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2004 A Provincial Ringette Championships

TEAM INFORMATION KIT

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

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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
Bob Swan (807) 473-9721

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

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A. DATES AND FEES

Date: March 25-28, 2004

Location: Richmond Hill, Ontario

Fees: Provincial Championship entry fee is:

Petite	-	\$1000.00
Tween	-	\$1000.00
Junior	-	\$1000.00
Belle	-	\$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.

The following forms must be submitted at the time of registration:

- Bench Staff Code of Conduct (attached)

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

Coaching Chair/Designate must approve bench staff substitutions, at the event.

Coaches' Meeting: Elgin Barrow Arena
8pm

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL TEAMS ATTEND THE COACHES' MEETING

C. OPENING CEREMONIES

The Championships Opening Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, March 25 at Elgin Barrow Arena, 7:30pm. An exciting evening is planned, so make sure you and your team attend. Teams and fans are encouraged to wear uniforms and team colours. Players should arrive at Elgin Barrow by 7pm.

D. AWARD PRESENTATIONS

There shall be Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals awarded in the Petite, Tween, Junior, and Belle 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 Divisional Trophy, and 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/ORA 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

Schedules have been enclosed for each division.

All Divisions will be scheduled from Thursday morning to Sunday afternoon.

Each Division will play a full round robin of six (6) games. The top team, after the round robin, will advance directly to the Final. The second and third place teams will play in the Semi-Final, with the winner advancing to the Final. The loser of the Semi-Final will receive the Bronze medal.

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. BENCH STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT

The form must be signed by all members of your staff

I. 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.

All games will be played until a winner is declared.

The shot clock will be used in ALL age divisions. All divisions will play 15-minute periods.

J. TRAVEL GRANT

A travel grant will be provided by the Ontario Ringette Association to certain teams, depending on distance traveled to the Championships. Complete details are enclosed.

K. GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS COMMITTEE

Chair	-	Bob Swan	-	(807) 473-9721
Central Region	-	c/o Carolyn Mountjoy-		(905) 668-1405
Eastern Region	-	Grace Kelly	-	(613) 822-4521
Northeastern Region	-	Ben Rafuse	-	(705) 235-9004
Northwestern Region	-	Ed Hill	-	(807) 475-3904
Southern Region	-	Jo-Ann Wilson	-	(905) 682-7842
Western Region	-	Ginette Kirkconnell	-	(519) 579-4163

L. COACHING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair	-	John Ikola	-	(705) 235-8050
Central Region	-	Susan Shantz	-	(705) 953-9271
Eastern Region	-	Lise Hodgson	-	(613) 838-4686
Northeastern Region	-	c/o Harry Hirsimaki	-	(705) 682-7112
Northwestern Region	-	Mike Michon	-	(807) 768-0166
Southern Region	-	Peter Rumble	-	(905) 544-5458
Western Region	-	Mike O'Grady	-	(519) 824-7293

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