

**BC High Performance  
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**BC Winter Games:**

Several zones now have their head coaches in place and tryouts will start mid October. With the no team in the Kootenay zone we have been allowed a replacement team by the games. Due to high registration numbers in the Fraser Valley zone they have been permitted a replacement team. This team must be made up from players that have been released from the Fraser Valley zone team. The teams can not be made even strengthen.

In Terrace both Ringette and female hockey will be using the same complex. Both sports have been working together to make each sport a fair game schedule between the two ice arenas in the complex. I have happy with the compromise that has been made on both sides.

Ringette will be using the main ice arena for all games including the medal games. We will be limited in the amount of practice ice time we have on Thursday and the times allotted for medal game due the Winter Games society needing to use the main arena for both opening and closing ceremonies.

Zones are to be recognized by their zone area name not their zone number.

A draft schedule is already in place and our sport rep in Terrace is working to see if Ringette can secure storage at the arena for our equipment so it does not need to be transported to and from the accommodations.

Monika Weatherill (VP of Promotions) is organizing on ice and walkout uniforms for all the zones so to give Ringette a more uniformed look during the games with the hopes that all players will be recognized as BC Ringette athletes. This will also control the use of logo wear and zone numbers on our on ice uniform.

**AA provincials:**

The leagues have projected the following number of teams for the 2009/2010 season.

TORL: 1 Belle AA, 1 Junior AA and 1 Tween AA possibility of 2

North: 1 Belle, 1 Junior and 1 Tween

LMRL: 1 Belle, 2 Junior and 2 Tween

For AA provincials:

Belle – 3

Junior – 4

Tween – 4 or 5

A draft schedule has been made up and ice secured for the Friday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> in Victoria on Vancouver Island. Thanks to Laura Tighe and Rick Daly for working with me to get this organized.

### **BC Reign**

I am pleased to announce that this season all the Western NRL teams will be traveling to BC for games and the league will hold a full season of games. Hopefully many BC young Ringette athletes will get a chance to watch an NRL games and get inspired by these talented athletes.

During the summer BC Reign was offered the opportunity to have a private owner. BC Ringette supported this offer and is looking forward to see the NRL growing in our province and the opportunity to see the NRL showcase Ringette. We wish the new NRL team the best success for the upcoming season and I would especially like to thank all the past coaches and players for all the work keeping BC in the NRL program and giving our athletes a place to play. A special thanks to Greg Crowe and his bench staff for keeping the NRL moving forward over the last two years.

### **Tween AA**

A committee was formed to review the Tween AA zone structure in the province. The outcome was that the BC Winter Games zones would not work for all leagues. It was decided that each league could have the opportunity to decide on the zone format that best suited their area and inform BCRA of their zone decision.

### **Canada Winter Games**

The Canada winter game staff held a tryout camp in Prince George at the end of August for the 60-65 players that were invited to attend. The focus was on working with the athletes in their positions. Athletes were released the week following the camp and 40 athletes have been asked to continue on with the program to the December camp in Lower Mainland. 5 additional athletes will also be given the chance to be evaluated in December due to injuries over the summer.

A Team BC information booklet was handed out to players at the July camp outlining the timelines and team policies for the program. Thanks to Laura Pitt for working on this booklet with the CWG staff and myself.

Time line for Canada winter games program:

Selection Camp: Dec 18-20, 2009 – 35 athletes

Selection Camp: Jan 8-10, 2010 – 24 athletes

Selection Camp: Feb 4-6, 2010 – 24 athletes

### Training Camps

Training Camp: March, 2010 – 24 athletes

Training Camp: August 6-8, 2010 – 24 athletes

Training Camp: September 10, 2010 24–20 athletes

Training Camp: November, 2010 – 20 athletes

Training Camp: December 17-19, 2010 – 20 athletes

Training Camp: January 7, 2011 – 20 athletes

Training Camp: Feb 4-6, 2011 – 16 athletes will be named to the Active Roster, and 4 athletes will be named to the Alternate Roster to travel to Halifax

### Tournaments

Ottawa – May, 2010: Ringette Canada will be hosting the Pre-Event Training Weekend over the May long week. Teams from all provinces across the country will be attending. Hosted entirely on campus at Carleton University, this event will bring together as many as 12 CWG teams for a training event.

Burnaby – November, 2010: Team BC with BCRA will be hosting the BC Challenge Cup. The CWG teams from the other provinces/territory will be invited to participate.

Eastern Canada Possibly Toronto, On: TBA

Western Canada Possibly Alberta: TBA

Halifax, CWG: 16 Athletes and 3 coaches will be attending as Team BC to Halifax for Canada Winter Games.