

MDRA 2008-09 Newsletter No. 2



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Dear Kelly Family:

Remember to check the [MDRA September schedule](#) often as it does change this time of year. A few parents new to the game have asked about the rules in ringette. [This link provides a nice short overview courtesy of Etobicoke Ringette.](#)

Try-outs Begin This Week

By now everyone should have received information regarding the try-out sessions for their player(s). Make sure you give yourself lots of time at the arena since you'll have to sign-in as well as get ready. The tryouts this year will be structured like last year. The first part of the session will be drills and the second part will be scrimmaging to simulate game play.

On the forms the evaluators use, the following are evaluated on a scale from 1 to 5:

Skills

- Skating forwards
- Skating backwards
- Starts and stops
- Cross-overs
- Ringhandling (tween & juniors only)
- Passing

Scrimmage

- Intensity
- Passing (tween & juniors only)
- Shooting (tween & juniors only)
- Awareness
- Goals (tween & juniors only)
- Overall

Following the first session, the results are tabulated and those players who obviously place on one team or the other will not be invited back to the second night. The second session is about sorting out the middle group of players. If however, a player who wasn't invited back feels really strongly that they should have a second chance, they won't be denied that chance. Everyone will receive a call after the first session to let them know whether to come to the second session.

Jersey Update

We've been successful in securing a few sponsorships, and these sponsors have indicated they would like their sponsorship directed towards the teams that particular players will be on. We're ordering the jerseys for these teams as the sponsorships come in.



It is obvious that businesses that have a connection to the players or families of ringette are most supportive. We still have a long way to get all our teams outfitted in the new jerseys. But we've got a great program. We're looking for Platinum, Gold and Silver sponsorships as follows:

- Platinum: Two full sets of jerseys - a full team (\$2,400)
- Gold: One set of jerseys (\$1,200)
- Silver: Half a set of jerseys (\$600)

Each level of sponsorship has its own benefits, and you can see one of those at the bottom of this newsletter where we acknowledge our first Platinum sponsor. For more details, see the [sponsorship brochure and form](#), or contact Chuck Robineau at 613-821-3981 or chuckandjoanne@storm.ca.

Regional Coaches Meeting, October 4th

Coaches and assistant coaches, you are invited to attend a free coaching development afternoon on Saturday, October 4th. This event, hosted by the West Ottawa Ringette Association and the Eastern Region Ringette Association, will feature a special presentation by Frances Losier of Ringette Canada entitled "The Long Term Athlete Development Model: What it Means for Coaches". There will also be an Athletes' Panel and Coaches' Debate on game tactics. Don't miss this important coaching event - Saturday, October 4th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Walter Baker Sports Centre - Cafeteria. Registration is required. [Click here for full details.](#)

Ringette Night at the Ottawa 67's

November 21st will be Ringette Night at the Ottawa 67's game. In addition to tickets being available through MDRA at discounted prices (\$10 each), there will be a ringette display in the concourse and there will be a short scrimmage in between periods featuring some of the local Belle AA players so we can all see just how fast this game gets! So keep November 21st open, and tickets will be available through our teams once they are formed.

HELP WANTED: A few good parent volunteers to organize distributing the tickets and collecting the receipts, etc. The pay is awful but the rewards are huge! If interested please contact Geoff Valentine at 613-826-0842 or at geoffv@magma.ca.

Dates to Remember

Here are a few dates that have been firmed up. We have yet to finalize our coaching roster, but prospective coaches should note the dates of the meetings below.

- October 1st, Mandatory ERRRA meeting for all A & AA head coaches, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Walter Baker
- more details for follow on this meeting convened by the region
- October 2nd, MDRA Coaches and Managers meeting, 7:00 PM, Metcalfe Arena
- this meeting is mandatory for all head coaches and managers, and assistant coaches are invited as well
- October 4th, Regional coaches meeting on Long Term Athlete Development
- October 14th, Season starts, first league games
- October 24th, MDRA Photo Night, 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM, Greely Community Centre
- more details to follow
- March 9th, League playoffs begin
- March 27-29, League Championships and Bunnyfest
- April 5th, Sunday, MDRA Banquet, 12:00 to 4:00 PM, Centurion Conference Centre
- will be hard to beat last season's!



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