

## **WORL AA/A Team Declaration and Tryout Process 2011-2012**

*The following document sets out important timelines that must be met in proceeding through the player declaration, team tryout and team selection process. This process should facilitate informed communication between Western Region and its member Associations. It should help to identify potential conflicts so that they can be dealt with in a timely and mutually respectful manner, allowing the process to move along to completion.*

*If there is one thing parents want, it is to see their child enjoying themselves and getting better at playing the great sport of ringette. This is what makes Provincial Ringette a worthwhile investment. Let us be reminded of this as we embark upon a new season, remembering it is the players who make this great sport what it is.*

### **Goals:**

The primary goal of the WORL and Western Region is to work cooperatively to create as many competitive teams at each competition and age level within the Region as possible, and thereby ensuring that qualified players have a place to play.

### **Objectives:**

- 1) To improve communication among Western Region member associations and teams through documentation and preliminary meetings.
- 2) To increase the transparency of the process by ensuring that everyone knows what the steps are and how decisions are to be made.
- 3) To build on and make better use of the player-tracking process.
- 4) To form and implement an Overview Committee when needed to monitor the Process. The Committee would include a diverse representation of individuals from across our Region and would be empowered to enforce all steps and associated actions as identified in the Process.
- 5) To implement a timeline for the completion for the AA and A process.
- 6) To clarify the Provincial process through documentation so that all receive the same information.

## WORLD AA/A Tryout and Team Declaration Dates 2011-2012

### Intent-to-Play Forms:

- **All Western Region players** wishing to try out for any A or AA-Provincial level team are required to complete the online Intent-to-Play Form no later than **March 31, 2011** and before participating in the first tryout session hosted by ANY ringette association, either their home association or a neighbouring association. Players will not be allowed to participate in any tryout session without having completed the form.
- Players from outside of Western Region who move into our region due to relocation for university or other legitimate reasons should register their intent as soon as they make the commitment to move, rather than waiting to physically arrive in the region. For instance, a player moving into the region to attend post-secondary education in Waterloo, Guelph or London should indicate their intent to play at the A or AA level as soon as they accept their offer of admission, allowing our member associations to include these players in their planning process.

### Provincial Petite (U12):

- **Provincial Petite (U12)** will follow the same timeline as U14A. This means that the provincial petite (U12) teams should conclude their selection process by June 15, 2011.

### Closed Tryouts:

- Associations which are holding **closed tryouts** and will form an A or AA team entirely of members in their own associations are still required to adhere to the Willing-To-Host deadline and player Intent-to-Play declaration. They may choose to hold their tryouts later, but should be aware that this may jeopardize their team formation if they end up having too few home association players to complete a roster, and may decrease the opportunities for their home association players who are not offered a spot on their team.

### AA Team Formation:

- Willing-To-Host AA Teams: Associations must complete the Willing-to-Host Form and submit the form to the regional coordinator (volunteer who will receive, update and post the pertinent information on the region website) by **March 31, 2011** if they wish & qualify to host a Provincial AA Level team for the 2011-2012 season.
- AA Tryout schedules posted no later than this date: **April 17**
- AA tryouts: 3 weeks including **April 25 to May 1; May 2 to 8; May 9 to 15**
- Each AA team must have completed at least 2 tryout sessions by **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** and will provide the Overview Committee with a tentative ranking of the players who have attended those tryouts by this date.
- AA team rosters: AA tryouts conclude with AA Full Rosters Declared by **Wednesday, May 18.**

### **A Team Formation:**

- Willing-To-Host A Teams: Associations must complete the Willing-to-Host Form and submit the form to the regional coordinator by **April 30, 2011** if they wish & qualify to host an A Level team for the 2011-2012 season.
- A Tryout schedules posted no later than this date: **May 15**
- A tryouts: 3 weeks including **May 23 to 29; May 30 to June 5; June 6 to 12**
- Each A team must have completed at least 2 tryout sessions by **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** and completed the online report identifying the players who have attended those tryouts.
- A team rosters: A tryouts conclude and A Full Rosters Declared by **Wednesday, June 15.**

