



# Ayr Minor Ringette Association

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Dear Parents and Members:

Hopefully you all got our communication back in late November about the activities happening in your ringette community. In an attempt to keep everyone informed about some of the things going on behind the scenes we are going to try to communicate to our membership on a regular basis. Hopefully it will further evolve and continue to give you the information you need. So here we go:

**Fundraising:** Elmira Chicken and Pizza Orders raised approximately \$2 310 for our association. Though not a mandatory fundraising campaign for all the girls, it was still met with a resounding success. The credits earned by those that participated will be credited towards tournament fees (tournament admission costs) and banquet tickets at the end of the year. Any residual credits will be retained by the association to help offset other costs (ice time, etc.) Thank you for your continued support.

**Ringette Knowledge Clinic:** We have all had the experience during a game wondering what the referee's call was. Well, we're trying to help you out with that. On **Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**, AMRA is hosting a Ringette Knowledge Clinic for our members. It will be held at 11:00 am in the Upstairs Hall at the Ayr Arena. This clinic is designed for parents, coaches, fans, and want-to-be-fans. The goal is to inform people regarding 2008-2011 rule changes, commonly misunderstood rules, penalties, and general conduct through interactive demonstrations and discussions. Our guest speaker, Pat Turcotte, comes to us from the Calendonia Ringette Association where he is a senior, level 2B referee and is also a Regional Evaluator, offering evaluations to referees up to Level 3A. Pat instructs Officiating Clinics for Ringette Canada in the area. Pat is a frequent visitor and past supporter of Ayr Ringette's initiatives, including our Tournament of Hearts and our officiating clinics. Regardless of how long you've been exposed to the game, please plan to attend this very important event.

**Ayr Tournament of Hearts:** Our big event is coming on **February 20-22, 2009** and we need your help!! Your team representative should have all the information regarding this busy yet exciting weekend of ringette in our community. To date we have 28 teams registered in 8 divisions. In order to make this event as successful as last year, we need volunteers to help. The volunteering requirements are as follows:

1. Teams will be required to work times in the kitchen, bake table or prize table. Your team's time will be forwarded to your tournament representative.
2. Each team will be asked to contribute food for lunches and baking to our bake table. Your representative has the details.
3. Each ringette family is asked to provide \$25 worth of prizes to our prize table. If you haven't already completed this task, we ask that you talk to your team representative ASAP as we need to get this task completed.

Please ask your team representative what you can do. It will make this weekend go more smoothly for all involved. Please remember that our association covers the cost for this tournament and asks for helping hands in return.



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If there are any siblings that are looking for their community hours we accept their help as well. There will be a sign-up sheet in the arena or they can contact: Debbie Morgan at 632-9519. A schedule will be done up 2 weeks before the Tournament so everyone can plan their weekend.

Our silent auction table was a big success last year and anyone wishing to provide a silent auction prize please let your Tournament Rep know. We would like them by January 31<sup>st</sup> if possible.

Finally, we need parent volunteers to do registration at the following arenas on Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>: Galt, Preston and Hespeler. Please contact Debbie Morgan as soon as possible if you are able to help us out on Friday.

**Banquet:** At the end of the season we traditionally have a banquet to celebrate our girls' triumphs for the year. This year will be no different. We hope to have further information to you in the next issue of this publication.

**Regionals:** For Novice, Petite, Tween, Junior and Belle teams, regional playoffs will be held the weekend of April 3, 4, and 5 in Mississauga. Please plan to book this weekend as all our teams are registered to play. Further details to follow.

**Feedback:** Thanks Dave Watson for your comments with respect to mouth guards. Dave's comment encouraged the association to hold a custom fitting for mouth guards similar to minor hockey. Although not mandatory in 2008-2009, we are beginning to see more players wearing mouth guards already. As previously stated, mouth guards will be mandatory in the 2009-2010 season. It is good to get the girls wearing them early as this just becomes a piece of equipment they wear like anything else. We are hoping to work with Ayr Minor Hockey Association and have a custom fitting clinic at the beginning of 2009 season. More details to follow as this gets closer. As always, constructive feedback is always welcome. Please contact us at [info@ayrringette.com](mailto:info@ayrringette.com), or to our PO Box, or contact your team representative. Our goal is to improve the program and get more girls involved in this very exciting sport.

We hope that you are enjoying your season to date. For further information on how your team and your opponents are doing, please visit [www.eteamz.com/SRRA/index.cfm](http://www.eteamz.com/SRRA/index.cfm). For more information on the happenings in Ayr Minor Ringette Association, please visit [www.ayrringette.com](http://www.ayrringette.com).

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Regards,  
AYR MINOR RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

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