



September 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2011/2012 Season!

Another Season is Underway

Welcome to all new to West Ottawa and returning ringette players and their families. Another exciting ringette season is underway!

We're growing! This year West Ottawa passed the 300 registered player level and we have shown steady growth over the past few years. Great news for our sport!

Team Placements

This year we will be icing 19 teams: 7 provincial teams – U19 Belle A, U16 Junior AA, U16 Junior A, U14 Tween AA, U14 Tween A and 2 U12 Provincial Petite teams – as well as 12 recreational teams. Last but not least we have a mighty group of more than 50 U7 Bunnies.

The U16 Junior AA, U14 Tween AA and U14 Tween A teams were fully set during our spring tryouts.

Thank you to Jackie Banning, Competitive Co-ordinator, Trevor Woods, Recreational Co-ordinator, and Dawne Flaborea, Vice President who oversaw the tryout and placement process for all your hard work. Thank you as well as to everyone who kept things organized at the sign-in tables and who ran the players through endless hours of drills and scrimmages.

As always we'd like to learn from how things went so if you have any feedback – good, bad or otherwise please let us know.

Practices and Games

Our Director of Logistics, Bob Lecuyer, and our Ice Scheduler, Liz Abbott, have posted the next week of the practice schedule on our website. Practices over the Thanksgiving weekend will be scheduled based on demand from the individual teams.

Games for the recreational teams will begin the weekend of October 1st. Once the game schedule is known the games will be posted on the Schedules section of our website. Practices are typically posted two weeks in advance.

All of our teams play in the National Capital Region Ringette League (NCRRL), except for our 'AA' teams, which play in the Quebec Elite League (LERQ).

For the NCRRL the first half of the season will consist of 8 games and will end on December 2nd. The second half of the season starts on December 3rd, and will consist of 8 games, ending on February 12th, followed by 4 round robin play-off games beginning February 18th for teams not in our West Ottawa tournament. The first 8 games are essentially exhibition games, at the end of which the NCRRL re-assesses the placement of the teams and re-seeds them if necessary for the second half.

Coaches

The first West Ottawa Coaches' Meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart High School in room 134. Head Coaches should make every attempt to attend as a lot of information will be covered.

Further coaches' meetings will be held monthly for coach development and mentoring.

Managers

A meeting of all team Managers is being held on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart High School in room 134. Attendance is critical as this is where you find out everything you need to know!

Ottawa 67's Ringette Night Fundraiser

Friday, November 25 is Ringette Night at the Civic Centre! All ringette teams across the Eastern Region will sell tickets at \$11 each for the 67's game and each association will receive back \$5.35 times the number of tickets sold. The team that sells the most tickets in the region will win a suite for 10 people for the night of the game.

The 2nd intermission will showcase ringette and players are all encouraged to wear their jerseys so we stand out as a big group in the crowd.

Tickets will be available from your team manager at the beginning of October.

West Ottawa is hosting 2012 'A' Provincials!

This year West Ottawa is hosting the 2012 Provincial A Championships from March 15th to 18th, 2012. This event will see the best A teams in the province playing in our arenas. As hosts all our A teams are automatically entitled to a spot in the championships. Watch for more details as the Championships draw closer.

West Ottawa Annual Tournament

The West Ottawa Annual Tournament takes place on February 17th to 19th, 2012 and is the main fundraiser for our association, raising more than \$8,000 each year. All West Ottawa teams can expect to play in the tournament unless there aren't enough teams in a particular division and every family is expected to volunteer some of their time toward this event.

In addition to the help that is needed in the planning of this event, every parent can expect to assist over the tournament weekend as timekeepers, scorekeepers and arena hosts and hostesses.

More details will follow over the next couple of months. The players love hosting their own tournament and the more people who get involved, the more enjoyable it is for all!



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Timekeeping and Scorekeeping

The 'Home' team must always supply the timekeeper and scorekeeper (and shot clock operator if applicable) for the game. Teams need to ensure that as many parents as possible are trained in these functions.

