



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday August 25, 2026 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)

Position/Association	Name	Present/Absent/Regrets
President	Shannon Crinklaw	Yes
Vice President	Jim File	Yes
Past President	Vacant	-
Treasurer	Ron McArthur	Yes
Secretary	Carrie McKichan	Yes
RIC	Emma Bragg Smith	Yes
Director at Large 1	Colin Deans	Yes
Director at Large 2	Adam Natsheh	Yes
Director at Large 3	Aaron Kratt	Regrets
Scheduler 1	Steve Baker	Yes
Scheduler 2	Tara Armstrong	Absent
Schedule 3	Rob Ellis	Absent
Barrie	Monique Dionne	Yes
Burlington	Kevin Aubertin	Yes
Dorchester	Nicole Lindsay	Yes
Durham 18+	Chris George	Regrets
Elora Fergus	Jolene West	Yes
Forest	Rachel Orvis	Yes
Guelph/University of Guelph	Jared Pulleybank	Yes
Hamilton	Scott Eason	Yes
Kitchener	Jason Sewell	Yes
London	Jess Walker	Yes
Mississauga	Andrea Law	Yes
Mitchell	Carrie McKichan	Yes
Oshawa	Jamie Lynn Vanderlinde	Yes
Paris	Anne Hodgson	Yes
Richmond Hill	Scott Dyer/ Adam Natsheh	Yes
Sudbury	Shelley Ahmad	Regrets
Sunderland	April Carter	Regrets
Tillsonburg	Matt Freelan	Yes
Waterloo/University of Waterloo	Courtney Proudfoot	Yes
West Ferris	Kelli	Yes
Whitby	Stacey Beck	Yes

Others in Attendance: Ajax/Pickering – Matt Tucker, Forest – Ryan Litchi,, Emily from the UOWaterloo.

1) Requests for items to be added to the agenda & approval of agenda.

Approved: Guelph

Second: Forest

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of Feb 23, 2026

- Link: [Link to Meeting Minutes](#)

Approved: Guelph

Second: Dorchester

3) 2025 – 2026 GLRL Executive Officers

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| • President | - Shannon Crinklaw |
| • Vice President | - Jim File |
| • Secretary | - Carrie McKichan |
| • Treasurer | - Ron McArthur |
| • Past President | - Vacant |
| • At Large Rep #1 | - Colin Deans |
| • At Large Rep #2 | -Adam Natsheh |
| • At Large Rep #3 | - Aaron Kratt |
| • GLRL Board Observers: | |
| Scheduler | - Jim File |
| Referee in Chief (RIC) | -Emma Bragg-Smith |
| Referee Scheduler | -Steve Baker: Western Region Area |
| Referee Scheduler | -Rob Elis: Southern Region Area |
| Referee Scheduler | -Tara Armstrong: Central Region Area |

4) Financial Report –Ron McArthur

The league's financial health is stable but still in the process of fee collection, with a focus on timely payments from associations. Team fees are set at \$760, with a part-time fee of \$460; the fee structure includes a \$160 administrative portion and variable referee costs depending on games played. Bond refunds have been fully processed for associations not participating this year, closing those accounts. Treasurer Ron MacArthur emphasized the importance of reps working closely with their association treasurers to meet deadlines, noting ongoing communication efforts to resolve outstanding fees.

Treasurer's Update for August 25, 2026 GLRL Meeting:

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Accounts Summary

Good Afternoon

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Bank Accounts Total: \$49,284.89 CAD

Chequing	\$13,602.77 CAD
Savings	\$35,682.12 CAD

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Quick Payments & Transfers

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Associations with payments still due:

Ajax / Pickering	Bond & Team Fees
Barrie	Team Fees
Burlington	Team Fees
Elora-Fergus	Team Fees
Guelph (excl. 18+)	Team Fees
London	Team Fees
Mississauga (incl. 18+)	Team Fees
Oshawa (incl. 18+)	Team Fees
Paris	Team Fees
Richmond Hill (incl. 18+)	Team Fees
Sunderland	Team Fees
Tillsonburg	Team Fees
West Ferris - Team Fees = \$460	Team Fees
University of Waterloo 18+ solo	Bond & Team Fees

All Associations owed Bond refunds have been paid.

5) Discipline Committee – Jim File

The league maintains a structured discipline process and governance framework to ensure safety and rule compliance. The discipline committee remains active, chaired by past vice president Brian Kettles, with ongoing efforts to confirm committee members and maintain readiness to handle safety and conduct issues. The committee operates independently, typically involving third parties and referees to review incidents and recommend outcomes to the executive for final decisions. There were no changes proposed to the discipline policy, which is publicly available on the league website, ensuring transparency and clear procedures for associations. The executive emphasized continual monitoring of safety concerns, especially with the integration of the 18+ division, and encouraged prompt reporting of any issues during the season.

6) Membership Confirmation

The Great Lakes Ringette League is expanding with a total of 58 teams this year, including 13 part-time teams and 9 in the 18+/university division, marking a small growth from last year. Team distribution and inclusion criteria are based on competitive levels from 19AA to 18+, with new teams waitlisted to balance regional representation and competitiveness for the new loop. The 18+ division is new and includes university teams playing both league and U19AA circuit games, with some teams withdrawing due to unmet requirements. All teams declared are female-only, with no mixed teams registered this season. The league lost five associations from previous years but welcomed back associations, ensuring steady membership engagement.

