

January 2016 SWIRL Executive Committee Report Summary

Due to harsh winter weather, the original meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th was cancelled. This document summarizes executive updates and notices which would have been given at the meeting. Our apologies to anyone who did not receive the cancellation notice in time and arrived for the meeting.

1. Executive Committee Reports

a. Chair

- SWIRL level of play vs. ORA registered level: It appears that there is still some confusion among our SWIRL member teams as to the level of play for which they may apply for sanctioned/tournament play versus the level at which they play in SWIRL.
 - For tournaments, teams may only participate at a level at or above the level at which they have registered with the ORA. For example, an 18+ Regional B team may enter a tournament only at a “B” or “BB” level.
 - A team may only play below their ORA-registered level if requested to do so by the tournament host AND the teams in that division agree.
 - If you have entered a tournament and you have been requested to accept a higher-level team in your division, it is your right to withdraw from the tournament (with a full refund) if you do not wish to play the higher-level team.
 - A team may register with the ORA at a different level than they play in SWIRL.
 - ORA-registration guidelines (based on SWIRL tiers) are as follows:
 - SWIRL B+ = ORA BB; SWIRL B = ORA BB or B; SWIRL B- = ORA B or CC; SWIRL C = ORA CC/C or D.
- September WRRRA meeting: This meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15/16 in Stratford (Spruce Lodge). Guelph White is attending on behalf of SWIRL.
- Substitutions: SWIRL Operating Rules (Section D, vi), bullet #3, p. 4) limit substitute players to those whose names appear on TRFs of 18+ BB or lower teams registered with SWIRL. As per all SWIRL substitution rules, please note that this requirement applies to all SWIRL games. At no time, nor for any reason, is any SWIRL member permitted to “waive” this (or any other) SWIRL policy. **When using substitutes** please ensure that they are clearly indicated on the game sheet as a “sub” (including that player’s regular team and calibre (e.g., Woodstock C)).
- Referees: SWIRL policy re referees is that, for other than an “emergency”, two referees are to be assigned to each game (Section I, i), para. 2, p. 6). The provision that games may, under certain circumstances, be played under the supervision of a single referee is not to be interpreted as permission for teams to routinely provide only one referee. Independent of the level of play, the League’s preference is to have two capable referees on each game. In the case where a second referee is either unable to make an assignment or is unavailable, the referee assigned to that game must be sufficiently experienced to handle that game by him or herself. *If not, that game should be rescheduled.*
- Game sheets: The home team and their minor officials are responsible to ensure that the information on the top the game sheet is completed in full. It is the responsibility of both teams to ensure that their lineups are legible (through all three game sheet copies), that any player not participating in that game is stroked off the game sheet, that the goalkeeper (“GK”) and captains/alternate captains (“C”, “A”) are marked, and that all substitutions are

correctly indicated. *If your team uses roster stickers, please ensure changes are made on all three copies of the game sheet.*

b. **Vice Chair:** Nothing to report.

c. **Treasurer:** Report will be sent out separately.

d. **Secretary:** Nothing to report.

e. **Discipline Chair**

- Review of penalties and suspensions: There have been three ejection penalties (two Misconduct and one Match Penalty) assessed during 2015-2016 SWIRL play to date. The total number of game suspensions resulting from those ejection penalties was six (6); one player was suspended for four games and two others were suspended for one game each. Fortunately, all of the ejection penalties assessed were for unsportsmanlike behaviour (“verbiage”) and not physical fouls. Nonetheless, given that the actions that precipitated these ejections were in clear contravention of SWIRL’s Mission Statement (Section C, p. 1; “ ... in an atmosphere of fair play and good sportsmanship.”), it is our hope that the remainder of the season will be suspension-free!
- Carry-over suspensions: There has been no carry-over discipline between SWIRL and sanctioned play to date this season.
- Match and Misconduct Penalty reporting process: SWIRL Operating Rules (Section J, iv), para. 1, p. 9) require that **both teams** notify the Discipline Chair when ejection penalties are assessed or a team accumulates 30 minutes or more in penalties. Said notification is to take place **within 24 hours of the completion of that game**. Currently, a copy of the Official Game Report (i.e., game sheet) is to be forwarded to the Discipline Chair **by the non-offending team within 48 hours of completion of that game**. If both teams have had players ejected (or have accumulated excessive penalty minutes), the home team is responsible to forward the game sheet to the Discipline Chair.
- In the interests of time, the preferred method of notification and game sheet submission is by e-mail (to: dicknjane@rogers.com).

Note: *Because of the number of League and tournament games played by our teams, I would like to suggest that we reduce the game sheet submission period to 24 hours (from the current 48).*

f. **Scheduler:** Teams are requested to forward concerns re level of play (of their opponents) to the Scheduler and Statistician in advance of the September 2016 meeting.

g. **Statistician & Web Site Manager**

- **ALL** game results must be reported on-line. **Home teams** are also responsible for submitting game sheets.
- General reminders:
 - i. Game sheets must be completed in full. See Chair’s report, bullet #5.
 - ii. Please use the following DATE format for on-line submissions: Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 = 01/03/2016; Friday, February 25th, 2016 = 02/25/2016.
 - iii. Notify Brenna Veates (me) (veatsb@gmail.com / 519-362-8051) of rescheduled games.

- ***Proposed changes to game sheet and game results submission process for discussion at September meeting:***
 - i. Home teams are responsible for data entry only. Visiting teams only need to contact if there are concerns.
 - ii. The WHITE copy of the game sheet needs to be submitted to me as either a picture (texted or e-mailed) or scanned and e-mailed (PDF please).
 - iii. Game sheets must be submitted within 72 hours of the completion of that game. I will e-mail those failing to comply.
 - iv. Second offence resulting in a fine (to be determined).

h. Registrar: Nothing to report.

2. Announcements

- **Performance Bonds** for the 2015/2016 season will be returned at the SWIRL meeting in September 2016.
- **Next SWIRL Meeting: Sunday, September 18th, 2016, 2:00 p.m. (Edelweiss Tavern, Kitchener).**