A Word About Ice

The City has not changed its ice allocations to West Ottawa for the 2011/12 season so we have much of the same ice as last season. A lot of our ice has been on weekends, but we also have some weekday ice slots: 5 and 6 p.m. at Stittsville on Mondays, 4:30 p.m. at Richmond on Wednesdays, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at Carp on Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. at GRC on Fridays, and 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kinburn Sensplex on Fridays. In addition, we also have 2 hours per week for the Bunny program. Even with little or no weekday hours available to us for purchase, we were able to supplement the weekday ice with an additional hour at 4:15 at the Sensplex on Mondays. Since we are icing 19 teams this year (which is 3 more than last year), we have also acquired additional weekend ice at Beckwith Arena at 7:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. We realize that 7:00am practices may not be ideal but it was really a trade off of reducing the ice time given to all our teams versus the inconvenience. Your team may rotate through many of these ice times over the course of the year. The new ice pad at GRC is anticipated in the new year and we have requested additional week day and week end hours at this new ice pad.

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Members should check the website regularly for important messages that may be posted, both on the home page, as well as on their team's schedule page. Contact information for the Executive and all the teams can also be found there. We encourage you to explore our website and the various links provided.

The NCRRL website (www.erra.ncrrl.on.ca) also contains a wealth of information on league rules, game schedules, scores and standings, and contact information for all the teams in the league.

If you have a question and you're not sure who to direct it to, just use the 'Contact Us' e-mail link and someone will get back to you.

Team & Spirit Wear

EmbroidMe is the official provider of West Ottawa Team and Spirit Wear. See the website for more details and catalogs showing what West Ottawa clothing and other items are available. Contact EmbroidMe if you have any questions.

Player and Team Photos

We are pleased to again offer you the services of West Ottawa's own Brent Darbyson. Brent operates Top Shelf Sports Photography which specializes in action shots and offers some unique products. Brent will come to the arenas to photograph the teams and players and offer his personalized service. Your team manager will have more information shortly – you can also visit his website at: topshelportsphotography.smugmug.com

Goalies, Goalies and More Goalies

West Ottawa is always seeking more goalies. In fact in order to attract goalies to play in our association those that bring their own equipment get their registration refunded at the end of the year! So spread the word to any goalie you know.

Jerseys and On-Ice Pants

West Ottawa is in the process of introducing new jerseys for all teams. The process will be completed next year. In order to complement the new jersey we've worked with Rink-Pro Sports to introduce a new on-ice pant. This pant is a recent Team Canada pant design and looks great with the new jerseys. There is a discount on the new on-ice pant for orders received by October 1st, 2011. See Rink-Pro to order your pants.



West Ottawa Hosting a NRL Game

West Ottawa will be hosting a National Ringette League (NRL) game on Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm at the Richmond Arena. Come out to watch some great ringette as the Ottawa Ice take on the Gloucester Devils. The game will be followed by the NRL players giving player clinics. Adult admission is \$5.00, but our girls get in for free as long as they are wearing their team jersey!! Advance tickets will be available from Dawne Flaborea. More information will be available on our website.

Introducing Your 2011/12 Executive

President	Rich Wyatt
Vice-President	Dawne Flaborea
Treasurer	Shelley Wong
Registrar	Jennifer Carroll
Competitive Coordinator	Jackie Banning
Recreational Coordinator	Trevor Woods
Director of Logistics	Bob Lecuyer
Director of Administration	Leigh Anne Sinclair
Secretary	Lorraine Douglas
Director at Large	Larry Franko

Coordinators

The Executive would like to thank all those who have volunteered for various support positions this year:

Referee-In-Chief	Brian Sime
Coaching Coordinator	Colleen Moore
Tournament Coordinator	Gabby Doiron
Equipment Coordinator	Ray Quintal
Grocery Card Coordinator	Shari Jones
Webmaster	Kevin Meek
Ice Scheduler	Liz Abbott
Statistician	Larry Franko

**To all our players, bench staff and parents
we wish you an enjoyable and successful
year !!!**

Your West Ottawa Ringette Association Executive