Association	# of Teams	U14A	U14AA	U16A	U16AA	U19A	U19AA	18+
Ajax/Pickering	1	1						
Barrie	2	1		1				
Burlington	4		1	1	1	1		
Dorchester	3	1		1		1		
Elora Fergus	1	1						
Forest	4	1		1		1		1
Hamilton (RAB)	1							1
Greater Sudbury	3	1		1		1		
Guelph	4		1	1		1		1
London	5	1	1		1	1	1	
Kitchener	2			1			1	
Mississauga	1							1
Mitchell	3	1		1		1		
Paris	2	1				1		
Oshawa	3		1			1		1
Richmond Hill	6		1	1	1	1	1	1
Sunderland	3	1		1		1		
Tillsonburg	1	1						
Waterloo	3	1			1	1		
West Ferris	1			1				
Whitby	2			1		1		
Durham	1							1
Stouffville	1							1
Waterloo U	1							1
TOTAL	58	12	5	12	4	13	3	9

7) Update to Rules – Approval needed

The league is updating rules to incorporate the new 18+ division while maintaining clarity and compliance across all teams and coaches. The last full update to league rules was in 2020, with draft updates focused on integrating the 18+ division and clarifying scheduling, substitutions, and game sheet procedures. Key rule changes include unlimited substitutions for 18+ teams, with the exception that third-year U19AA players cannot be used as substitutes to maintain competitive integrity. Coaches and associations are required to review and comply with the rules, with fines applying for violations like deleting player information from game sheets after submission. The rule updates are pending executive approval, with a dedicated executive meeting planned in September to finalize and vote on these changes. The league enforces fines and game status protocols for cancellations and forfeits, reinforcing accountability and fairness.

8) Scheduling Update – Jim File

Scheduling involves a complex coordination effort, especially with the new 18+ division and hub formats, balancing competitive fairness and logistical constraints. The AA schedules were finalized and published, with feedback ongoing to address conflicts and blackout dates, particularly for tournaments and the new open division. Some scheduling challenges remain, such as blackout date conflicts that prevented some association home games from being scheduled, requiring manual rescheduling by teams. The start of the season is set for the weekend of September 19-20, with most games ramping up by the weekend of October 3-4. Concerns were raised about safety and scheduling for 18+ teams playing against younger U19AA players, prompting ongoing monitoring and adjustments to scheduling to mitigate risks. The league requires use of a game change request form for rescheduling to ensure transparency and proper notification across scheduling and officiating systems.

*****DRAFT HUB SCHEDULE – STILL MOVING*****

Dates	Locations	Divisions
Sept 19-20	London	U16AA/U19AA
Sept 27	Kitchener	U19AA
Oct 3-4	Richmond Hill	U16AA/U19AA
Oct 24	Burlington	U16AA
Oct 31 or Nov 28	Waterloo	U16AA
Dec 12-13	Bala (Sudbury)	U16A/U19A

9) Officials Update – Emma

Effective communication and operational roles are essential for smooth league functioning, with emphasis on roles like league conveners and referee scheduling coordination. Referee scheduling uses Arbiter, while team scheduling uses Ramp, requiring careful coordination to sync schedules and notify officials promptly to avoid no-shows and payment for unnotified absences. Password-protected coach directories and rep contact lists are maintained online to protect privacy while facilitating communication for scheduling and game management.

10) League Convenors

Description for Role:

The league is seeking volunteers for league convener roles across divisions to assist with game cancellations, score reviews, and coach liaison duties, highlighting the low time commitment and high operational value of these roles.

- **Required for:**

- U14A – Matt Freelan
- U14AA- Monique Dionne
- U16A - Vacant
- U16AA - Vacant
- U19A - Vacant
- U19AA & 18+/University – Colin Deans

11) Other Business:

- The league emphasized the importance of reps attending meetings, relaying information to their boards and coaches, and acting as the main communication channel. The league upgraded its website over the summer to better disseminate meeting minutes, schedules, and announcements, serving as the central hub for communication.
- Ramp Game sheets are to be used for all games.
- Game change request form is found on the website.
- The substitution rule remains unchanged for the last 2 years.
 - Goalies unlimited
 - Players – 5 games and 1 tournament
 - Must list as “SUB” on game sheet
- Password-protected coach directories and rep contact lists are maintained online to protect privacy while facilitating communication for scheduling and game management.

12) Meeting Schedule for Year:

- September 21st
- October 19th (normally do not meet in October)
- November 23rd
- January 25th
- February 22nd
- AGM – TBD – May 2027

Action Items

Shannon Crinklaw

- Share draft rules with executive for review and schedule executive meeting in September to approve rules updates.
- Distribute convener introductory email template to new league conveners.

- Follow up with discipline committee members regarding participation and recruit additional members if needed.
- Work with Ron on follow-up communications to associations with outstanding payments.
- Send username and passwords for schedule linking to Great Lakes reps.
- Send game code emails to reps close to game start dates.

Ron MacArthur

- Send payment reminder emails to associations with outstanding bonds and team fees, ensuring emails go to reps and confirm receipt with association contacts.

Jim File

- Oversee discipline committee formation and chair activities as required.
- Support scheduling review and coordinate with Colin on concerns including safety and university team scheduling.

Carrie McKichan

- Post meeting minutes on the website promptly for association board reference.
- Assist Shannon in communications related to scheduling, conveners, and game code distributions

Colin Deans

- Monitor 18+ division feedback, coordinate scheduling adjustments to address concerns raised by teams and parents.
- Work with Jim on university team schedule conflicts and hub participation issues.
- Provide updates to executive on 18+ division progress and challenges.

Steve Baker

- Upload finalized schedules into Arbiter for referee assignments.
- Coordinate with Emma and others to manage scheduling of referees, especially for new hub format.

League Reps and Associations

- Ensure payment of team fees and bonds by end of month deadline.
- Share game schedules with coaches and utilize the official game change request form for rescheduling.
- Encourage coaches to review updated league rules.
- Volunteer or nominate league conveners for divisions lacking leads to assist with game administration.

13) Motion to adjourn.

Approved: Burlington

Second: Forest