Ringette Canada announces officials and shot clock operators attending national championships

London, ON - March 10, 2016 - The 2016 Tim Hortons Canadian Ringette

Championships will get underway in London, Ontario on April 3rd and teams from across the country will compete for national titles in the U16 and U19 divisions, as well as the National Ringette League championship title. **Ringette Canada** today announced the officials and shot clock operators who have been selected to attend the national championships.

The officiating team at the event will consist of one director of officials, eight supervisors and 35 on-ice officials. They include:

Director of Officials: Pete Smit, Abbotsford BC

Official Supervisors:

Lucie Anne Ingoldsby - Halifax NS Iris Todd - Edmonton AB Chad Weatherall - Calgary AB Nat Fortin - Limoges ON Jeff Ethier - Mirabel QC Chris Bradt - Hamilton ON Pat Turcotte - Caledonia ON Myles Blahut - Winnipeg MB

On-Ice Officials:

Michelle MacRae - Port Coguitlam BC Jaki Leckman (Arthurs) - Burnaby BC Melanie Stewart - Port Coquitlam BC Jaimie Nelson - High River AB Lori Kindopp - Red Deer AB Kim Wittner - Calgary AB Aaron Armstrong - Tisdale SK Eric Bohémier - Winnipeg MB Chris Faulds - Waterloo ON Geri-Louise Lamers - Barrie ON Stephanie Renda - Toronto ON Jessica Lalonde - Ottawa ON Alexander Hanes - Kingston ON Mario Périard - Rockland ON Marc Brisson - Brantford ON **Brent Bunting - Barrie ON**

Robert Drury - Whitby ON Lorie Grant - Kitchener ON Janyce Gunn - Oshawa ON Karen Meek - Bowmanville ON Amy Murray - Courtice ON Becky Murray - Sunderland ON Jeff Evans - Richmond Hill ON Margareth Peressutti - Mississauga ON **Denise Pelletier - Cambridge ON** Emmanuelle Bourbeau - Gatineau QC Richard Desfonds - Gatineau QC Benoit Ducharme - Montreal QC Julie Mailhiot - Laval QC David Singh - Ile Perrot QC Marc St-Hilaire - Joliette QC Nicolas Manseau - Quebec City QC Marco Mallet - Moncton NB Luc Melanson – Moncton NB David Jones - Halifax NS

The following shot clock operators will be attending the event: Michael Murphy - Oromocto NB Karen Freund - Winnipeg MB Nadine Hetherington - Saskatoon SK Estelle Doiron - Moncton NB Sharon Smit - Abbotsford BC Mike Morris - Calgary AB John Francis - Belleville ON Nancy Desfonds - Gatineau QC Jamie Doerbecker - Waterloo ON William Pay - Halifax NS Kieley Forsey - London ON

Opening ceremonies will be held on Sunday, April 3rd, games start Monday morning and finals will be held on Saturday, April 9th. Games will take place at the Western Fair Sports Centre and Nichols Recreation Centre. All-stars and the NRL Annual Awards will be announced at the closing award ceremony on Saturday night.

About Ringette

Ringette is a Canadian sport that was invented in 1963 in North Bay, Ontario by the late Sam Jacks. There are currently nearly 30,000 players on nearly 2,000 teams across Canada, with over 1,500 officials and nearly 8000 coaches. Internationally, it is played in more than a half a dozen other countries around the world. Ringette has been designated a Heritage Sport by Sport Canada and as part of the Sport for Life movement, ringette is well advanced at adapting Sport Canada's Long Term Athlete Development model. For more information, please refer to the Ringette Canada Web site at www.ringette.ca.

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