

Thompson Okanagan Ringette League Schedule Preparation Guidelines 2011/12

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Objectives

- To create a schedule that is a final product, the first time
- To create a schedule that is fair and equitable for all teams
- To create a schedule that creates an appropriate level of competition for all teams

General Points

- The schedule will achieve balance for all teams regarding:
 - Relatively equal number of home and away games
 - All teams playing their games against a variety of opponents
 - Teams play different opponents on a game to game basis
- On average, at least one game per team per weekend (except Bunnies to Christmas)
- Games will be scheduled according to these dates:
 - Weekend of October 15/16 to weekend of December 19/20
 - CHRISTMAS BREAK
 - Weekend of January 7/8 to weekend of March 10/11
- For U14 (Tween) and older
 - The regular season (ie games that are part of the standings for the TORL playoffs) is from November 5 to February 5
 - A playoff to select the TORL champion will be held between Feb 18/19 and March 3/4. The format will be determined by December 31
 - All teams make the playoffs
 - Provincials are being held in 2011 on these dates:
 - AA teams – TBA
 - A, B, C teams – March 15-18 at Shuswap
- Schedule to be created and communicated in 3 parts:
 - October (Salmon Arm Play Days, Westside Play Days and other games)
 - Salmon Arm Play Days – October 22 and 23
 - Westside Play Days – October 29 and 30
 - November to Christmas
 - New Year to Spring Break

- Any team that decides to cancel within 7 days of a game **MUST** make arrangements for a replacement game **OR** their association/group will pay \$200 to the association/group they were going to play against. Weather related cancellations do not apply to this.
- Game scores must be submitted to TORL Statistician by Tuesday following the games
- AA Teams
 - After October 8, TORL scheduler shall also be the person responsible for scheduling AA practices and games
 - When possible, games and practices for AA teams should not be the same day as games for all house teams of the same age group
 - AA games within TORL to be against teams one age group older
 - AA practices should not necessarily be 2 to 3 hours if this is taking away the opportunity for house teams to play games in accordance with these guidelines (ie if the only way to achieve a game for a house team that weekend is to have it the same day as a AA practice, the AA practice should be limited to 1 to 1.5 hours)
- Using our ice time effectively
 - Play this length of periods:
 - Bunnies – N/A
 - Novice to Open – 20 minutes
 - 3 minute warm up
 - Have the players ready to go on the ice 5 minutes before the game begins
 - Time keepers and score sheet personnel in the penalty box 5 minutes before the game begins
 - If there is more than 60 minutes of time available (for example 1 hour and 15 minutes) extend the period duration to fill up the time (maybe 22 minutes)

Creating the Schedule

- Schedule to be completed by these dates:
 - October – by October 8
 - November to Christmas – by October 24
 - New Year to Spring Break – by December 20
- The creation of the schedule cannot begin until:
 - The ice time available for games is provided by each association. This needs to be:
 - **AS SOON AS EACH ASSOCIATION GETS THE INFORMATION**
 - **September 15 at the latest for the October and November to Christmas schedule**
 - **December 1 at the latest for the New Year to Spring Break schedule**
 - The number of teams per association is finalized. This needs to be:
 - **October 1** for Novice and older
 - **October 7** for Bunnies
- Provide the ice time information in a way that it can be checked/verified on a week to week basis
- Draft versions of each schedule will be distributed to each Ice Ambassador for review. The review must be completed within 3 days.
- Group meetings may be held with the Ice Ambassador's from each association to review **draft** schedules on these dates.
- The group meetings will be held at the office of MMM Group Limited in downtown Kelowna (#101 389 Queensway Avenue – across from City Hall, next to Flannigan's)
- The schedule will be proof read and checked by **two (but only two)** people before it is distributed to each association.
- Tournament Participation. Any team **applying** to participate must advise the TORL scheduler (through their Association's ice ambassador) by these dates:
 - For November to Christmas – **October 15**
 - For New Year to Spring Break – **December 1**
- The teams that advise the TORL scheduler that they will be applying to participate in tournaments will not be part of the TORL schedule for that weekend.

Communication

- The schedule must be communicated such that only **one** party is sending the information to each association from TORL
- Each association shall designate **two** parties to receive the schedule information from TORL
- Only **one** person from each association (preferably the Ice Ambassador) shall contact the TORL scheduler regarding the schedule
- The published schedule is intended to be final.
- The published schedule will be posted on the TORL website
- The published schedule will also immediately be sent to TORL's Director of Officials
- Only **one** version of any schedule revision will be created (in other words, if we are forced to make a revision we will make absolutely sure that there is only **one** version of that revision)
- If ice time becomes available for games, the games should be scheduled by the TORL Scheduler
- Alternative contact information, to be used for other Board members or emergencies, for David Gibson is:
 - Email
 - dngibson@shaw.ca
 - gibsond@mmm.ca
 - Phone
 - Home 250 768 8223
 - Work 250 869 1334
 - Cell 250 878 7511

Bunnies (U9)

- All Bunny games to be played in accordance with the TORL Protocol for Bunny games
- For November to Christmas, for associations that want this for their Bunny teams, one game every second week on average will be scheduled
- For New Year to season end, three games every four weekends on average will be scheduled

Novice (U10) and Petite(U12)

- All teams are supposed to be relatively equal
- All season, at least one game per week on average will be scheduled
- For October to Christmas, arrange so all teams play all (or as many as possible) the other teams in the same age group.
- For New Year to season end, arrange so teams that are relatively equal in capability play each other. The objective is to create one goal games. Suggested method for this will include:
 - Comparing the results for the games
 - If appropriate, occasionally having teams play up or down an age group
 - Conducting an email poll with the Association presidents

Tween (U14) and Older

- All teams are tiered. Theoretically this takes care of relatively equal competition, but not necessarily.
- Final tiering for TORL teams will be determined by December 15, 2011
- In the end we will achieve the required number of games against the same tiering level to qualify for Provincials and establish a TORL champion
- All season, at least one game per week on average for each house team
- For October to Christmas, arrange so all teams play all (or as many as possible) the other teams in the same age group.
- For New Year to season end, arrange so teams that are relatively equal in capability play each other. The objective is to create one goal games. Tiering may, or may not, be relevant. Suggested method for this will include:
 - Comparing the results for the games
 - If appropriate, occasionally having teams play up or down an age group
 - Conducting an email poll with the Association presidents