

League Directors' Message

Welcome back to another exciting year of Ringette in Calgary. We would like to thank all the coaches, managers, trainers and volunteers for contributing their valuable time to continually improve this great sport of Ringette, and to the players themselves, thank you for your contribution of heart, desire and talent every time you lace up your skates. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated and will provide many memories for the coaches and their staff, players and fans alike.

The League Director positions will be held by Darwyn Miles (Tween to Open) and Shawna Pollock (Bunnies to Petite).

The coach's package contains valuable information. ALL coaches, assistant coaches and managers owe it to their team to read and understand this information. There are contact lists, rules, regulations and necessary forms in the package that will make your job easier. If you have any questions, please contact Darwyn or Shawna.

Despite the substantial effort made in the past by the Ice Schedulers to explain the perils of rescheduling a game, it seems we continue to have problems with league game rescheduling. The rules adopted over the years (see Ice Schedulers letter) should be strictly adhered to and failure to follow the rules in place will result in the forfeit of games. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND FOLLOW ALL RULES.**

There are constantly changes being made in an effort to improve this great sport of Ringette ... the Ringette Calgary "Officials Committee" has done a great job with the referees and because of this the confidence in the official's operations is gaining momentum. The level of participation of new officials' shows that with the help of all the coaches, parents and administrators the system can work. This year we will continue with the changes made last year in the Novice division. In an effort to alleviate some of the perceived competition with in this division we will not keep standings and there will not be city playoffs. In its place there will be a season ending tournament.

We will again endeavor to keep the participants and fans up to date with game scores and division standings via the Ringette Calgary website and the local newspapers. In order for the game scores and divisions standings to be up to date we will need the support of the Coaches and Managers to submit the scores to the Coordinator in a PROMPT AND TIMELY fashion as stated in the rules. It should be mentioned that last year there were teams who did not receive their 2 points for a win because their score sheets were not sent in according to the rules & regs and as a result the final standings were affected. Don't let it happen to your team.

I wish you all the best of luck and sincerely hope that your season is a great one.

Darwyn Miles
Shawna Pollock
Ringette Calgary League Directors