



Wednesday February 5, 2014

The 5 th Annual Boston Pizza/ Winnipeg Ringette League Tween Skills Competition and Belle “A” & “B” All-Star Games.

The Winnipeg Ringette League along with our proud corporate sponsor Boston Pizza will be hosting our 5th Annual Belle All-Star Games & Tween Skills Competition to be held at MTS Centre on Wednesday February 5, 2014.

EVERY RINGETTE TEAM IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.
MTS CENTRE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5 FROM 5-10 P.M.

EVERY WINNIPEG RINGETTE LEAGUE PLAYER WHO WEARS THEIR TEAM JERSEY WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A WIND UP AT BOSTON PIZZA FOR THEIR ENTIRE TEAM.

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We have MANY unique volunteer positions. As this is at such a large venue the number of volunteer positions is close to 50.

FAQ section on the evening's events.

Tween Skills Competition:

Q: How are the Tween Skills Players selected?

A: It is the responsibility of each Tween coach to nominate 1 player for each category from their Tween team.

- Fastest Skater.
- Hardest Shot.
- Goalie.

In the past, coaches have used a team practice to run their own skills selection camp with the team winners being the team nominees. The actual skills are available for viewing online. This link will be emailed to all tween coaches as soon as the updated version is on-line. The rest of the team attends to cheer on their team mates.

Q: My daughter plays on a Tween "C" team, will she be competing against players from the Tween "A" Level?

A: Yes. This is a Tween skills competition. There are "A" level players playing on "C" level teams for a variety of reasons. Over the years Tween "C" players have won many competitions.

Q: What are the Tween players required to bring?

A: The Tweens who are on the ice - ALL their equipment, including their jerseys The Tweens who are in the stands. "Wear your Jersey" contest and be entered to win a Boston Pizza wind up package for YOUR ENTIRE TEAM.

Q: Is there somewhere to keep the equipment before, during and after the game/skills competition?

A: Yes. The players check in and are shown to the proper dressing room. The equipment will be stored just as any other game.

Q: Do I need a ticket? What is the cost to attend the event?

A: Yes & Free. Due to MTS Centre policy every person in the MTS Centre MUST have a ticket. You can pick up a ticket at the doors before you enter. But it is free.

Q: This is the first year that I have heard about this. Does this happen every year?

A: Yes. This is the 5th Annual. It has always been held at MTS Centre.

Q: I would like a photo of my daughter. Can I take photos?

A: Short answer, Yes. But for a better quality photo, Stafford Studios, "The Official Photographer of the WRL" will be there to take the introduction photos, team photos and action photos and will be available online a few days after the event.

Q: Will there be media coverage?

A: Yes. As this is a huge event all local media have been advised thru a press release. Players do not have to consent to any interviews, but parents should sign a photograph waiver (These will be emailed to the coaches and you can submit them in the check in process), as the players may be shown on TV, print media or for the WRL/Boston Pizza promotion of the game. Shaw TV will broadcast from the event and do player interviews throughout the evening.

Q: Will the Tween Skills be the only event at MTS Centre that night?

A: No. The event moves onto the Belle "B" All-Star Game (7:00 PM Scheduled start time) and the Belle "A" All-Star Game (8:30 PM Scheduled start time) There will be 15 players on each team and with the 2 games there will be 60 Belle All-Star Game players.

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Belle All-Star Games:

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Q: Is there somewhere to keep the equipment before, during and after the game?

A: Yes. The players check in and are shown to the proper dressing room. The equipment will be stored just as any other game.

Q: Do all Belle teams get to participate in the All Star Game?

A: Yes. EVERY team from the Belle "A" loop and every team from the Belle "B" loop will get to send players.

Q: Who chooses the players?

A: The head coach from each Belle team.

Q: As a Belle coach, what are my responsibilities?

A: In the near future you will be emailed how many players from your team will get to play. It will be your responsibility to submit your players names before the deadline.

Q: Do we bring both sets of jerseys.

A: No. Boston Pizza donates the jerseys every year. The players get to keep them as a memento of the evening. This year the jerseys are made from Team Canada jerseys as the Olympics are being held during February 2014 . They are a set of whites and a set of reds. They have the All-Star game logo on them along with the Boston Pizza Roundel. Once the players arrive they will find out which team they will play for and given the appropriate jersey.

Q: How do you decide jersey size & number?

A: On the day of the event it is first come first serve. We reserve the right to tweak it a bit based on player size. Most jerseys are adult large with some XL. They are numbered 2-14 and 1 & 30 being the goalie cuts.

Q: How many times can a player play in the All Star game?

A: ONCE. As a Belle coach you can choose any player who has NOT played on a WRL All Star team before. We have an alumni list and will confirm rookie status before we roster the player. The WRL suggests in NOT choosing a first year Belle as they will have more chances thru the years.

Q: Who will coach the teams and how is this decided?

A: The Head Coaches, for the All Star Games will be chosen by the league. The assistants will be chosen by the head coach.

Q: How many games are there?

A: There will be the Belle "B" All-Star Game (7:00 PM Scheduled start time) and the Belle "A" All-Star Game (8:30 PM Scheduled start time)

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A: No. The event starts out with the WRL Tween Skills competition. There will be 3 representatives from EVERY Tween team in the WRL in each of 3 categories. (24 teams - 72 players including 24 goalies)

Q: What is the timeline?

A: The evening starts out with the Tween Skills, at 5, followed by the Belle "B" game and then the Belle "A" game. More details will be sent out closer to game day. In the past the Belle B starts about 7:00 P.M. and the Belle A at about 8:30 P.M.

Q: What are the Belle players required to bring?

A: All their equipment except their jerseys.

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Fans:

Q: I coach a Ringette team and I would like to bring the team to watch the entire event. Is this possible?

A: Absolutely. The WRL strongly encourages family, friends and entire teams to attend. Many teams have used this as a "Team Bonding Event" There will be a Ringette shooting game in the lobby for some great Boston Pizza prizes all night. It is "Rush" seating so entire teams can sit together.

Q: Will there be any games or prizes other than on the ice?

A: Yes. A few different ones.

- EVERY WRL player who wears their team jersey to the game will be entered to win a "Boston Pizza Dinner for 4" You do not have to be in attendance to win as ALL winning numbers will be posted on line.
- 50/50 With one prize for the entire night. (Winning number posted on line)
- "Score For 4" A game set up in the common area around the arena bowl. It is a Boston Pizza shooter tutor set up for contestants to take their chance at shooting a ringette ring at a goal to "Score for Four" and win a "Boston Pizza Dinner for 4."

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Q: I will be coming right from work. Will the food venues be open?

A: Yes. We generally occupy 3-4 sections of MTS Centre and the food venues at these sections will be open for business. There is also Boston Pizza City Place just around the corner from MTS Centre.

Q: I would like us to volunteer at this event. Is this possible?

A: YES. WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS.

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