

2011-12 FVRA Season Start Important Information

Welcome to all new and returning families. Many volunteers have been hard at work behind the scene to get the new season off to a GREAT start. Go to our web site at www.fvringette.com for news and announcements. During the regular season, your team manager will keep you up to date.

1.) REGISTRATION 2011-2012 SEASON: We would like to have all players registered by Sept 6th so we can then confirm teams and coaches prior to the start of the season. We already have more than 130 players registered for the upcoming season which is the same as last year at this time. If you have not yet registered for the upcoming season, please do so immediately. All required forms and information can be found on the FVRA web site in the Registration folder www.fvringette.com . Any questions, please contact our registrar, Melissa, at 604-614-5776 or melissaucw@hotmail.com .

2.) Ice Schedule: 2011-2012 season starts September 6th and the practice schedule for the first two weeks has been posted to our web site in the Practice Schedule folder.

3.) Volunteers Needed!!!

- COACHES/MANAGERS – You could be one!! – At the start of every year we search for coaches and managers to make sure that every girl and boy in FVRA who wants to play Ringette can. Moms, Dads and older players are encouraged to volunteer for one of the most rewarding experiences in minor sports. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY and it won't cost you a penny! This is an excellent opportunity for high school-aged players to fulfill some of the community service hours required for graduation. The FVRA pays the cost of training all coaches, trainers and managers. If you are interested in coaching, please contact our Head Coach, Rick Vanier, at 778-808-3343 or rickvanier@shaw.ca .
- REFEREES REQUIRED - Fraser Valley Ringette generally trains about 4-5 new officials every season. Player officials are great but as they are still playing themselves scheduling can become a bit of a problem. We would really like to have some parents come on board who are interested in officiating. If you are decent skater it is a great way to get some exercise and keep up or even improve your skating skills. If you are interested or anyone you know may be interested in becoming a referee, please contact our Director of Officials, Leanne Hattie, at 604-582-3369 or hattie0471@hotmail.com .
- If you would like to help on any of the committees – tournament or promotions – the FVRA could certainly use your help. No experience necessary, just a willing attitude and an hour or two of your time every couple of weeks! Please let the FVRA Executive or your team coach know.

4.) Used Equipment Swap: Tuesday, September 6th 4:30-7:00PM at Sportsplex Arena. If you need equipment come and check us out. We have quality used equipment that has been donated by FVRA families in past years. Our purpose in doing this event is to help you - the member - keep costs down. If you have any old equipment you no longer need we also accept donations; you can bring it down to Sportsplex during the swap or contact our equipment manager, JoAnn Pearson, to make alternative arrangements (we will pick up) at 604-533-8533 or pachena@telus.net .

5.) What's New? We have refreshed the FVRA Policy and Procedures Manual and have posted it to our web site in the Minutes folder. This has been a major undertaking and will help us greatly in the future.

6.) Congratulations: to our own Tori Gunning who was awarded at the recent BCRA AGM a plaque as "Senior Athlete of the year 2010-2011" for her dedication to Ringette. Quite an accomplishment.

7.) Communication: good communication is the goal of everyone involved with the Fraser Valley Ringette Association. If you have a question, please contact the appropriate person on the Executive. A listing of all executive members is available on the website in the Contacts folder. While the person sitting next to you in the stands may offer an answer to the question that you have, please bear in mind that they may be repeating an answer that they heard from another person, who heard it from someone else, who heard it from... etc., etc., etc.. For the most accurate answer, please just contact your Executive member. If they don't have the answer to your specific question, they will know where to get it.

We are looking forward to working with parents and players and having another very successful year,

Sincerely, Your Fraser Valley Ringette Association Executive