



GCRA

A Year in Review

AGM – 2024/25 Season

June 16, 2025

Agenda



- Welcome!
- Housekeeping items
- Adoption of the minutes of 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting
- Finance report
- Registrar's report
- Council & Committee Reports
- Elections (Nominations and Motions for approval)
- New Business
- Draw for \$100 off 2025-2026 registration
- Adjournment of 2024-2025 Annual General Meeting

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS



1. Please stay logged on for the entirety of the meeting; at the end a draw will be made for \$100 off 2025 registration
2. Please keep your mic on mute until question period.
3. If you have a comment or question, please pop it in the chat. The chat will be monitored, and questions/comments will be brought up to the council members for response
4. As this is your association, we will be motioning the approval of a few items, we welcome you to second/support motions as they come up, when you do, please come off mic and state your name and then indicate that you second the motion. Alternatively, if you are abstaining or opposing a motion, please come off mic and state your name. Meeting minutes/notes are recorded, and we would like to ensure all is documented accurately.
5. We are always looking for volunteers!! You have the next 90 minutes (and beyond) to determine where your talents can best be used! 😊 if you would like descriptions for any of the vacant positions, please don't hesitate to reach out to gcra.secretary22@gmail.com or consult the GCRA website.

2024/25 Councils



Executive Council

President	Vanessa Jones
Secretary	Bettina Sivyver/Lindsay Sanford
Executive VP	Ashley Ruelland
VP Finance	Andi Worrell
VP Operations	Darlene Pickup
VP Administration	Carissa Morris
VP Development	Josee Sabourin
Director Discipline	vacant
Director Finance	vacant
Ice Scheduler	Sarah Dawson/Bettina Sivyver
Director at Large	Nicole Hicks
Director Competitive	Dave Mainwood
Director Regional	Ashley Ruelland
Director FUNdamentals	vacant
Registrar	Amy Grosset

Administrative Council

VP Administration	Carissa Morris
Equipment Manager	Shaun Merchant
Director Admin	vacant
Webmaster	Erik and Germaine Fournier
Referee in Chief	Eve Berthelot
Director of Publicity and Promotions	vacant
Tournament Manager	Vanessa Jones & Ashley Ruelland
Communications Coordinator	Ashley Rheume

Development Council

VP Development	Josee Sabourin
Director – Player Development	Stephanie McLellan
Director – Coaching Development	Joel Hazzan
Convenors – Fun, Regional, Competitive	
Summer Camp Manager (s)	Jess Mainwood & Celine Leduc

Adoption of 2024 Minutes



Link to GCRA 2023-24 AGM presentation & minutes: (May 29, 2024) Minutes
[HERE](#)



		2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023
		As of 31/03/2024		As of 31/03/2024		as of 31/05/2023
Revenues						
	Registration	199,724.83		181,280.91		175,266.58
	Tryouts Fees	2,610.00		9,840.00		15,080.00
	Skills Programs	16,145.00		26,725.00		19,655.00
	Tournament	5,222.98		5,445.05		7,089.35
	Summer Program	3,153.17		4,614.92		4,999.96
	Misc Revenue	95.21		107.48		111.03
	Total Revenue	226,951.19		228,013.36		222,201.92
Expenses						
	Ice (Net)	124,158.45		148,588.29		133,403.66
	Ringette Ontario	34,126.25		7,888.21		6,776.00
	Referees	11,042.16		9,036.30		8,767.00
	NCRRL/LERQ/ERRA	1,825.00		1,850.00		7,210.00
	Other Sport Related	4,990.00		14,234.70		14,744.14
	Administration & Travel	8,423.02		2,522.68		1,133.94
	Other Operating	-		2,325.58		2,362.73
	Equipment & Storage	2,634.52		3,919.23		2,194.82
	Software & Support	9,379.89		7,459.98		6,104.29
	Miscellaneous	-		1,617.41		1,613.72
	Training & Bench Staff	1,334.90		1,290.60		666.04
	Total Expenses	197,914.19		200,732.98		184,976.34
	Net Profit (Loss)	29,037.00		27,280.38		37,225.58

Income Statement as of March 31st, 2025

Other Sports Related line includes items such as clinic instructors, Elite fund, and scholarship.

