

## 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:**

### **2015-2016 SEASON UPDATES:**

#### **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. 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. 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. Percentages will be used for final rankings.**
- **New this year:** All U16AA, U19AA and 18+A Jacks divisions at tournaments will have twenty (20) minute periods.

#### **A:**

- All U14A, U16A and U19A teams must submit by **July 20th** and all 18+A teams by **September 14th** a list of **6** tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference. Teams must include tournaments from at least three different regions and a minimum of two tournaments must be prior to December 1st. The top four tournament selections must include two options from out of Region. All teams must indicate the total number of in and out of region tournaments that they wish to attend as

#### **2015-2016 Championships**

Provincial AA  
Championships  
Waterloo  
March 10-13, 2016.

Provincial A  
Championships  
Timmins  
March 17-20, 2016.

U12 Provincial  
Event  
CORA  
April 7-10, 2016.

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. Every U14 A through 18+ Open A team must attend a minimum of one tournament by the end of the first weekend in December.

- 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.
- **New this year:** The exposure factor will be removed from the wild card process at all levels. The top four tournament selections submitted by the coaches must include two options from out of region. Any team withdrawing from a tournament will receive four (4) losses in addition to any other sanctions already in place. The total number of teams attending the AA Provincials at the 18+ Open A Jacks Division will be capped at ten (10).

### **U12:**

- All teams must submit by **September 18th** a list of **5** tournaments that they would like to attend, ranked in order of preference. 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.
- Tournaments and ranking games will be assigned to the AA teams at the August SCM, tournaments to the U14A, U16A and U19A teams at the August SCM, to the 18+ teams during a conference call the week of Sept. 15th and tournaments to the U12's during a conference call the week of Sept. 22nd. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in the teams being assigned to tournaments as fits the requirements of the G&T Committee.
- **New this year:** U12 Petite Provincial teams - Fall tournaments are set in September, tournaments after January 1 are tentatively set in September, however, are subject to change in early December. The rationale for this is that the first priority is for the teams to play against teams where they can be competitive

### **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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked versus 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gold medal game – 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2015**. In early December, up to twelve teams will be randomly drawn during a G&T conference call.
- New this year: Provincial teams will be required to provide contact information to be used throughout the year including the booking of rooms at Provincial Events and for receiving information regarding these events by the end of June. Teams will have the option to provide this information on line or by spreadsheet. The form for tournament selection will be circulated to the coaches by July 5<sup>th</sup> after the tournaments have been sanctioned.