



## Why play ringette?

We all know why our kids play...it's because they love the game. The tougher question becomes "Why should my child keep playing ringette?" It always seems that playing hockey offers many more opportunities for our daughters as they grow older.

Recently, the Senior Canadian National Ringette team held a training camp in Kitchener. It was a great event, and showcased how amazing our sport is! Many KRA players came out to watch, and I am sure that they were as in awe of the level of play as I was!

During this event, Doug Brown, whose daughter Keely was trying out for a repeat run at being a goaltender on Team Canada, provided some commentary on opportunities that exist for ringette players. Many of you may already know that Keely played here in Kitchener for many years. Doug shared some interesting facts.

Did you know?

- ◆ Ringette is a sport that has been played by Canadians for a very long time, and is very much alive and healthy throughout Canada
- ◆ Ringette is played in many countries around the world, most notably, Finland
- ◆ Ringette is considered by many to be a far faster sport than hockey
- ◆ Annual Provincial and National championships are held across the country
- ◆ The World Ringette Championships are an event that all players can strive for
- ◆ Ringette is played at the Ontario Winter Games
- ◆ Ringette is played at the Canada Winter Games
- ◆ Ringette is played at several universities
- ◆ A National Ringette League exists, with local teams in Waterloo and Cambridge
- ◆ Ringette does provide elite level opportunities

Be proud of our sport! We've come a long way...and we will continue to grow our sport around the world!

To find out more information about opportunities available with our sport, visit the Ringette Canada website at [www.ringette.ca](http://www.ringette.ca)

## DATES AT A GLANCE:

Bingo: Every second Saturday 8:30 am—12:30 pm (dates will be posted on the website)

Much Video Dance: Friday February 5, 2010 (7:00 PM — 1-0:00 PM)

Golden Ring Tournament: February 12th, 13th, 14th

**\*\*CHILD TAX CREDIT RECEIPTS\*\***

**The Child Tax Credit receipts will be ready  
January 31, 2010.**



Hosted by Kitchener Ringette Association

Date: Friday February 5, 2010

Location: RIM Park—Forbes Room

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

For tickets please call Kitchener Ringette at 519-744-5249 or email [krarec@kitchennerringette.com](mailto:krarec@kitchennerringette.com)

Each Team is required to provide at least 4 adult volunteers for this dance!! We must know by Saturday, January 30 the names of the volunteers for your

Kitchener Ringette is looking for volunteers to help host the Much Video dance. Parent volunteers are required to help with chaperoning the event, ticket sales, and many other tasks.

If you are available to help with this event please contact Cynthia Taylor at [krarec@kitchennerringette.com](mailto:krarec@kitchennerringette.com) or Lori Struk at [kratreas@kitchennerringette.com](mailto:kratreas@kitchennerringette.com).

## THE GOLDEN RING TOURNAMENT NEEDS YOU !

There's no doubt about it, running a tournament takes hundreds of hours of man power. Kitchener Ringette Association has a reputation for running one of the best tournaments in the area....that's why we're so popular!

We need your help ! There are a number of tasks, small and large that would help the tournament organizers immensely.

We're asking you to look at this list and pick an item (or two) that you would be able to help with.

You could make it a team project or a family project.

### Advance Help

We need Raffle Table Items : hundreds of items, large and small

Gift baskets (themed baskets : valentines, munchies, spa items)

Donations from your places of work

New Toys and games for the kids table

New to Ringette / Sports items

Donations from places of business (Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Stores, Restaurants etc.)

Gift Certificates (chain restaurants, restaurants around the hotels where our visitors will be) *{at the same time we're giving local restaurants the heads up that there could be an increase in business on this particular weekend and they really appreciate it}*

Please see the letter of introduction (available on the website Golden Ring Tournament page) we can provide more copies or feel free to copy it yourself.

We'll organize a date and time to pick-up the items from each team.

Please contact Susanna Fries at [kraevent@kitchennerringette.com](mailto:kraevent@kitchennerringette.com) if you have any questions, require more information or to let her know what business you might be approaching so we don't duplicate efforts.

Please see the Tournament Weekend Volunteers which follows on the next page!!

