

Western Region Ringette League (WRRL)

December 8/09 – Stratford Spruce Lodge 7:00 pm

Present:

President: Kevin Hanlon - Wellington North
Vice-President: Kendra Vermilyea - Owen Sound
Treasurer: Dave Eccles -- Hanover
Western Commissioner: Jay Armstrong - St. Mary's
Eastern Commissioner: John Mezenburg - Guelph
Secretary: Jody Goldhawk - London

Guests: Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling - Western Reg G & T
Jeaninne VanKessel- West U14- U19 Scheduler
Michelle Hodgerts – West U9, U 10, U12 Scheduler
Terry Williams – East Statistician
Kate Kayman – West Statistician

Role Call: Chatham, Dorchester, London, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg
Forest, Goderich, Mitchell, Seaforth, St. Marys
Hanover, Owen Sound, Tara, Wellington North
Elora-Fergus, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Woolwich

Absent – Stratford, St. Clements

Meeting Called to order @ 7:15 pm. By Kevin Hanlon

1.) Commissioners Reports

East Report

First half gone well in East, no comments or complaints yet.

West Report

First half no issues also.

2.) Regionals & Playoffs

Final league standings will determine Champions and seeding for Regionals. The WRRL will not have playoffs for this season. Instead of metal for the individual league divisions there will be Banners for winners of each Tier in League Play for East and West. U9 will still get metals (all gold).

Regionals are March 26–29 in Guelph

By Jan 21 all teams are to commit to Regionals with \$200 deposit.

We will try to have 4 championship teams in each division for Regionals (2 from Tier 1 of East and West). The rest will go to the invitational side with tiering.

2nd Half of season will run from Jan 2/10 until Feb 28/10. Make up games must be completed by March 6/10. All games will count towards league standings. It will be a 20 game season. Trying to place teams in competitive tiers so that they all have a fair schedule.

3.) Overage Players.

Overage players: In the past you couldn't compete in Championship side because you have overage players. Some of the stronger teams in the East have an overage player on the team and thus would have to play invitational in past. Want to look at ranking teams based on their standings. We allow these teams to play in league play and tournaments without any restrictions (as long as 3 max), therefore should look at lifting restrictions for Regionals.

If motion is passed then it would have to be ratified at the Jan 21 Western Region meeting. It could be a problem to ask for this motion to be passed for mid season, since some teams have build their teams with these rules in mind. Could also look at passing this motion today but request that this be implemented next year.

*Motion : To ask Region to change the Overage player rule that disallows a team to play in Championship side of Regionals. 1st – Guelph 2nd – London
All in Favour – 13 Opposed – 8*

4.) New Business

Making Ethical Decisions : New Mandatory MED certification for any Coach who has CSI completed in 2003-2004, or level 1 (prior to 2003). These courses are listed on Western Region website.

Suggest that in 2nd half of season that the schedulers make sure all the schedules on the WRRL website are updated, so there is no confusion on the re-scheduled games. This is thought to be too difficult with the number of changes that have been made.

How do U9 teams get tiered in Regionals when the scores are not kept?? Commissioners will be contacting all the teams and ask coaches for feedback to make the tiers for Regionals fair and fun.

*Motion to adjourn 1st part of the meeting: Chatham, 2nd Mitchell
All in favour -- all*

5) Seeding and Divisions:

West & East Novice B – Cross conference play -- Tillsonburg, Chatham, Guelph, Waterloo . All 4 have agreed to cross conference play with hopefully some double headers. All four will go to Championship side of Regionals. Will play 8 home/away. 2 West teams will play a couple of Petite C team (stronger), East will play 2 extra games also.

West U9 – Bunny

Bunny Minor –Goderich, Seaforth

Bunny Major -- Chatham, Dorchester, Tillsonburg, Exeter ?, Forest, Mitchell (2), St. Mary's .

Every association should submit by mid Feb/10 a rankings of teams you played, so that tiers can be made for Regionals. Jay to send something out to all the associations.

West – U 10 Novice

Novice C – 14 teams left in the West

Tier 1 – Dorchester, Mitchell Black, St. Mary's , Exeter, London 2, Forest White, Seaforth

Tier 2 – Forest Blue, London 1, Tillsonburg C, St. Thomas, Goderich, Mitchell White, London 3

Top 2 from Tier 1 will go to the Championship side of Regionals for Novice C.

For Banners it will be the top team of each tier that will get the banner.

7 teams in each tier, Try for 12 games, home/away for each of the teams in their tiers.

