

Oshawa Storm Ringette Association Newsletter

September 2009

Message from the President

Welcome to the 2009 Season.

The Off Ice team has been extremely busy putting together some great events, fundraisers and off course schedules for this season. The team is doing a fantastic job and I know everyone will see the benefits of their hard work.

There is lots of information in the newsletter that affects every member of our great association so please take the time to read and mark your calendars accordingly. We have several new first time events, partnerships and members joining our team this year.

I would like to thank and welcome on board as official partners to the Oshawa Storm Ringette Association, the Holiday Inn our accommodation partner, Hunters Photography our memorabilia partner, TCG Design Inc "All over it" our apparel partner and HTG Sports Services our travel and registration partner. We look forward to working with you all and improving the quality of our services to our members and supporters.

OSRA are working hard to bring quality coaching, management and partners to our association. However it's time to give back to the sport, as a result I am pleased to announce that the OSRA in conjunction with the Holiday Inn is hosting the Level 1, 2 & 3 referee clinics in Oshawa this season. It's great to bring the officials into town and show our appreciation and continued support.

The next three weeks are critical to the success of this season and we need your help, please come down and support our team at Ribfest Oshawa - Booth (lot 42), get down and register at Legends Centre over the weekend so we can finalize our teams and schedules, support the Golf OSRA Fundraiser on the 19th September and bring out some new friends to the Come Try Ringette event. Busy times and lots of effort from everyone involved to set them up so please show your support and come on down...

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Regards

Grove Bennett

President

Oshawa Storm Ringette Association

Registration Season!

NEW – ON LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE –

Please visit our new on line registration form that will make it quicker and easier to register this season. It's new and one of the many new systems that are being implemented this season. Please fill in the form and print out your registration confirmation receipt and bring with you to the registration tables at Legends Centre. Our registrar team will be happy to accept your receipts and cheques to finalize your registration and answer any questions you may have this season.

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The time to register into Ringette is now! You will not find a more affordable, competitive and coordinated winter sport in Oshawa.

Member ship fees for the coming 2009 season will be as follows:

Participant	Fees
U7/U9 – Development House League	\$300.00
U7/U9 – House League + Select	\$400.00
U10 & U12 – House League Only	\$400.00
U10 & U12 – House League + Select	\$550.00
U14, U16, U19 or Open	\$450.00
<i>*Please note: Rep teams are subject to additional team ice fees</i>	

Early Bird Discount

Any member who registers and is **paid in full by September 15th** will receive a **\$25 discount** on their season fee's for 2009.

Referral Program

Any member who refers a **New to Ringette** player and registers with Oshawa for the 2009 season will receive a **\$25 discount** on their registration for the 2009 season.

\$100 discount - for new players or families to ringette for U7, U9, U10 and U12 Houseleague only.

NEW PLAYERS WANTED – ***Starting From ONLY \$175.00***

(For new players who join Oshawa Storm and pay in full by September 15th, conditions apply)

September Events

OSRA 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

The Oshawa Storm Ringette Association will be hosting the 3rd Annual golf tournament at Winchester Golf Course on Saturday September 19, 2009. The proceeds generated from this tournament go to support our Ringette Players. The cost is \$100 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf, half a cart and lunch. It is a shotgun start (meaning that all golfers tee off at the same time). All golfers need to be at the course by 7:30 am for the 8:00 am start. Golf will follow with lunch and a silent auction. NEW THIS YEAR – you can register on-line at www.oshawaringette.ca. Follow the link for the Golf Tournament. Payment can be accepted by credit card and cheque.

Come Try Ringette

On Sunday September 20th at 2:15, the OSRA will be running a Come Try Ringette program, founded on the Ontario Ringette program that has been successfully run throughout all regions in Canada. This two hour event is free to all participants. The first hour will feature an exhibition game with today's ringette stars from the National Ringette Association (NRA) from the Whitby Wild. The second hour puts the participants on the ice with experienced Oshawa Ringette players and coaches. Bring a friend out to this event and have them try the Fastest Game On Ice. Registration will be available on site. Remember, about OSRA's referral program and New Player Discount!

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The OSRA is happy to offer ice to our members through two weekends in September. The schedule is as followed:

Day	Date	Time	Pad	Team 1	Team 2
Saturday	Sept 12	2:15 pm	3	U7/U9 – Simms	House League
		3:15 pm	3	U10 - Deans	
		4:15 pm	3	U12 - Ramsey	
		5:15 pm	3	U14 - Shantz	
Sunday	Sept 13	2:15 pm	3	U16 - Munro	
		3:15 pm	3	U16 – Parks	
		4:15 pm	3	U19 – Davies	
		5:15 pm	3	U19 – B	18 + - B

Saturday	Sept 19	2:15 pm	3	U7/U9 – Simms	House League
		3:15 pm	3	U10 - Deans	U12 - Ramsey
		4:15 pm	3	U14 - Shantz	U19 – B
		5:15 pm	3	U16 – Parks	Open - B
Sunday	Sept 20	2:15 pm	3	Come Try Ringette	
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		4:15 pm	3	U16 – Munro	
		5:15 pm	3	U19 – Davies	

If you have not been contacted by a Head Coach or it is your first year with the OSRA, then attend the House League Practice. Regular practice times and games will commence in October.

Referee Clinics

Are you 14 years old or older? Interested in learning how to referee ringette? Want to earn a little extra money while getting exercise? Contact Tara Armstrong, Oshawa's Referee-in-Chief for further information. The level one clinic is coming up. Females and Males are all welcome. Please contact Tara Armstrong (tara.armstrong@rogers.com) for more information.

First Aid Training

First Aid & CPR training is occurring at Iroquois Park. There are two training classes:

- Re-certification: September 19th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Cost is \$75.00
- New certification: October 3 & 4th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Cost is \$110.00

To register, contact Heather Wright at (905) 432-9449.

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New Colour's and Jersey's For Our Storm Players

The OSRA is excited to present a new set of team colours and shirts for this upcoming season. Our teams will now sport a Red Jersey with a bold "STORM" across the face of the shirt. This new, dynamic colour and design will allow Oshawa to display a unique uniform in our organization and bring us back to our storied history and success of previous years.

Stay tuned for more.

New Apparel (Clothing & Uniforms)

TCG Design Inc "All over It" is the official suppliers for our on ice and off ice clothing and uniforms. All teams are required to use TCG for their uniform needs this season. There will be a link on the website shortly showcasing the New Look Jersey, tracksuits and other clothing items for teams, staff and supporters.

Team fitting session will be at Harman Arena on Wednesday and Thursday October 7th and 8th during your practice times. So please make an effort to arrive a little earlier than normal to try on the items and make your team selections for your off-ice uniforms this season.

Clarification on New Age Divisions

The last issue incorrectly listed the new Age Divisions. From Ontario Ringette:

"As part of the upcoming Long Term Athlete Development program, all provinces and territories in Canada will be changing the names of the age categories effective with the start of the 2009 season. Ontario Ringette will be incorporating the new division titles for this season. "

Old Division Title	New Division Title
Bunny	Under 7 (U7)
Bunny/Novice	Under 9 (U9)
Novice	Under 10 (U10)
Petite	Under 12 (U12)
Tween	Under 14 (U14)
Junior	Under 16 (U16)
Belle	Under 19 (U19)
Open	18+

Check out the New Look on the Website

The Oshawa Storm Ringette Association has revamped the look of www.oshawaringette.ca Please take a minute to see the new look. Material on the website is updated often, so check back frequently – chances are any questions you may have will be answered there. In addition, all the board member and coaches contact information is provided. Please provide the webmaster with any feedback on the site that you have.