### **U19 AA and U19 A Team Formation:**

- **Willing-to-host** declarations will follow the same timelines as listed above.
- Given that AA and A team composition may be heavily influenced by the movement of 3<sup>rd</sup> year U19 players due to university relocation, there **only needs to be one** tryout session at either of the AA or A levels completed by the willing host during this spring tryout period, as defined above. The remainder of the tryouts can be scheduled in late August or early September to meet the team roster declaration dates listed below.
- **Declaration dates for final team rosters** will be as listed below:
  - U19AA – Team rosters declared: **Sunday, Sept 11, 2011.**
  - U19A – Team rosters declared : **Sunday, Sept 25, 2011.**

## Current Association

Based on the Ontario Ringette Association Operating Manual – Membership Services Section

A player release granted on “Level of Play” will only be released to the **closest association** offering that level of play. This association is considered the player’s “**Current Association**” and has first right to receive the players if released by the players “**Home Association**”. Closest association shall be governed by the player’s Home Region Policy.

Each year a player’s first loyalty must be to their **home association**. If the home association hosts tryouts for their level of play they must attend and if selected must remain with their home association. If released on a level of play from their home association and their “**Current Association**” hosts tryouts for their level of play they must attend and if selected must remain with their “current association”. If their “current association” does not offer or does not accept the player then the “current association” relationship is terminated and they must follow their regions **closest association** policies based upon their home association.

In all cases any interruption of the “Current Association” relationship terminates the relationship of the player to the association and they return to the home association relationship. If they are released to a new association this then becomes their “Current Association”

### Example:

#### **Year #1 (2011/12)**

Home has a team. – Player must play at home if offered a roster spot.

If home does not have a team – Player must play for the closest association to your home according to region policy that has offered a roster spot. This has not changed from our current practice.

#### **Year #2 (1012/13)**

Home association has a team – Player must stay at home if offered a roster spot.

Home does not have a team – Player may go back to the association you played for in 2011/12. This is the players ‘current association’. If in that year there are associations with teams closer to your home, you may still go to your current association.

If your current association does not have a team then you start over again at home and move to closest association as defined by the region.

### Glossary of Terms:

“**Home Region**”: The region in which your home association resides.

“**Home Association**”: The local association to which the player belongs.

“**Closest Association**”: The nearest neighbouring association within the region as governed by the player’s Home Region Closest Association Policy.

“**Current Association**”: The association to which a player has been released for level of play will then be considered the player’s “Current Association”.

### Team Composition Requirements:

- In order to qualify to host a Provincial level team an association **must** meet the minimum number of Provincial calibre home association players listed in the chart below. The names of the players **must** be listed on the Willing-to-Host form. The **final team roster** must meet or exceed the number of home players identified in the chart below.
- Associations which wish to host, but do not meet the minimum roster numbers, may indicate their willingness to host a composite team, and their request may be granted, IF none of their immediate neighbours can satisfy the criteria or meet the criteria but are not willing to host.

### Team Composition Chart – A Teams

**U12 Petite**

**U14 Tween A**

**U16 Junior A**

**U19 Belle A**

Roster Size	Home Players	Outside < 20%	Home Players	Outside < 35%	Home Players	Outside < 45%	Home Players	Outside < 55%
10	8*	2	7*	3	6*	4	5*	5
11	9	2	8	3	6	5	5	6
12	10	2	8	4	7	5	6	6
13	11	2	9	4	8	5	6	7
14	12	2	10	4	8	6	7	7
15	12	3	10	5	9	6	7	8
16	13	3	11	5	9	7	8	8
17	14	3	12	5	10	7	8	9
18	15	3	12	6	10	8	9	9

\* minimum number

### Team Composition Chart – AA Teams

**U14 Tween AA**

**U16 Junior AA**

**U19 Belle AA**

Roster Size	Home Players	Outside < 45%	Home Players	Outside < 55%	Home Players	Outside < 65%
10	6*	4	5*	5	5*	5
11	7	4	5	6	5	6
12	8	5	6	6	5	7
13	8	5	6	7	5	8
14	8	6	7	7	5	9
15	9	6	7	8	6	9
16	9	7	8	8	6	10
17	10	7	8	9	6	11
18	10	8	9	9	7	11

\* minimum number

### **Willing-to-Host Form:**

The Willing-to-Host form will provide the Region and the Overview Committee with advanced, valid information regarding an Association's bid to host one or more Provincial teams. It will also assist Associations with communicating their intentions clearly.