Financial Highlights 2024-25



Outlook

- Current financial position as of March 31st is on track for our budgeted fiscal year ending May 31st.
- Cost of ice will continue to be our largest expense, though slightly lower this season due to various factors.

Bernie Cockburn Fund

- The membership contributed just over \$800 in donations at registration.
- This season, the fund allowed 3 players to continue to participate in ringette.
- The fund currently stands at \$3,229

Equipment Fund

- Our equipment fund balance currently stands at \$11,418

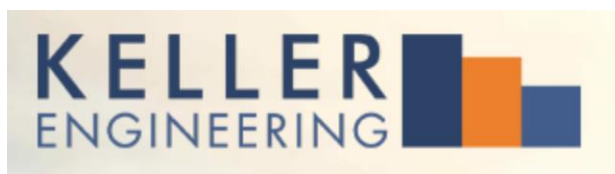
GCRA Scholarships

- GCRA provides annual scholarships to ringette players, entering post-secondary studies, who have demonstrated a commitment to the sport of ringette through playing and volunteering. This season we had two successful applicants.
- **For more information on this scholarship, please visit our website**

Returning Team and Player Sponsorships

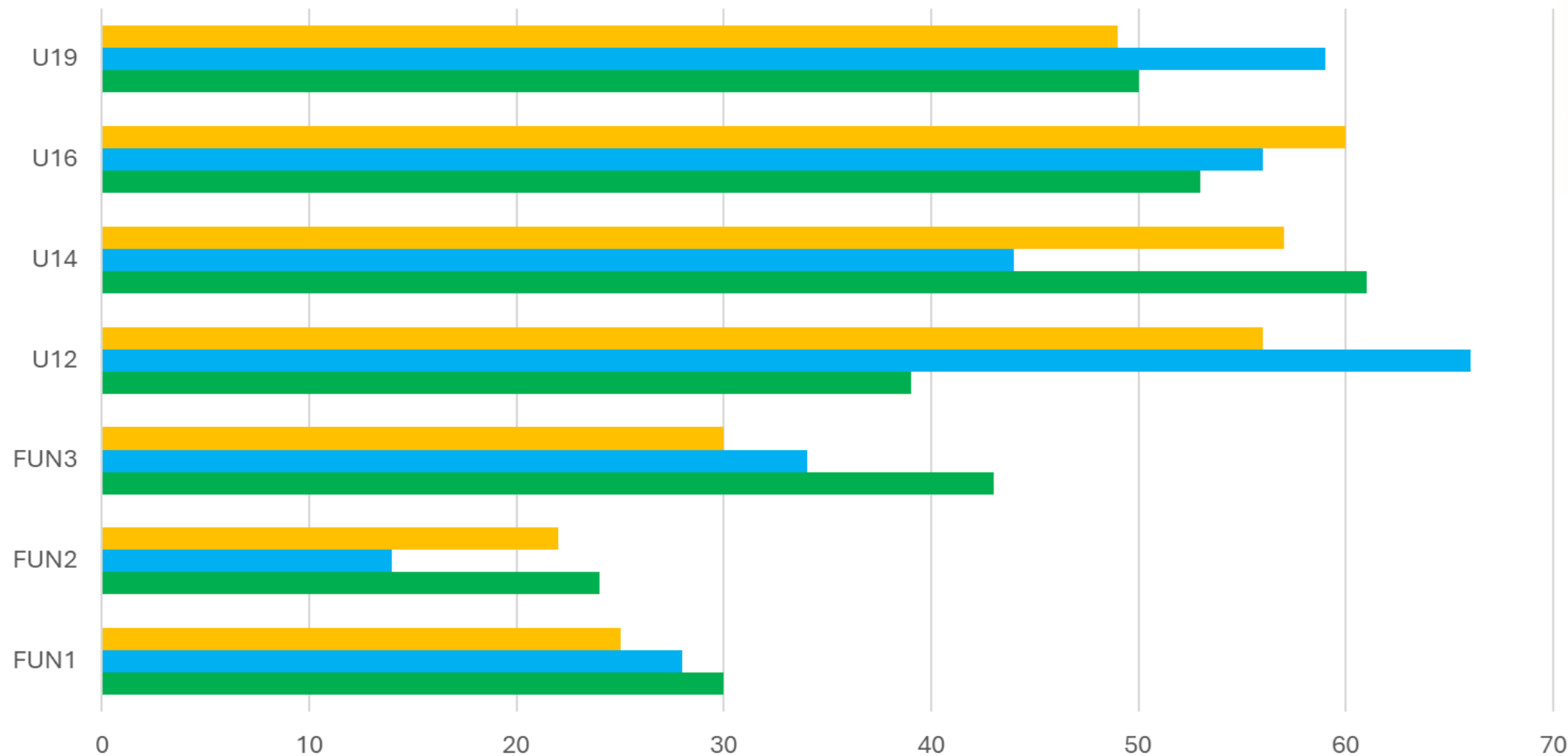


Team and Player Sponsorships





Registration Numbers by Division



2024: 299

* GCRA did not
host a U19AA
team, division
has been
moved to
Eastern Region

2023: 301

2022: 300

	FUN1	FUN2	FUN3	U12	U14	U16	U19
2024	25	22	30	56	57	60	49
2023	28	14	34	66	44	56	59
2022	30	24	43	39	61	53	50

Council & Committee Reports

New GCRA team gear now available at Houle Sports

Last year we showed you the refreshed Devils' logo... and this year we are letting you know that new GCRA team gear is now being offered by Houle Sports!

Happy Shopping!!



Volunteer Appreciation Night



We held our annual *Volunteer Appreciation Night* on Thursday, May 29th at the *Puck Stop* at Sensplex

A great group of 50-60 volunteers gathered and socialized while enjoying some pizza and watching the first opening exhibition games of the Capital Classic!

Thank you again to all the volunteers that work hard within teams and the GCRA!!

We have plenty of volunteer positions open within the organization. Please see our website for volunteer opportunities or contact gcra.secretary22@gmail.com for more information.

You can even get your athletes involved and get their high school volunteer hours at our annual GCRA tournament or helping with registration for tryouts.



Operations – Regional Report

10 teams - Same as last year!

- 1 x U12 C, 2 x U12B, 1 x U12 A, 1 x U14B, 1 x U14 C, 1 x U16B and 1 x u16C , 2 x 19B

