

2006 AA Provincial Ringette Championships

TEAM INFORMATION KIT

This Information Kit has been compiled to assist you in dealing with questions pertaining to the AA Ontario Provincial Ringette Championships. The following areas of interest will be highlighted in this kit:

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Any updates or changes to this information will be posted online at www.ontario-ringette.com/provincials. Please check regularly.

The Ontario Ringette Association has assembled this kit based on ORA's policies, procedures and information developed by the Games & Tournaments Committee and Hosting Committee.

This package only deals with the logistics of the event, which will assist you in preparing your team to attend the Championships. We anticipate that you will brief each member of your team as to what they can expect at the Championships.

If you have any questions regarding the Championships, please contact:

Games & Tournaments Chair
Jo-Ann Wilson (905) 682-7842

A. DATES AND FEES

Date: March 2-5, 2006

Location: Waterloo, Ontario

Fees: Provincial Championship entry fee is: \$1000.00

B. EVENT TEAM REGISTRATION

Registration: Will be done at least one (1) week prior to the Championships through Regional Games and Tournaments/Coaching Co-ordinators.

Incomplete registration shall result in the team being disqualified from the Championships.

Coaching Chair/Designate must approve all bench staff substitutions.

Coaches' Meeting: March 1, 2006 8:00 pm at RIM Park, 2001 University Ave. E, Waterloo

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL TEAMS ATTEND THE COACHES' MEETING

C. OPENING CEREMONIES

The Championships Opening Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, March 2, TIME AND LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED. Teams and fans are encouraged to dress in team uniforms and/or colours.

D. AWARD PRESENTATIONS

There shall be Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals awarded all divisions. Medals shall be handed out to the team members confirmed at Event Registration only, including up to five (5) bench staff (Mascots, parents, and chaperons are not eligible to receive medals). Medals will be presented upon completion of the Semi-Final and Final games, along with the Sportsmanship Awards.

E. TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

At the end of every game, each team shall rate the sportsmanlike qualities of the team they have just played, using a scale of 5 – 1:

5 – Excellent 4 – Good 3 – Fair 2 – Poor 1 – Unsatisfactory

The Team Sportsmanship Award is a very prestigious award to receive. The team(s) who shall receive this award should be proud of the fact that participants in their division had input into the final decision.

To assist you in rating the teams, please use the following guidelines:

- a) Did the team use abusive language on the ice or behind the bench?
- b) Did the team show concern when there was an injury?
- c) Did the team act in a friendly and courteous manner during the game?
- d) Did the team accept the outcome of the game graciously?
- e) Did the team use foul play tactics during the game?
- f) Did the team display camaraderie off the ice?

Upon signing the game sheets before the games, pick up the Sportsmanship Rating Form to be filled out after the game. Immediately after the game, please submit the form to the Arena/ORCA Convenor.

The Sportsmanship Committee shall examine the ratings at a meeting before the Semi-Final games. The Committee shall also examine the game sheet for unsportsmanlike, major, misconduct, match, and excessive penalties. Each team shall lose points or be disqualified for each of the above penalties.

Deductions will be made based on the following points system:

- 2 for each unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and a player receiving 10 minutes in a game.
- 4 for each misconduct, major, and rough play penalty.
- Disqualification for a match or a team getting 30 minutes in penalties.

F. GAME SCHEDULE

A schedule for your division is to follow and will be posted at www.ontario-ringette.com/provincials.

All divisions will begin play on Thursday.

The **Petite** division will play a modified round robin consisting of 5 games each (10 teams in division). The 3rd and 4th place teams will play off with the winner advancing to the Semi-Final. The 1st and 2nd place teams will play off with the winner advancing to the Final and the loser playing in the Semi-Final. The winner of the Semi-Final will advance to the Final to play the 1st place team.

The **Tween**, **Junior** and **Belle** divisions will play a round robin of 6 games each (7 teams in each division). The 2nd and 3rd place teams will playoff in the Semi-Final. The winner of the Semi-Final will advance to the Final to play the 1st place team.

