

G&T Report, September 2018

Provincial:

Most of the Provincial teams are formed, tournament assignments completed, and ranking (AA) and game sets (A) created for the season.

Reminder to ALL teams that it is your responsibility to register for your assigned tournaments on S2S (or any other method they may be using) and submit payment directly to the tournaments before their deadline. G&T volunteers are NOT collection agencies. Any team failing to make payment when due may be declined by the tournament, and become INELIGIBLE to attend provincials. Furthermore refusal to make payment is akin to refusal to attend, which is a fine equivalent to the entry fee. So, in short, please make sure you are submitting your payments when you need to.

New U12P team formation restrictions were challenging this year but teams managed to find a working median and team formation is now complete.

U12P tournament decisions are being made this week and should be posted shortly.

Provincials:

March 7-10 Waterloo: U16AA, U19AA, 18+U, 18+A, 18+AA

March 14-17 West Ferris: U14A, U14AA, U16A, U19A

March 21-24 Guelph: U12P, U12R

Full payment for Provincials is to be submitted at the November Western Region meeting, with cheques made out to Ringette Ontario. Payment can also be made directly to RO using Interac e-transfers. All signed Intent to Proceed forms must be submitted to G&T at this meeting.

Provincial team fee amount is set by Ringette Ontario and will be available when published.

Regional:

Team formation is in process or completed across the region. Please ensure your association is making all league deadlines for team and ice submission.

Regionals:

An announcement regarding Regionals will be made once all ice contracts have been finalized. The Region will be working directly with area hotels this year (no longer with ASA). Teams are asked to support this initiative as we move forward. One of our criteria is ensuring competitive rates for our teams and their families.

Deposits for Regionals are due at the November Western Region meeting. This can also be paid via Interac e-transfer to the Region (please make sure to specify team including ORA numbers and your association). The deposit amount is \$200/team. We will know the event fee closer to that date as well.

Confirmation of teams attending (including Adult if interested) must be submitted at this meeting.

Hosts for Provincial Events:

2020: RO is still looking for a host for the 1st provincial event (U16AA, U19AA, 18+U, 18+A, 18+AA). This event has the advantage of no opening ceremonies, reducing the volunteer requirement.

2021 (and beyond?): RO is accepting applications from hosts for all 3 events

Suspensions:

1. For all Western Region teams, all suspensions (player or bench staff) must be reported to Western Region G&T, within 24 hours or before your next game, whichever is earlier. This includes a suspension at any away game or tournament.
2. For all Western Region teams, suspensions (bench staff) must also be reported to Western Region Coaching.
3. For all Western Region 18+BB & below teams, suspensions (player or bench staff) must also be reported to the Western Region Adult Co-ordinator.
4. Failure to report is a finable offense.
5. Teams will illegal players or bench staff, which includes those under suspension, will be fined and have their games forfeited. This is considered a serious violation and negates insurance coverage for every individual associated with the game. Don't do it and if you see it being done, document and report it.

What if I'm suspended?

1. For all suspensions except the last 4 minute suspension, both players and bench staff are suspended from all ringette activities until served. Contact G&T for multi-team scenarios (still impacted).
2. NEW: For last 4 minute suspension, the player is suspended from team activities including substitutions. Contact G&T for multi-team scenarios (still impacted). For this suspension type only, the player is still permitted to participate in other ringette activities.

Causes of suspension (minimum 1 game except as noted):

1. Code 18 - Match penalty (minimum 2 games)
2. Code 15 - Misconduct penalty

3. Player assessed 10 minutes in penalties in the same game, including delayed penalties, including overtime
4. Coach of team assessed 30 minutes in penalties in the same game, including delayed penalties, excluding overtime
5. A major penalty (4 min fully served) assessed which will not be served in the remaining regulation time. Note that if a game is curfewed, and the penalty would otherwise have been served in full, that the suspension is not applicable. Note also that if a penalty carries over into overtime and is fully served during game time, there is no suspension. However if a major penalty is assessed during overtime, and a goal is scored before the penalty has been fully served, that the suspension applies.
6. A bench staff member if asked to leave the bench but not recorded on the game sheet as a misconduct or match, is still deemed to be a misconduct penalty and the resulting suspension still applies.

Have a great season and see you at the rinks!

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Substitutions (NEW):

What has changed:

1. Max 4 subs, of which no more than 2 can be lateral (same age/level).
2. All players U19 & under are limited to substituting at one (1) tournament. Goalies are no longer exempt from this rule.
3. All 18+ players are limited to substituting at two (2) tournaments. Goalies are no longer exempt from this rule. Please refer to the Adult manual as there was some discussion on modifying the number of games from 2 to ???. This is not currently available online to confirm.
4. Tournament substitution must be approved 48 hours in advance. Emergency exceptions may be granted, but remember that an emergency generally involved an ambulance or other EMS intervention. Showing up at the arena at 7am with an unapproved player will result in a very short bench and an extra fan in the stands.

What has not changed:

1. Western Region G&T approves all player substitutions for Western Region teams and players. If your player is going to help out a team outside of our region, we still sign off on the substitution. Please allow extra time for out-of-region approvals.
2. There are no special exceptions to limits on player substitutions. Plan ahead.
3. All tournament subs required G&T approval (TRF adjustment form, player's coach's approval, presidents advised)
4. For league play, you must follow the RO sub rules but do not need explicit G&T approval if the sub is from within your association. You are expected to ensure you have the player's coach's approval and that your president has been advised.
5. For league play, if the sub is from outside your association, G&T approval is required. Please send the player's coach's approval, copying both presidents. The approval is given to ensure that the process is followed. It is still the coach's responsibility to ensure that they are following RO sub rules at all times.
6. G&T substitution restrictions (number of tournaments) are for in-season invitational tournaments. The "clock" is reset for Provincials and Regionals.
7. Sport Development restrictions include Provincials and Regionals. Any questions or concerns re Sport Development restrictions need to be addressed with Sport Dev. G&T follows their guidelines and will not grant exceptions.
8. Player subs are same or lower level, same or lower age group.
9. Ringette Ontario sub rules apply for tournament, league and exhibition games.
10. On very rare occasions, G&T may allow a sub outside of the "standard". Once formally approved, the substitution is considered legal.
11. Any team found to be violating substitution rules at ANY game may be fined and have the game forfeited in their opponents favour.

Tournament Hosts:

New this year:

1. Tournament hosts will be provided with the full game sets for all "A" and University divisions. If you have an Out-of-Province team coming in one of these divisions, please contact Western G&T. This has been painstakingly done to ensure that (almost) no team will play another in Round Robin play at more than 2 tournaments, and to maximize exposure for all teams.
2. Tie-breaking at invitational tournaments (and at provincials) is the responsibility of G&T. Please make arrangements in advance if G&T will not be on site for your tournament.