

sports

Ringette: "Adapting to children's needs"

Seeing a need for a winter team sport designed for females, the

late Sam Jacks of North Bay, together with several other Recreation Di-

rectors, invented a game that was more suitable for girls. They called this new sport Ringette, and designed it so that injuries and risks would be reduced. With no body checking allowed, Ringette displays a quickness and versatility not common to all team sports. As a result, thousands of females, and some males, have enjoyed their participation.

Why Ringette?

There are many reasons why youngsters become involved in Ringette. The code of the game is quite simple and reflects one of the most important characteristics of the sport: consideration of the child.

Ringette: Code of the Game:

- 1) To ensure the healthy well-being of every person involved in the sport.
- 2) To ensure mass participation and the opportunity for all to play in a fun atmosphere.
- 3) To maintain the principle of no intentional body contact.
- 4) To give the players an option of recreational or high level tournament play.
- 5) To maintain a high standard of safety while retaining a low cost of participation.

6) To foster the development of players, coaches and officials.

7) To maintain player input into the administration of the sport.

8) To ensure the promotion of goodwill and friendship.

Basic Principles for Sport

All sports should be concerned about several basic principles in order to meet the needs of participants. These are:

- offering a choice of levels of play to suit all participants;
- encouraging co-operation and teamwork among players;
- emphasis on skill development in the early stages;

• promotion of fair play in a fun atmosphere;

• opportunity to learn self-discipline, organization and responsibility;

• ensuring a high standard of safety;

• achieving a balance between the values of winning and losing;

• keeping the game interesting and exciting.

Several reasons why children dislike sports are: lack of participation; susceptibility to injury; dislike for losing and no choice of position.

To be successful as a sport, organizers must consider these principles and need committees to look at improve-

ments in the game to meet participants' needs more closely. Parent education programmes are needed to explain the game and its principles in programmes (eg. coaching and officiating clinics, player schools), must promote the sport's philosophy so that everyone understands the nature of the game.

It is only by consider-

ing the needs of the child that we can continue to see increased involvement in sport for the benefit of the participant and a decreased dropout rate.

In Ringette, the above principles are constantly being reviewed to improve the game for the participants. It is hoped that other sports will also take on this basic responsibility.

THANKS

KUZIO - The friends of the late Mr. Teodor Kuzio would like to express their sincere thanks to the many friends in the recent loss of their beloved friend. To everyone who visited our home, brought food, sent floral tributes, Mass cards, Sympathy cards, gave donations to The McCausland Hospital Corp. Building Fund, attended the Prayer Services and Funeral Mass. **Special Thanks** to Ted Kostiuk for his support and assistance; Rev. P. Groulx for the Sacrament of the Sick; Dr. K. Wilkes and Dr. A.B. Adey and the nursing staff at McCausland Hospital; Joe King of King Funeral Home Ltd.; to the Ladies of the Moose and Sadie Benko for convening the beautiful lunch; to the Loyal Order of Moose for their beautiful Prayer Service for a deceased member; to St. Martin of Tours Parish for the beautiful Prayer Service, officiated by Rev. K. Pottie; to the Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Martin of Tours Council for the coffee social; to Faye Figliomeni for preparing the food; to Betty Hanley, organist and St. Martin's Choir; to Rev. K. Pottie and the Altar Servers for their assistance at the Funeral Mass, to Monsignor B. Filevich, Celebrant and John Korda, Cantor for the beautiful Ukrainian Funeral Mass. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

Mary and George Dashkewytsch and family.

FUNERAL

KUZIO - Funeral services for Mr. Teodor Kuzio, age 70 years, of 503 Lakeview Drive, Terrace Bay, who died November 24, 1983 were held on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Church. Celebrated by Monsignor Basil Filevich, P.H. - V.G., of Holy Cross Ukrainian Church, Thunder Bay, Cantor, Mr. John Korda of Holy Cross Ukrainian Church, Thunder Bay. Assisted by Rev. K. Pottie, pastor of St. Martin of Tours Church. Interment at Terrace Bay Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Mark Dashkewytsch, Ted Kostiuk, Nick Matush, Jack Moore, Tony Standowytsch, Marko Kozorys. Many friends from Schreiber and Terrace Bay attended. Out-of-town guests: from Thunder Bay, Mary Kozorys, Alexandre Hardiejowski, Pearl Tutkaluk, John Korda, Victor Fedyszun, Marko & Nadia Kozorys, Anthony Klusa. From Nipigon Mike Hajgle and Mike Zeleny. Prayer Services were held Sunday evening by St. Martin of Tours parish, officiating Rev. K. Pottie. Following prayer service, The Loyal Order of Moose held a Special Prayer Service for a deceased member, officiating were Guy Bozec, Joe Simpson, Harry Hart and Governor, Andy Lauzon.

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