



# Time Out

The Official e-newsletter of Basketball Ontario

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Another year is coming to a close...as we near the end of the Ontario Cup Provincial Championships.

As always, I want to thank the endless volunteers that give their time on our

committees. I also want to thank all of our coaches and parents for their everlasting support throughout the year.

Good luck to those of you participating in Kingston, Ottawa and Sault Ste. Marie over the last two weekends. I, along with the rest of the Board of Directors, am very excited to see the U19 Juvenile Boys completing another successful Ontario Cup over the course of the last weekend in Sault Ste. Marie.

Please be reminded that our Semi-Annual Meeting of Members is taking place in a month, on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. For those of you who can attend, we look forward to seeing you as we welcome as much input as we can from our membership.

For those of you that are participating at the various Elite Development Programs this summer...I look forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy the start of summer – play hard, be safe and have fun!

Rob Wright  
President  
Basketball Ontario



## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS MOTION DEADLINE ON MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

Basketball Ontario's upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting of Members, on June 9th, is the forum for hearing motions pertaining to the Ontario Cup Provincial Championships. If you are interested in submitting a motion for consideration, complete the form available for download on our web site at [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca) and send it to Shawn McPhee, Manager, Provincial Competitions prior to midnight on May 15th.

You may send motions via mail to:  
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## SAULT STE. MARIE WELCOMES BASKETBALL ONTARIO WITH OPEN ARMS

Over the last several years Basketball Ontario has received consistent interest in seeing more communities have an opportunity to host Basketball Ontario's signature event, the Ontario Cup. With that goal in mind Basketball Ontario made some changes to its bid package permitting more communities an opportunity to have a successful bid.

These changes generated an overwhelming response resulting in a record nine Ontario Cup host communities in 2007, one of which was Sault Ste. Marie, representing Basketball Ontario's first venture to the North. Sault Ste. Marie recently hosted the U15 Midget Girls and the experience by players, coaches and parents was incredible, exceeding expectations.

Here are some highlights from the U15 Midget Girls Ontario Cup in Sault Ste. Marie:

- Daily event coverage in the Sault Star, the local daily newspaper.
- Game scores and results posted live on [www.saultsports.com](http://www.saultsports.com).
- Amazing attendance. Despite the distance many parents made the trek to support their girls.
- Clean, quality facilities with all the expected amenities.
- Zero violations of Basketball Ontario's Fair Play Policy.

- A Coaches Social featuring complimentary food on the Saturday evening.
- Lead volunteer Thomas Cory surprised parents by blowing up photos taken by Sault Star photographer and placing them throughout the venue.

Despite our confidence that this would be the result Basketball Ontario listened in earnest to all of the concerns, the majority of which centred on the travel distance. Having recently sent our Ontario Cup team to the "Soo" we can now report the travel time is only 7.5 hours from the GTA, much less than the 10 hours many feared. Admittedly this did mean that teams had to leave Friday morning but most teams were back on Sunday. The teams that did not make it back by Sunday arrived home the next day with medals in their hands, elated with their overall experience.

Basketball Ontario was very impressed with Thomas Cory and his team's effort to make everyone feel welcome. His work with the local tourism manager enabled Basketball Ontario to focus on what we do best, running the tournament, secure in the knowledge that our visiting players, coaches and parents were well looked after.

In fact, the weekend ran so smoothly that the only complaint we have received was when the Ontario Cup merchandise sold out, meaning there were a lot of people hitting the streets this past weekend in orange and black.

Basketball Ontario is thrilled with our first experience in the North and is certain that our return trip for the U19 Juvenile boys in a couple of weeks will run just as smoothly.



## 2007 ONTARIO CUP RESULTS

### U13 BANTAM GIRLS

#### Division 1

Gold Medal – Guelph Phoenix #1

Silver Medal – Hamilton Transway

Bronze Medal – Hamilton Celtics

Fourth Place – Windsor Valiants

Basketball Ontario MVP Award – Julia Soriano, Guelph Phoenix #9

Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Kata Boric, Hamilton Transway #10

Olympia Sports Camp Fair Play Award – Danielle Boiago, Hamilton Celtics #5

*Division 2*

Gold Medal – Milton Youth  
Silver Medal – Pelham Panthers  
Bronze Medal – Port Colborne  
Fourth Place – Oakville Vytis  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Camilla Paluch, Milton Youth #11  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Mary Ingribelli, Pelham #22  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Tasha MacDonald, Port Colborne #13

*Division 3*

Gold Medal – Ottawa Shooting Stars  
Silver Medal – Kingston Fighting Irish  
Bronze Medal – Sudbury Jr. Lady Vees  
Fourth Place – Guelph Phoenix #2  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Kayla Jones, Ottawa Shooting Stars #15  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Nicole Gaudet, Kingston Fighting Irish #13  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Sam Cooper, Sudbury Jr. Lady Vees #23

