



## London Open Ringette Association (LORA) 2009-2010 Season December 2009: News and Updates

With the 2009-2010 Ringette season well underway we wanted to pass along some news of our organization and its four teams ...

### LORA Membership

The ORA has changed the names and ages of the divisions this year. The Open division is now known as 18+ which includes any women who turn 18 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that season. This year we are very pleased to have **57 women** registered in the LORA across the four 18+ teams. Thank you to Allison Parkington for sending all the TRFs in on time!! This is the largest we have been since the association began in the early 1990s.

### The Teams



This year we have four teams across four levels of play: **Open A, Open B+, Open B-** and **Open C**. The Open A team is very busy playing in the CORL league out of Central Ontario and the WORL league out of Western Ontario. The Open B+, B- and C teams are playing in the SWIRL league out of Southwestern Ontario.

### Thank You to our Great Coaching Staff!!

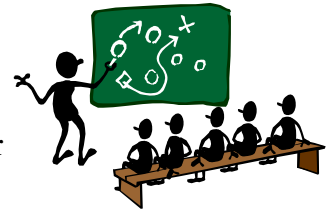
Please make sure to thank the following people who are dedicating their time and energy to help out with our teams this year.

**London Open A:** Coach Scott Borland; Assistant Coach & Manager Glen Deveaux; Assistant Coach Jackie Alvaro.

**London Open B+:** Coach Michael Robinson; Assistant Coach Christina Robinson; Manager Kristine Lange.

**London Open B-:** Coach Ryan Parkington; Assistant Coaches Jenna Sheppard & Lisa Young; Trainer Connie Lange

**London Open C:** Coach Rick Proud; Assistant Coaches Sandra Proud, Lori Martin, Stacey Sutton; Manager Kristine Lange.



### The 2009-2010 Season So Far ...

**London Open A** has been doing very well. They have picked up a handful of new players, as well as a new Head Coach. The team seems to really click, and everyone is having a lot of fun competing. The Open A players have been receiving many

compliments **UROCK!** from other teams and coaches on their improvement since last year. As an example, they made it to the semi-finals and came home with a 3rd place finish after competing in the Pickering Tournament on December 4-6<sup>th</sup>!! The team is playing in both the CORL and WORL regions this season, providing the ladies with a lot of good competition (and fun road trips!!). The Open As have been accepted into the Ajax Tournament in February, and are all very excited about that. They look forward to seeing you cheering them on at their games; the more the merrier!!!



**London Open B+** have been playing really well and have only lost three regular season games so far. They have applied to play in the Waterloo, Guelph, and Regional tournaments in the New Year.



**London Open B-** have played 6 games so far. They've won 2 games (Chatham and Woolwich) and lost 4 games (St Mary's, Waterloo, St Thomas x 2). They are applying to play in the Waterloo, Niagara Falls and Regional tournaments.

**London Open C** has had a busy November having played nine games so far including those at the London Tournament and an exhibition game against Woodstock. League play has taken them to Woodstock, Cambridge, Waterloo, St Clements, and Kitchener already, and they have played St Clements at home. They are slowly finding their pace and won their first game against Waterloo at the end of November.



**Twizzlers** are the new Skittles!! They are also thoroughly enjoying playing baseball ringette!! They have applied to 14<sup>th</sup> and will be playing in Niagara Falls in the works for a road trip to the Las Vegas tournament in April 2011. Stay tuned!

Twizzlers



### London Tournament: November 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Congratulations to the *London Open A*, *Open B+* and *Open C* teams who participated in the LRA tournament at Western Fair and Carling arenas. All teams faced strong competition but held their own. London A beat Mississauga and UWO, and lost to Jordan and Hamilton in a well fought tournament! Open B+ had some great games but lost in the gold medal game to Mississauga 4-1. London C showed up and worked hard, losing all games but having lots of fun!



**THANK YOU** to everyone for their donated items for our prize table at the tournament. Our fundraising was a HUGE success. We raised \$1008.50 from the prize table and \$1052.40 from the 50/50 draw, both going directly to the LORA to support our association activities. The winnings from the 50/50 draw were not claimed by November 30<sup>th</sup> following advertising of the winning number and attempts to contact teams by the LRA, so the \$526 – 1/2 of amount above – reverted back to the LORA. In addition, \$78 for *Passing the Ring Forward* was



collected through raffle sales for a gingerbread house and a chocolate assortment, kindly donated by Kris Riley of the B- Team and *Riley's Sweet Revenge*. The proceeds of this raffle are going to sponsor a child who otherwise can't afford to play ringette. Thanks also to all those who gave up a little time to help staff the table. A special thank you to Denise Mignault, her organizer helpers, and the 50/50 salesladies for bringing in the big bucks!!



Thank you Kris!!

### Team Reps



Thank you to the following people who have agreed to act as team reps: Amanda Nichol (Open A); Michelle Dobbyn (Open B-); Kristen Riley (Open B-); Connie Lange (Open C). Please remember to thank your team rep for all the work they have done and will do for you this season!

### Fundraising - Please support association members!!

**London Open A** will be engaging in fundraising activities throughout most of the season to offset the costs of their travel for league games and tournaments.



**London Open B+** are hoping to win the 6/49. If they do ... "new jerseys for everyone!", exclaimed coach Michael Robinson.

### LORA Executive 2009/2010

The London Open Ringette Association is organized by an executive committee that is comprised of Open/18+ Division players. The 2009-2010 LORA executive are ...

Chairperson	Jenna Sheppard
Coaching Liaison/Past Chairperson	Lesley Wilson
Ice Coordinator	Johanna Carlson
Treasurer	Lisa Young
Secretary	Kristine Lange
Registrar	Allison Parkington
Referee Liaison	Jackie Alvaro
Tournament/Banquet	Denise Mignault
Fundraising	Kelly Clark & Meghan Deveaux
Public Relations	Jane Davis

Please remember to check the London Open Ringette Association webpage on the LRA website at <http://www.londonringette.org/open.html> throughout the year for your league schedules and any updates and changes.

**THE LORA EXECUTIVE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!!**

