



October 16, 2008

www.mdra.ca
E-mail: info@mdra.ca

Players & Families:

The schedule for the first half of the season has been posted on the website. Please let your team manager know of any conflicts you may have ASAP.

Ringette Night at the Ottawa 67s

The Ottawa 67s have made tickets available for their game on November 21st for local ringette associations to sell to their players and families. This has been organized by the Eastern Region Ringette Association (ERRA) on behalf of the ringette community. The [ERRA](#) is the local arm of the Ontario Ringette Association, and it is through the ERRA that all coaching and referee training is done.

Tickets for the game are \$10 each (they're usually \$15), and each person buying a ticket gets a coupon for a free milkshake from [The Works Burger Bistro](#). Metcalfe Ringette gets to keep \$3.00 from each ticket. If Eastern Region collectively sells more than 1,000 tickets across the region, then we get to keep \$5.00 from each ticket. During intermission Belle AA ringette will be show cased -- these are the best players in the region in the oldest division of youth ringette (ages 16 - 18). Our players are encouraged to wear their ringette jerseys. This is a great opportunity for an off-ice team event. Tickets will be available through your team Manager or another volunteer, and parents and siblings are welcome too. Your team Manager will set a deadline for ticket sales, but it will likely be around October 25th.

Jersey Drive Update

We've been able to order jerseys for a number of teams. It all depends on the sponsorships and other fundraising, and typically our sponsors ask to support a particular team -- that's how it is decided which teams we order for. It is great to see a few teams raising funds on their own, well done!

Please peruse the [Sponsor Page](#) on our Website and take note of the businesses and organizations who have already generously donated to our cause!



We know there are lots of businesses and organizations who would be pleased to sponsor our kids. But most important is having a connection to the business or organization. If there is a business or organization you'd like to approach, or you'd like us to approach, please contact [Chuck Robineau](#) or [Geoff Valentine](#) and we'll help in any way we can. For more details, see the [sponsorship brochure and form](#).

Jersey Care

This is a reminder that players are not to take their jerseys home with them. Each team should designate 2 separate families to be responsible for the care of team jerseys, and to bring them to each game. Jerseys must be collected at the end of each game.

Most teams decide to get name bars for the jerseys. These must be sewn onto the jerseys (not glued or "ironed on"). When sewing them, use a loose stitch so they are easily removed at the end of the season. If you find yourself washing a jersey, or a set of jerseys, please use a normal cycle and HANG TO DRY. The dryer ruins them!

Shot Clocks Now Being Used In "B"

At the league's Annual General Meeting last April, it was decided to use shot clocks in the B levels as well as A and AA levels. The purpose of the shot clocks is to keep the game moving by ensuring one team doesn't maintain possession of the ring for too long. Basically, a team has to shoot within 30 seconds of obtaining possession of the ring, or the shot clock buzzer sounds and the ring is given to the other team. The way this works is a volunteer at the game runs the shot clocks by pressing a button every time ring possession changes to reset the clocks to 30 seconds.

Where does the volunteer come from...? Funny you ask....Managers will be looking to recruit a couple of parents from each of the B and A teams to be trained in shot clock duty...please make their job easier by volunteering!

Photo Night

Team photos will be taken on Friday, October 24 at the Greely Community Centre. Order forms (envelopes) will be distributed in advance by team managers. Please make sure you provide the exact change or pay by cheque, and bring your order form with you to photo night. It is important that your team is on time and we ask you to arrive **15 minutes before** your scheduled photo time.

Players must come dressed in their equipment as change rooms will not be available. Bring your skates and ringette stick.

Reminder to team managers to make sure you bring a set of jerseys to photo night.

Team photos will be taken at the following time:

1. Junior Bunnies = 6:30pm
2. Senior Bunnies = 6:45pm
3. Novice Rec = 7pm
4. Novice C = 7:15 pm
5. Novice B = 7:30pm
6. Petite C = 7:45pm
7. Petite B = 8pm
8. Tween B = 8:15pm
9. Tween A = 8:30pm
10. Junior B = 8:45pm
11. Junior A = 9pm
12. Belles = 9:15pm



~~~~~ GO HORNETS ~~~~~