

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:

2017-2018 SANCTIONED EVENTS:

Sanctioning:

- The sanctioned event list will be posted by July 7th. With multiple events being held on the same weekend and with a limited number of provincial level teams, not all tournaments will be sanctioned to host every division they apply for.

Assignment of Teams to Tournaments:

- G&T does not assign Regional Level teams to tournaments
G&T assigns Provincial Level teams to tournaments according to the selections submitted by the individual teams
- U14AA, U16AA, U19AA, U14A, U16A and U19A teams will be assigned to tournaments during the August SCM
- 18+AA and A teams will be assigned to tournaments the week of September 22nd
- U12 Provincial teams will be assigned to tournaments the week of September 29th
note: tournaments assigned for the months of October, November and December are set, tournaments assigned for after January 1st may be changed to permit teams to play against teams where they will be competitive
- It is the responsibility of the hosts to work to attract teams to their tournament
- Invitational tournament withdrawal dates do not apply to Provincial level teams that have been assigned to tournaments as per the selections they submit. Upon assignment to tournaments, teams are to complete the registration process for each tournament that they have been assigned to. Once a team has been assigned to a tournament, they cannot be denied acceptance into the tournament and they cannot

2017-2018 Championships

**U12 Provincial Event
Waterloo
March 1-4, 2018.**

Provincial AA Championships

**Gloucester-Cumberland
March 8-11, 2018.**

Provincial A Championships

**Kitchener
March 15-18, 2018.**

withdraw from the tournament without approval by the Provincial G&T Committee in the case of extenuating circumstances.

Tournament Schedule Approval:

New This Year: any deficiencies flagged by the tournament checker and recommended by the Provincial G&T Committee must be addressed prior to schedule approval.

These deficiencies include, but are not limited to:

- Less than 12 hours between scheduled start of a team's last game on one day and scheduled start of the team's first game on the next day
- Less than 4 hours between scheduled start of a team's first game of the day and scheduled start of the next on the same day
- Early starts – possibility of more than 2 per tournament
- Long gaps – more than 9 hours between scheduled start of a team's first game of the day and the scheduled start of the next on the same day
- Maximum number of games per day
- Recommendations to maximize team exposure

Timeline for Tournament Schedule Approval: in fairness to all involved (tournament hosts, officials, tournament volunteers, teams and parents), the following timeline will be strictly adhered to:

- 4 weeks prior to first day of tournament – host must submit schedule in excel format, CSV format, checker report and ice contract to Regional G&T Coordinator for immediate to the G&T Committee
- 48 hours after submission – if host has not received an acknowledgement that the G&T Coordinator has received, then they resend all documents to Regional G&T Coordinator, Regional Director and G&T Committee Chair
- 48 hours after receiving tournament schedule - G&T Coordinators must send comments on changes required to G&T Committee Chair who will forward comments to the Host Regional G&T Coordinator to be immediately forwarded to the tournament host
- 72 hours after receiving comments from G&T Committee, host must send corrections to Regional G&T Coordinator and cc G&T Committee Chair for circulation to G&T Committee. If G&T Committee Chair hasn't received corrections within 72 hours, he/she will contact the host directly, cc'ing the Host Regional G&T Coordinator.
- 36 hours for G&T Committee and 36 hours for host responses for subsequent communications
- 2 weeks prior to the first day of the tournament – approved schedule must be released to teams.
- Again this year: The timeline for approval will be suspended between noon on December 24th and noon on January 1st

Requests for Changes to the Schedule After it has Been Released: these will not be considered except for a life altering situation. Technical situations requiring schedule changes arising after the schedule has been released will be dealt with by the G&T Committee on a case by case basis.

Letters to Tournament Hosts Regarding Fines: as in previous years, these will be circulated to the tournament coordinators, host association presidents, Regional G&T Coordinators and Regional Directors in early July and then again 5 weeks prior to the event.

Tournament Sanction Package: this will be distributed to tournament hosts by September 1st. It is essential that all steps in this package are followed. This promotes consistency across the Province which the teams expect and appreciate. This information will also be available on the ORA website.

Substitutions at Tournaments: a player at U19 and below may only substitute for one tournament per season (excluding Provincial Events), a player at 18+ may substitute for two tournaments per season (excluding Provincial Events). No substitute player may step on the ice without proper approval as per the TRF Adjustment Form.

To assist in tracking substitutions and excessive penalties, tournament hosts will be required to submit a chart for recording these at their tournament as part of the closing package for the tournament. This chart will due 72 hours after the completion of the tournament.

All substitutions must be approved by the appropriate person as indicated on the TRF Adjustment Form prior to the player stepping on the ice to participate as a substitute.

New This Year: in a forfeited game, the score will be 4-0. The team forfeiting shall receive zero (0) points and the other team receives two (2) points. In a cancelled game (due to bad weather, etc.), the existing rule remains with the score being recorded as 0-0 and each team receiving one (1) point.