West – U12 Petite

Petite B – Chatham , will be moving to Tween C to play their games, but they will play Petite B at Regionals in Championship side.

Petite C – 11 teams in West

Tier 1 – 5 teams - Exeter, Goderich, London 2, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, 8 games, home/away, and 2 exhibition games vs. Novice B

Tier 2 – 6 teams – London 1, Seaforth, Dorchester, Forest, St. Marys, Mitchell, 10 games, home/away

West – U14 Tween

Tween C – 10 teams in West, plus Chatham B team to Tier 1 = 11 teams

Tier 1 – 6 teams – London 2, London 3, Exeter, Forest White, St. Thomas, Chatham Petite B. 10 games, home/away.

Tier 2 – 5 teams – London 1, Mitchell, Forest Blue, Goderich, Seaforth. 8 games, home/away, 2 extra games

West – U16 Junior

Junior – 5 teams, don't need cross conference play since all the teams are competitive in the West. London, Goderich, Forest, St. Thomas, Seaforth. 8 games, home/away.

West – U 19 Belle

Belle – 5 teams. London 1, London 2, Seaforth, Goderich, Mitchell. 8 games, home/away.

For all Tier 1 – top 2 teams will go to Championship side. All the rest will go to invitational side of Regionals. For Banners it will be the top team of each tier that will get the banner

East - U9 Bunny

Mississauga and Elora Fergus joining in second half
Three groups – level of play
Middle group plays both upper and lower group
Cambridge, Mississauga
Guelph, Waterloo, Owen Sound
Wellington North, Woolwich, Elora Fergus

East – U10 Novice

Novice C – 10 teams in East

Tier 1 (8 games home and home between all teams)
Hanover, Guelph, Waterloo C2, Kitchener C1, Elora Fergus C1 (moved from NB to NC)

U10C Tier 2 (8 games home and home between all teams)

Woolwich, Waterloo C1, Kitchener C2, Owen Sound, Elora Fergus C2

East – U12 Petite

U12 Tier 1 (8 game Round Robin. 4 home and 4 away games. Each team will play every team in the division)
Elora Fergus B, Owen Sound C, Guelph Blue C, Guelph Gold C, Kitchener B, Waterloo C, Wellington North C, TaraC, Kitchener C

East – U14 Tween

U 14 Tier 1 (8 game Round Robin. 4 home and 4 away games. Each team will play every team in the division)
Guelph C, Hanover B, Waterloo C, Kitchener B, Wellington North C, Owen Sound C, Elora Fergus C, Kitchener C, St. Clements C

East – U16 Junior

U16 (7 games – 3 home and 4 away games. All teams to play each other)
All teams to play home and home against each other
B teams to play extra game and C teams to play extra game against each other
Allows team to play 8th game with anyone else they prefer (ie. Cross Conference exhibition)
Owen Sound B, Kitchener B, Elora Fergus C, Tara C

East – U19 Belle

U19 (7 games - 3 home and 4 away games. All teams to play each other)
Waterloo, Woolwich Elora Fergus to play home and home and one game against each of the other 3 teams
Guelph, Kitchener, Wellington North to play home and home and one game against the other 3 teams
Allows team to play 8th game with anyone else they prefer (ie. Cross Conference exhibition)
Waterloo B, Woolwich B, Elora Fergus B, Kitchener B, Wellington North B, Guelph B

6.) Schedule

Conferences will try for 20 game schedule for whole season. 2nd Half of schedule will be Jan 2 till Feb 28/10.

Ice times need to be sent to ice schedulers in the format provided by Jeannine Van Kessel. All associations must submit their ice in the requested format via e-mail to schedulers before Dec 8 meeting or brought to the meeting.

Final schedule to be posted prior to Christmas.

WRRL Schedulers:

West – need ice divided by Tween/Junior/Belle – send to Jeannine Van Kessel and then

Bunny/Novice/Petite – send to Michelle Hodgert

East – Ice by division is preferred—send to Kendra Vermilyea

Blackouts dates are for Tournament unavailable days only.

7) Next Meetings

Jan 21/10 –General meeting will be in Stratford immediately following the Western Region meeting.

March 3/10 –Executive only – Work on the rankings for Regionals.

8) Adjournment 9:15 pm

Summary of Action Items:

Kevin Hanlon -- -Bring the motion for Overage players to the Western Region meeting for Ratification.

Jay - Send out e-mail for the Bunny U9 West rankings, and collect rankings For regionals.

John -Send out e-mail for the Bunny U9 East rankings, and collect rankings For regionals.

Schedulers Have schedule sent out by Christmas.