Highlights

- MANY tournament medals!
- U12 B Grosset, U12 B Marsh an U12 A McDonald attended provincials

Challenges

- Pilot Tiering
- Regional Director Role Adjustment

New for 2025/26

- Splitting Regional Job - U12 Director, U14 - U19 Director
- U16 Tiering - NCRRL Wide
- U12 Regional Development Initiative
- Jr. Coach Mentorship

Operations – Competitive Report



- This past year GCRA iced, U19A, U16 AA and A, U14 AA and A teams.
- All teams had varying success with the most notable being our U19 A team winning the Provincial Championships and earning the right to represent Ontario at the 2025 Eastern Canadian Championships where they won a Bronze medal. Congratulations!!!
- This is the first year we did not have a U19AA team as the region decided to combine all associations and make two "all-star" teams. We had a number of our GCRA players on those teams. One of the teams earned the right to attend The Canadian National Championships.
- Tryouts for the 2025-2026 season have finished except for the U19A team which will happen in the fall. Many thanks to the evaluators who weathered the cold rinks to evaluate. Many thanks to the volunteers who manned the tables for registration with special acknowledgment to Darlene Pickup who without her management of all of the tryouts we would be at a loss.

Development - FUNdamentals

- 1 FUN team; 2 FUN teams; 2 FUN teams
- Tournaments
 - FUN3 Desjardins (1 out of town, GCRA and NCRRL)
 - FUN3 Dallaire:(Nepean, Kingston (Gold), GCRA and NCRRL)
 - FUN 3 - new staged approach
 - FUN 2 - played intercity weekly games
 - FUN 1 - participated in FunFest
- Challenges: Player Development
- Positives: We had a lot of junior coaches assisting our younger athletes this year

Development – Player Development



- Securing ice for player development this year was a challenge.
- Power skating was offered for FUN 2&3, U12A/B/C, U14AA/A/B/C
- Summer 2025 pickup with skills and drills is scheduled for FUN3, U12, U14AA/A/B/C, and summer pickup for U16, U19 and goalie clinics
- Survey circulated to GCRA families to gather feedback and ideas about development

Tournament



The **48th ANNUAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT** took place January 31st- February 2nd, 2025

Thank you to all our tournament volunteers for your outstanding contribution and attention to detail organizing this tournament!

