

WATERLOO RUGBY CLUB
2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



REPORT NAME: MINOR AND JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT 2015

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The 2015 season for the Minors and Juniors is complete, with many positive outcomes and a few challenges that require address. Overall, the program was a success.

Successes:

1. Practice field locations have achieved good attendance and adequate space for training
2. Waterloo County minor coaches received a considerable amount of positive feedback from parents regarding the organization of the program and coaching staff
3. All teams (excluding U14's) experienced competitive play at tournaments and scheduled exhibition games, often times combining with other clubs to complete full teams
4. U16 and U18 teams both had successful seasons and good records, with U18's also winning NRU championship at Fletchers Fields
5. Online registration was an improvement from previous years
6. Solid core of coaches and parent volunteers (still need more)

Challenges:

1. U14 team continues to struggle for registrants and coaches
2. Lack of washroom facilities
3. Many individuals found the Club's website tough to navigate
4. Coaches did not attain Level I certifications as stipulated by Rugby Ontario
5. Some Vulnerable Sector Police Record Checks were not completed by coaches *see below
6. Registrations for minor teams could still be improved

The Minor/Junior program has continued to increase in registered individuals and the club has increased the frequency and quality of competitions for the players. However, many more opportunities are available given an adequate amount of volunteer support.

Certifications for the coaching staff are now a Rugby Ontario requirement and we will be looking to have our coaches complete the training before the 2016 season commences.

Rugby Ontario provided an online resource for completing the Police Record Checks but later rescinded the process causing confusion and resulting in failure in completing all checks. Going forward this will be a requirement for the Minor/Junior coaching staff prior to season start.

Sincerely,

Joel Hussey, Director Junior Rugby