The **Open** division will play a round robin consisting of 4 games each (5 teams in division). The 3rd and 4th place teams will play off with the winner advancing to the Semi-Final. The 1st and 2nd place teams will play off with the winner advancing to the Final and the loser playing in the Semi-Final. The winner of the Semi-Final will advance to the Final.

G. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hudson Travel Group has reserved sufficient hotel rooms to accommodate all teams attending the Championships. Your Region Games and Tournaments Co-ordinator has provided Hudson Travel Group with the anticipated number of teams from each Region. Contact your Region Games and Tournaments Co-ordinator should you have any questions regarding accommodations.

Final arrangements **must** be made through your Region Games and Tournaments Co-ordinator **and** Hudson Travel Group once your attendance at the Championships has been confirmed. *You must reserve rooms through Hudson Travel in order to be eligible for the Travel Grant.*

H. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The “current” Ringette Canada Official Rule Book shall be the Official playing rules of all O.R.A. sanctioned events. Refer to Games and Tournaments Section of the O.R.A. Operating Manual.

The Shot Clock will be used for the ALL age divisions. The Petite and Tween divisions will play 15-minutes periods, while the Junior, Belle, and Open divisions will play 20-minutes periods.

All games will be played until a winner is declared.

I. TRAVEL GRANT

A travel grant will be provided by the Ontario Ringette Association to certain teams, depending on distance traveled to the Championships. *You must reserve rooms through Hudson Travel in order to be eligible for the Travel Grant.* Complete details are enclosed.

J. CONTACT INFORMATION

Regional G&T and Coaching Contact information can be found in the Ontario Ringette Association Operating Manual, or online at www.ontario-ringette.com.

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TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION – PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

a) Policies - General

1. Funding is available for eligible travel and accommodation costs only.
2. All O.R.A. sanctioned provincial entries, with the exception of those teams who reside within a 125 kilometre radius of the Host venue, shall be eligible for provincial funding.
3. Host teams are ineligible for provincial funding.
4. Provincial funds will be divided up equally between eligible entries based on total eligible expenses.
5. The application form must be completed in full and accompanied by the necessary receipts. Applications from the All-Ontario Provincial Championships must be in the O.R.A. office no later than April 15th of each year.
6. Monies will not be released unless all necessary receipts are submitted with the grant application.
7. For the purpose of this application, a "team" includes players, coaches, managers and trainers. The maximum number of bench staff is five.
8. Refund Cheques will be issued to the associations' contacts listed with the O.R.A. office with a complete breakdown of funds per team.

b) Policies - Accommodations

1. For the purpose of this application, accommodation will be based on 4 players to a room and 2 bench staff members to a room. In the event there are male staff members, additional rooms may be required (i.e. 4 rooms required for 13 players and 1 female bench staff, 1 room required for 2 male bench staff).
2. Bench staff are eligible for reimbursement as per the guidelines/criteria in this application.
3. No accommodation expenses will be paid to teams residing within 125 kilometres of the Host Community.
4. The maximum eligible is \$50.00 at double occupancy per room per night.

5. No accommodation expenses will be paid to teams that have not arranged their accommodation through Hudson Travel Group.

c) **Policies - Travel**

1. Teams are to travel the cheapest way possible. Please note that travel within the Host Community is not eligible for subsidization.
2. The only teams eligible for reimbursement for airfare to the All-Ontario Provincial Championships are those teams from the Northwestern Region.
3. No travel expenses will be paid to teams residing within a 125 kilometre radius of the Host Community.
4. All other participants beyond 125 kilometres from the Host Community will be subsidized:
 - \$0.20/km per car (minimum of 2 participants per car) based on distance of round trip less 250 kilometres.
 - \$0.60/km per van (minimum of 4 participants per van) based on distance of round trip less 250 kilometres.
 - OR cost (up to 40% maximum) of the most economical method of travel by Public Carrier (Chartered Bus, Airlines, Train).