



February 23, 2017

### **EMAIL NEWSLETTER #3**

Coaches, Managers and Parents,

The countdown is on and in less than two weeks we will be welcoming you to your 2017 AA Provincial Championships. We wanted to take this opportunity to provide some further details and to pass along a few reminders:

#### **Online Silent Auction:**

There are many fantastic items available at our online auction, and items continue to be added. The auction will open on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and close on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

We encourage you to mark your calendars and visit the website to bid on some great deals:

<https://nepeanringette2017.eflea.ca/>.

Should you be successful in your bid, items can be picked up starting on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 until the end of the tournament at Walter Baker Centre (troubleshooting desk). Cash (exact amount only) and cheques are accepted. Please make cheques payable to the Nepean Ringette Association.

#### **Meeting Room Rentals:**

The City of Ottawa has rooms available for teams to rent at the Walter Baker Centre during the AA Provincial Championships. These rooms can be used for team meals, team meetings, etc. Please note that there is no cooking allowed on site so all meals will need to be prepared elsewhere.

The rental rates are:

Halls A&B (Max 250 persons) – \$22.70/hour

Hall A or B (Max 125 persons) - \$18.20/hour

Room 202 & Room 205 (50 people) - \$14.55/hour

Rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis and can be booked through Michelle Farrell at [michelle.farrell@ottawa.ca](mailto:michelle.farrell@ottawa.ca)

### **Coaches Meeting:**

The coaches meeting will be held on Wednesday March 8th at 8:00 pm in the Food Court at the Walter Baker Sports Centre located at 100 Malvern Drive in Nepean.

### **Opening Ceremonies:**

Opening Ceremonies are being held at The Tudor Hall located at 3750N Bowesville Road on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

In order to ensure that all teams are ready for the player parade, we ask that all players and bench staff **arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. that evening**. There will be volunteers on site to assist teams with seating.

Reminder that the theme is **Let's Celebrate**. We are looking forward to seeing all the creative costumes.

For those that have not yet submitted their team photos for the slide show that evening, we ask that you do so as soon as possible to [prov\\_photos@nepeanravens.ca](mailto:prov_photos@nepeanravens.ca).

### **City of Ottawa: Warning to Bench Staff:**

The City of Ottawa's policy on 'walking on the ice' is that bench staff members must wear a helmet on the ice to assist injured players. This rule must be respected by all teams as a condition for ice contracts, so please remember to bring a spare helmet on the bench. Also, as part of this bylaw, bench staff members are not permitted on the ice to shake hands at the end of the game. Generally skaters will skate by the opposing bench and the hand shaking is done from there.

### **Arenas:**

The 2017 AA Provincials Ringette Championships will be held at four arena complexes in the west Ottawa area;

- Nepean Sportsplex, Woodroffe Avenue
- Walter Baker Centre, Malvern Drive in Barrhaven
- Goulbourn Recreation Complex, Shea Road in Stittsville
- Bell Arena, Cassidy Drive (Thursday only)

### **Website:**

To keep up to date regarding the 2017 AA Provincials Ringette Championships, please visit [www.nepeanringette.ca](http://www.nepeanringette.ca)

On behalf of the 2017 AA Provincial Ringette organizing committee we want to wish you a safe trip and good luck.