

Berwick & Dist. Ringette **February Newsletter 2012**

To: Parents & Players of Berwick & District Ringette
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1. COLT Tournament

Congratulations to all teams on their great efforts and terrific show of good sportsmanship during the tournament.

Well done, everyone!

2. Individual & Team Photos

Individual & team photos will be taken on the following dates:

Thurs. Feb. 16th – U10 & U12, U14 & U19

Fri. Feb. 17th –U9 (Bunnies) at 5:00 p.m. (we will start taking individual photos as U9 players arrive and the group photos will be taken after everyone has arrived)

Photos will be taken during regular practice times and players will have practice once the photo sessions are completed. **Bunnies, please remember to wear your jerseys that day. If these dates need to change for any reason an email will be sent out.**

3. Provincial Tournament

There will be one provincial tournaments held in Berwick this season. Volunteers are needed to help out with scorekeeping, timekeeping, running the shot clock and the hospitality room. The tournament is the 18+ (Open) being held March 3rd & 4th.

If you are willing and available during that weekend to help out, please let me know.

Experience in running the clock is not necessary, as we will have one experienced person working each game. A hospitality room will be set up during the tournament. The ladies on the Valley Open team will provide food and also work but parents from our association will also be asked to donate food and will be needed to work during the tournament.

4. No – Tolerance Policy

Everyone, players, coaches and parents are reminded of the No Tolerance Policy regarding abuse of officials in any form! Officials are a vital part of the game and the games cannot be played without them. This No Tolerance Policy also applies to abuse of players and fans as well.

5. Good Luck

Best of luck to U14 players – Katrine Magnusson (NS Provincial U14“AA” team) and Brianna Hamilton (NS Provincial U14“A” team) who will be competing with the Nova Scotia at the Atlantic Ringette Championships being held in Charlottetown, PEI, February 10th -12th. Play hard and have fun, girls!

6. Tax Credit

Tax receipts for income tax purposes were distributed in January. If you need another let me know.

7. Provincial Tournament List

U10 March 23 - 25 (BMO Centre)

U12 March 30 – April 1 (Spryfield – Hosted by Chebucto Ringette)

U14 March 23 – 25 (BMO Centre)

U19 March 22 – 25 (BMO Centre)

18 + (Open) March 2 - 4 (Berwick)

8. Make up Games

Due to cancellation of ice due to tournaments, games will have to be made up when there is ice available. Emails will be sent out as times are confirmed.

9. Possible Cancellation of February 24, 25 & 26 Ice Times

There is a Minor Hockey Tournament scheduled for the Feb. 24-26 weekend. At this time I do not know how much ice time, if any, we will have. Once the tournament schedule is confirmed an email regarding that weekend will be sent out. Please check emails on a regular basis.

10. Skate a Thon (Fundraiser)

This event will be held in March sometime. Skate a thon pledge sheets will be distributed to all players once a date is confirmed. Expenses for this season are up due to the price increase for ice associated with the new arena. It is extremely important that everyone put their best effort into this fundraiser. We are requesting that all U9 (Bunny) players please take part in this event. Hopefully a list of prizes for the top money raisers will be available by the time the pledge sheets go out.

11. Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Terri Gates, one of our U9 (Bunny) coaches, has come forth with this fundraiser and has also volunteered to organize it. Participation in this fundraiser is voluntary and funds raised will be used to help with costs of equipment for the association. The association will receive 15% of the funds raised. Terri will have catalogues next week and will attend each team practice to answer any questions and to distribute catalogues. If you have any questions you can contact Terri by email at tlgates@hotmail.com