electronic systems and expenses (e.g., RAMP, Google Drive, etc.)
- Fair plan for asset distribution to members
- Complete ONCA compliance

With the support of experienced members and the wider community, I am confident that we can put effective transition plans in place.

Once again, thank you to everyone. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Mark DeLaFranier
WRRRA Chair