- An Association cannot list home association players on their Willing-to-Host bid form that will not be going to their tryouts or do not have the skill set to qualify the bid.
- It is important for all associations to understand that the criteria identified in the Team Declaration Chart will be used by the Overview Committee to determine the strength of an association's bid for a Provincial level team.
- The Overview Committee has the latitude to qualify a Willing-to-Host bid where the criteria are not met but the situation warrants the formation of a team in that part of the region or the number of opportunities available to match player intent support the need for another team or teams.

### **Player Tryout and Release Form (M-F-07) for Tryouts and Final Release:**

- It is critical that all parties understand and treat the Player Tryout and Release Form like a contract. Once signed the parties are bound by the agreement. The team is committed to the player and the player is committed to the team.
- A player must be registered with their home association and the top "tryout" portion of the Player Tryout and Release Form must be completed and signed by the President or delegate before they can skate on another association's ice.
- A player must have an original Player Tryout and Release Form for each host association if a player is attending multiple tryouts. Through this process it is the responsibility of the player to be sure that their home association knows where they are trying out.
- The home association President must sign the top "tryout" portion of the Player Tryout and Release Form when requested by a home association player/parent

### **Tryouts:**

- A player may attend as many tryouts as they wish.
- Tryouts are conducted by each association in keeping with their established operating procedures. However, the timelines proposed below should be incorporated into these various procedures.
- Any centers that will be holding closed tryouts and team selection from among players only from their home association may begin and complete tryouts whenever they wish – provided that they meet the specified final roster dates.

### **Final Roster Requirements:**

- A 'full' roster meets the requirements of ORA for number of players needed to play in sanctioned events. Clearly roster size within those constraints is the decision of the coach/association. Teams can leave space to add a player or two after this date – especially at the Belle level where post-secondary player movement occurs. This roster should include a full compliment of players for the team, including at least one goalie.

### **Overview Committee:**

- It is not the intent that the committee control the process, but they must be aware of what is happening across the region and be prepared to provide assistance and/or serve as mediators where potential problems arises. The committee will also review all Willing-to-Host applications and determine if applicants meet the defined criteria.
- An Overview Committee will be formed to oversee the AA and A process from beginning to end.
- The President of WORL will request 5 volunteers from Western Region Associations to step forward and make themselves available to sit on this committee. If more than 5 volunteers step forward the President of WORL will request that the Chair of Western Region assist in selecting the five candidates. Once selected the Committee will elect their Chair.
- The committee members will include:
  - 1 Western Region Executive,
  - 1 WORL Executive,
  - 1 WORL Rep from a small association ( < 80 registrations in 09-10)
  - 1 WORL Rep from a large association ( > 100 registration in 09-10)
  - 1 Committee Chair.

## Willing-to-Host a Provincial Team

*(This form is to provide Western Region and its Associations with information regarding the declaring of a team(s). The data will be used to help determine the number of potential teams and the availability of players prior to tryouts.)*

**Association name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level of play offered:**    A     AA

**Age Division:**    U12 Petite

U14 Tween

U16 Junior

U19 Belle

OPEN 18+

**(NOTE: a separate form must be submitted for each age division)**

**Ice availability for team: (signed by President):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualified coach (name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Does your association currently limit the number of Out-of-town Players on a team?:**

No

Yes

**If Yes.....What is your policy:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Association Player** ( Minimum number as specified on Team Declaration Chart )

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ 7) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_