Area Chairman Report

**Area: Guelph-Wellington**

**Wrestling Season: 2018**

**Name of Area Chairman: Marcia Chiasson**

**Brief description of the completed wrestling season in the area and any notes about the upcoming season.**

* 3 regular high school tournaments
* 1 district local championships
* 1 middle school tournament
* Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School lost their wrestling program in 2017 due to a retirement.
* There is interest in starting a team at Bishop Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School in 2018, but the school is having difficulty finding a coach.

**List of Officials Registered: Ranking of officials:**

1. Marcia Chiasson Prov A Nat AE UWW III
2. Albert Runstedler Prov AE Nat A
3. Brandon Eyer Prov A Nat C
4. Nicole Mazara Prov A
5. Codie Airdrie Prov B

**List of Clinics in the area, dates, locations, name of clinician: brief summary of items covered at the clinic. Safety needs to be an item specifically addressed at the clinic.**

* October 2017 – Kitchener – High school and senior wrestling safety and rules update. Clinician: Gary Bird
* November 2017 – Guelph – High school wrestling safety and beginner wrestling clinic. Clinician: Marcia Chiasson

**List of Events, Dates, Locations:**

* November 22, 2017 – Early Bird Tournament at John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute
* November 26, 2017 – Falcon Classic at Centre Wellington District High School
* January 10, 2018 – Erin District High School
* February 13, 2018 – District Championships at Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute
* May 1, 2018 – Middle School Invitational at Centre Wellington District High School

**Describe "areas to highlight (if any)" and "areas of concern (if any)"**

The G-W region continues to struggle to maintain a strong base of officials in the area. This is due to the fact that many of the volunteers are university students who leave the area following the completion of their program. It is therefore necessary to bring in referees from other regions for larger tournaments. Local area teams in the area did a great job of hosting tournaments and the events were well structured with appropriate resources (e.g. dedicated medical staff). Overall, the region had a successful year and great support from officials in neighboring areas.

Best regards,

Marcia Chiasson