



Every family with players participating in this event is expected to volunteer some time for this event. The more people we have involved in the tournament, the more successful.

### **CORA Tournament Program Fundraising**

Advertising in the tournament program is a substantial source of fund raising for the association and for your particular team. All teams and players are required to provide advertising sponsors for the tournament program regardless of whether their team is included as a playing team in the tournament. For this year, there is also an opt-out available for teams or players to provide cash payment rather than fundraising. The CORA annual registration is kept lower than other associations because of the funding provided to the association through our tournament program.

The program fundraising provides an opportunity for individual teams to raise money, since the advertising fundraising is split between the association and the individual teams.

### **Power Skating**

CORA offers power skating for all registrants on Monday evenings. Registration for power skating will be completed through your team manager once the teams have been selected.

### **Tryouts**

Our association tries to field as many teams as possible. In each age division there are a number of different levels of play. Evaluations will take place to determine the appropriate level for all players. At the time of registration, details of the tryout times will be provided. The decision regarding placement on teams is never made by one individual and the selection process is governed by a set criteria. We have developed a competitive tryout process which will ensure consistency in selection across all competitive teams. You are required to attend all tryout sessions. If you cannot attend, please advise the respective coaches. Please note that for players trying out for a competitive team there is an additional fee for the tryouts.

### **Ontario Provincials**

Please be aware that if you are playing on a competitive A or AA team, your team may qualify for the provincial championships:

- Provincial "AA" Championships-Nepean February 25-28
- Provincial "A" Championships - West Ferris March 18-21

New for 2010 is that all of the AA teams will automatically be included in the provincials. This change goes along with a change to the ranking formula. Only tournaments after Christmas will be used for point accumulation towards ranking. Results from tournaments prior to the Christmas break will not be used for the purpose of ranking.

Also, it is currently the intent for the ORA to include all Provincial Petite teams in one of the provincial tournaments.

### **Volunteers**

Our Association is operated entirely by volunteers. We are very fortunate to have a tremendous number of people who work tirelessly for the betterment of this association and ringette. Every parent should be prepared to volunteer time throughout the year to help their team and the Association. Getting involved in your daughter's team adds to the success and enjoyment for yourself and everyone involved. More details as to how you can help will be provided by the team managers. If you have any questions prior to, or during the season, please contact any member of the Executive. A complete listing of executive contacts can be found on our web site: [www.ottawaringette.on.ca](http://www.ottawaringette.on.ca)

I'm looking forward to a great 2009/2010 season!

Regards,

Scott Thompson  
CORA President