

Waterloo Ringette Association
Annual General Meeting – June 2025
Officiating Report

Similar to years in the past we are very lucky to have our small group of core officials that were willing to always pick up and cover games at the Regional and A level, without them, many games would have been canceled.

Again, this year, we had a very small number of officials in our association, which makes the future of the Waterloo officiating program unknown. As an association we need to continue to look for ways to encourage more officials to join and get involved within the sport. This season, many of our newer officials were unable to ref many games due to their own team commitments. It would be great to get new officials who are not players (i.e. parents and siblings) so they are available for more games. Of course, we still want players to be officials too, maybe there is a way to schedule Fun3 and U12 ice times so these new officials are able to referee the games. Like every year, we need to remember, an official, a coach, a player and a fan all have different angles of the game, which means things are seen differently by each person and 9 out of 10 times an official has an explanation for calling or not calling something. We need to be respectful towards our officials at all times.

The Waterloo Ringette Association's officiating program has been the home to many strong and skilled officials, but we always need new officials each year. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in becoming an official, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss (jessica.verutis@gmail.com)

I would like to thank all the officials for a fantastic year. I look forward to being a part of WRA for another season and see what we can accomplish together!

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