## Tournament Weekend

### Tournament runs from:

Friday approx. 5:00pm to 11:00pm (Lions and Kitchener Auditorium)  
Saturday approx. 7:00am to 11:00pm (Lions and Kitchener Auditorium)  
Sunday approx 7:30 am to 5:00pm (Lions and Kitchener Auditorium)

### We need:

#### 1 Volunteers to set-up (Lions Arena and Auditorium Complex)

- ◆ Friday afternoon at 3:00pm (or so)
- ◆ Saturday morning at 6:00am
- ◆ Sunday morning at 6:00am

**Jobs include:** placing tables and chairs, installing shot clocks, putting up tracking forms, posting signs, setting up convener's tables

#### 2 50/50 ticket sellers

#### 3 Arena Conveners (time commitments can be flexible. We will be holding a training session)

##### Duties include:

- ◆ Ensuring that game sheets are completed and ready for game time
- ◆ Ensuring that games start on time
- ◆ Giving out dressing room keys
- ◆ Distributing game sheets after the game
- ◆ Paying officials
- ◆ Reporting game results to tournament office

#### 4 Experienced Shot Clock Operators, Timekeepers and Scorekeepers

#### 5 Assistance with awards ceremonies on Sunday afternoon.

#### 6 Volunteers to clean-up

- ◆ Sunday after 5:00pm at the Kitchener Auditorium
- ◆ Jobs include: taking down and storing shot clocks, removing signs, and general packing of KRA items for removal to KRA storage

Any time commitment would be appreciated.

**Belles – if you need volunteer hours, here's your chance to earn them !**

Please contact Amy at [krapres@kitchennerringette.com](mailto:krapres@kitchennerringette.com) ASAP to let us know when and where you can help.

## COME TRY RINGETTE!!

On Saturday, February 13th, at 1:00 PM we will be holding another Come Try Ringette event at Lions Arena. Our last event during Startup Weekend was a tremendous success, but we can do better this time!

Cynthia ([krarec@kitchennerringette.com](mailto:krarec@kitchennerringette.com)) is looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Everyone is welcome to come and help out, on ice and off, and we have a ton of things that need to be done.

**Advertising & Promotion:** I really need someone (preferably someoneS) immediately who can spear head the event promotion. This includes talking to radio stations, TV stations, and newspapers, as well as posting flyers and hopefully getting handouts to schools in the area.

**Package Planning:** We would like to have mementos for the kids who come out to play with us, something to remember the event. We also need to put together packages for the parents who come. If someone could come up with ideas and put them together, that would be great

**Volunteer T-Shirt Making:** Hopefully those who helped out last time still have their T-Shirts, but for those who are new to this event, we will need to make sure everyone is in matching shirts. Last event I was up until 3 in the morning doing iron-ons, and it was so much fun I'd like to share it with others



Thank you to those that submitted essay's for the contest. We had a total of 8 essay's submitted and each and everyone of them are FANTASTIC! Congratulations to those that submitted their resume's. Each will receive a gift card for the movies.

Laura Saunderson	U7	Mikaela Ward	U12C
Emily Saunderson	U7	Danielle Roussin	U12PP
Breanna Hudson	U12C	Alley Struk	U12PP
Erica Hudson	U12 C	Brittany Struk	U16B

## News for the Rep Side!!!!

Wow, it is hard to believe that 5 of the 7 months are almost over! Both the Petite Provincial team and the U14A team finished their power skating sessions in December. Thanks to Mary Alice Martin for making the girls better skaters. It did not go without some complaining, but I think the results show the sessions were well worth it.

This week I was informed that the Petite Provincial team was selected as one of the 17 teams to attend the AA Provincials in Nepean, February 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This is a tremendous accomplishment for this young group of girls and one they should be proud of! There are 26 teams provincially and for this team to rank in the top part is great! The next few weeks will be very important in developing the team physically and mentally for the Provincials....the tournament they work all year for!

Last weekend it was announced that Kitchener will be co-hosting the 2010 Western Region Prelims. Kitchener and Waterloo will operate the event February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. The Friday games will take place in Waterloo while Saturday and Sunday games will take place in Kitchener and Waterloo. These Prelims are run to determine which Western teams in the U14A, U16A and the Under 19A will represent us at the A Provincials in West Ferris in March. David Black's U14A team will be competing so come out and cheer the team on! Information regarding schedules, volunteer requirements, etc will be on the Western Region website, but if you have any questions regarding the event please contact me.

Once again, congratulations to the Petite Provincial team and good luck in Nepean!

Karen Lawrence  
Rep Convenor

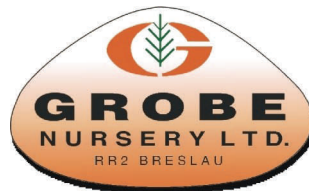
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