- We welcomed 83 teams from across the Canada!!
- We had teams from Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI, Quebec and, of course, Ontario.
- We would like to thank all of our committee members for their support this past year: Karl Morency, Alison Begley, Crystal Chant, Kim Leehmuis, Angela MacNeil and Ashley Ruelland .

We would also like to thank all the parents and players who stepped up and filled some crucial/mandatory volunteer spots!

If you would like to be part of organizing the 2025-2026 GCRA Tournament, please reach out to: Vanessa Jones at gcrafin@gmail.com

Year End Practice Ice Summary

- All teams were allotted 13 hours of practice ice.
 - Distributed weekly (Competitive team typically receiving 1 half-ice session and rotating between 1hr full-ice session; Regional teams: 1 half-ice session were week)
- Usage Overview
 - Estimated Tournament Ice: ~200 hours (GCRA Tournament)
 - Competitive Team Usage: Most exceeded their 13-hour allotment, several teams booked extra ice using team fees
 - Regional Team Usage: Most teams used all of their allotment, with bonus March break ice for development sessions.
- Special Events & Key Activities:
 - Come Try Ringette
 - Holiday Skate
 - GCRA Tournament
 - Tryouts & Sort-outs
 - Power Skate Clinics

Year End Practice Ice Summary... con't

- Challenges this Season:

- Major ice challenge every season as the City assigns GCRA ice based on registration numbers. This limits the amount of ice allocated to GCRA.
- The limited ice availability from the City created scheduling pressures
- Early permit cancellations by City in March cut GCRA's access to ice before the season ended.
- FUN1 and FUN2 had scheduling issues
- Competitive teams did not receive adequate solo full-ice sessions.
- Frequent conflicts in scheduling resulted in team being bumped or shuffled off their ice times
- Tryout ice was difficult to acquire due to rink renovations taking place at some rinks. This caused considerable delays in securing ice times and posting tryout schedule
- the 4-on-4 programming (end of season) was cancelled due to lack of ice
- Cost of ice will increase and will need to be accounted for in registration next season

- Solutions moving forward:

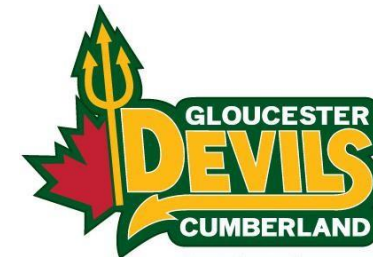
- Additional practice and development ice was requested to the City for the 2025-2026 season
- A permit extension request (September to end of April) was submitted to the City
- Improve tracking and reporting

Elections

2025/2026 GCRA Board vacancies



Role	Commitment	Experience	Current	Nominee
President (Elected)	Even (2-year commitment)	2-years GCRA council experience	Vanessa Jones	n/a
Executive Vice-President (Elected)	Odd	2-years GCRA council experience	Ashley Ruelland	Ashley Ruelland
Secretary (Elected)	Even (2-year commitment)	related experience	Bettina Sivyier/Lindsay Sanford	vacant - please apply!
Director at Large (Elected)	Annual	related experience	Nicole Hicks	Karen Cameron
Regional Director (Elected)	Odd	related experience	Vacant	Carissa Morris
VP Development (Elected)	Even	related experience	Josée Sabourin	vacant - please apply!
Director - Player Development (Elected)	Even (2-year commitment)	related experience	Stephanie Doucet	n/a
Director of Discipline (Elected)	Odd (2-year commitment)	related experience	vacant	vacant - please apply!
Director of Publicity and Promotions (Elected)	Even (2-year commitment)	related experience	vacant	vacant - please apply!
Director of Administration (Elected)	Even (2-year commitment)	related experience	Carissa Morris	Shaun Merchant



New Business

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Adjournment
