

ONTARIO RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

RINGETTE FLASH!

GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

TO ENSURE OUR MEMBERSHIP KNOW ABOUT CHANGES IN THE WORLD OF ONTARIO RINGETTE WE URGE YOU TO FOLLOW OUR RINGETTE FLASH! NEWSLETTERS:

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Sanctioned Events:

- Tournament schedules must be submitted in the approved format to the Regional G&T Coordinator **four weeks** prior to first day of the tournament, hosts must return schedule incorporating recommendations from G&T within 72 hours of receiving them to the Regional G&T Coordinator. All changes are to be highlighted to speed up the approval process. Tournament results must be submitted in the approved format to the Regional G&T Coordinator within 24 hours of the end of the tournament.
- Associations with more than one team at a level must identify the team by the initial of the head coach's last name.
- Clarifications for Substitutions at Sanctioned Events:
 - There is a maximum of 4 substitutes per tournament in total.
 - 18+ Open players may play as a substitute for two tournaments in a season
 - A player registered in the 18+ Open Jacks division cannot substitute in the 18+ Open A division.

AA:

- All "AA" teams must submit by **July 20th** a list of 6 tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference to their Regional G&T Coordinator. Teams must include a minimum of one tournament in each of Central, Eastern, Southern and Western Regions.
- All teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments that they wish to attend as well as whether they would like their ranking games scheduled as evenly as possible throughout the season or with as many as possible towards the end of the season.

**2014-2015
Championships
Provincial AA
Championships
London
March 12-15, 2015.**

**Provincial A
Championships
Newmarket
March 19-22, 2015.**

**U12 Provincial
Event
Oshawa
April 9-12, 2015.**

- To be eligible to attend Provincials, teams are required to attend a minimum of 4 ORA sanctioned events and 2 of those tournaments must be out of the home Region.
- The winning percentage for the AA ranking will be based on the number of scheduled ranking games played. If a team withdraws from a ranking game, then that team will receive “0” points for the game and the opposing team will receive “2” points and a score of 1-0.

A:

- All U14 Tween A and U16 Junior “A” teams must submit by **July 20th** and all U19 Belle A and 18+ Open A teams by **September 14th** a list of 6 tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference to their Regional G&T Coordinator.
- Teams must include tournaments from at least three different regions and a minimum of two tournaments must be prior to **December 1st**.
- All teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments that they wish to attend as well as how many they would prefer to attend prior to **December 1st** (preference not guarantee). To be eligible to attend Provincials, teams are required to attend a minimum of 3 ORA sanctioned events at the appropriate level, a minimum of one of which must be out of the home Region. Attendance at 4 ORA sanctioned events, a minimum of 2 of which must be out of Region are required for maximum exposure. Every U14 Tween A through 18+ Open A team must attend a minimum of one tournament by the end of the first weekend in December.
- The exposure factor will no longer be a consideration for 18+ Open A teams.
- Teams registered in the 18+ Open A Jacks division will play in 18+ Open A Jacks divisions in tournaments.
- 18+ Open A teams will be considered for reseeding based on caliber of play.
- Teams in the 18+ Open A Jacks division will play in the “AA” Provincials.
- The winner from the 18+ Open A Jacks division will represent Ontario at the Eastern Championships.

U12:

- All teams must submit by **September 18th** a list of 5 tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference to their Regional G&T Coordinator. Teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments they wish to attend. To be eligible to attend the Provincial Event, all U12 Petite Provincial teams are required to attend a minimum of two ORA sanctioned events at the appropriate level one of which must be out of region and a maximum of 5 tournaments including the Provincial Event.

- Teams need to do their best to attend one tournament by **November 21** and a second by **January 15**.
 - Each team must also submit a completed team grid form: <http://www.ontario-ringette.com/administration/documents/G&TF11.pdf> to their Regional G&T Coordinator by **September 18th**.

Tournament Information Affecting all AA, A and U12 Teams:

- Tournaments and ranking games will be assigned to the AA teams at the August SCM, tournaments to the U14A and U16A teams at the August SCM, to the U19A and 18+ teams during a conference call the week of **September 15th** and tournaments to the U12's during a conference call the week of **September 22nd**.
- Failure to provide the list of tournaments as requested will result in the teams being assigned to tournaments as fits the requirements of the G&T Committee.
- Teams Wishing to Attend Additional Tournaments After Tournament Selections Have Been Made:
 - If a team wishes to add a tournament, it will be their responsibility to refer to the posted chart, find a tournament that is able to accommodate additional teams and then contact their Regional G&T Coordinator to assist them registering for the tournament. Once posted, the committee will not be reshuffling teams from one tournament to another to enable a team to add another tournament.
- Teams Withdrawing From Ranking Games or Tournaments:
 - If a team withdraws from a ranking game, then that team will receive "0" points for the game and the opposing team will receive "2" points and a score of 1-0
 - A provincial level team wishing to withdraw from a tournament that they have been assigned to through the selection process will be issued a \$500 fine for withdrawing unless there is a justification that is approved by the Provincial G&T Committee.

Provincial Events:

- There will not be any over time during round robin games at any of the Provincial Events.
- In a division with less than 8 teams, the top three teams will advance to the medal round: Bronze medal game – 3rd ranked versus 2nd, Gold medal game – 1st versus winner of Bronze medal game.
- A Provincial Championships: there is an option to add one more team to the lowest tier of any division if there is only one team being excluded from participating.
- U12 Petite Provincial Event: this event will include up to 12 U12 Regional teams. All Regional teams wishing to attend must register via the on line intent to proceed registration form by **November 20, 2014**. In early December, up to twelve teams will be randomly drawn during a G&T conference call.