*Division 4*

Gold Medal – Wallaceburg Airhawks  
Silver Medal – Chatham-Kent Wildhawks  
Bronze Medal – York South Silver Knights  
Fourth Place – L+A Guardsmen  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Rachel Jackson, Wallaceburg Airhawks #13  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Jayme Muir, Chatham-Kent Wildhawks #14  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Natalie Hagopian, York South Silver Knights #4

**U14 MAJOR BANTAM GIRLS**

*Division 1*

Gold Medal – Blessed Sacrament #1  
Silver Medal – Gloucester Wolverines #1  
Bronze Medal – London Titans  
Fourth Place – London Ramblers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Karly Roser(#4), Blessed Sacrament #1  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Magan Kent(#25), Gloucester Wolverines #1  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Hayley Finn, London Titans #55

*Division 2*

Gold Medal – St. Catharines CYO  
Silver Medal – Burlington Panthers  
Bronze Medal – Barrie Royals  
Fourth Place – Welland Saints  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Kelly Harris, St Catharines CYO #4  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Jessica Boelhauer, Burlington Panthers #13  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Devenae Bryce, Barrie Royals #30

*Division 3*

Gold Medal – Amherstburg Lady Gens  
Silver Medal – Brampton Blue Devils  
Bronze Medal – Windsor Valiants  
Fourth Place – Transway #2  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Mallory Reiner, Amherstburg Lady Gens #20  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Abier El Kassis, Brampton Blue Devils #32  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Emily Coffee, Windsor Valiants #33

*Division 4*

Gold Medal – London Flames  
Silver Medal – Tecumseh Saints  
Bronze Medal – Guelph Phoenix  
Fourth Place – Flamborough Fire  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Laura Gaskin, London Flames #13  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Sarah Shalhoub, Tecumseh Saints #22  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Alysha Warnholtz, Guelph Phoenix #13

*Division 5*

Gold Medal – Sarnia Valhalla  
Silver Medal – Markham Cardinals  
Bronze Medal – Chatham – Kent Wildcats

Fourth Place – Capital Xelle  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Wendy Margetts, Sarnia Valhalla #10  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Alyssa Cheung, Markham Cardinals #35  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Molly Allen, Chatham-Kent Wildcats #13

*Division 6*

Gold Medal – Brockville Blazers  
Silver Medal – Grimsby Grizzlies  
Bronze Medal – Kemptville Warriors  
Fourth Place – Sudbury Lakers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Alanna Lawn, Brockville Blazers #14  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Laura LeBlanc, Grimsby Grizzlies #51  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Katya Desormeaux, Kemptville Warriors #44

*Division 7*

Gold Medal – Lindsay Wildcats  
Silver Medal – Osgoode Rideau Bedrock  
Bronze Medal – Barrie Royals #2  
Fourth Place – Toronto Lords  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Emily MacTavish, Lindsay Wildcats #32  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Rosie Dinardo, Osgoode Rideau #55  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Rikki Kastle, Barrie Royals #2

*Division 8*

Gold Medal – Lakeshore Lynx  
Silver Medal – Essex Athletics  
Bronze Medal – Owen Sound Raiders  
Fourth Place – Gloucester Cumberland Selects  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Danika Cziranka-Crooks, Lakeshore Lynx #00  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Melissa Robinson, Essex Athletics #12  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Keisha Jacques, Owen Sound Raiders #14

**U13 BANTAM BOYS**

*Division 1*

Gold Medal – St. David Blues  
Silver Medal – Bounce/CIA  
Bronze Medal – Mississauga Monarchs  
Fourth Place – Ajax Lions  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Duane Notice, St. David Blues #10  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Tyler, Ennis-McIntire, Bounce/CIA #5  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Marcus Hanson, Mississauga Monarchs #14

*Division 2*

Gold Medal – Toronto Five-0  
Silver Medal – Durham City Bulldogs  
Bronze Medal – Waterloo Wildhawks  
Fourth Place – Valhalla Vikings  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Lennox Adinkrah, Toronto Five-0 #4  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Anthony Addo, Durham City Bulldogs #22  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Javon Masters, Waterloo Wildhawks #31

*Division 3*

Gold Medal – Riverside Falcons  
Silver Medal – Brampton Eagles  
Bronze Medal – South Windsor Warriors #1  
Fourth Place – York Region Avengers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Jayden Gauthier, Riverside Falcons #21  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Devin Eugene, Brampton Eagles #21  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – J.R. Medel, South Windsor Warriors #33

*Division 4*

Gold Medal – Caledon Cougars  
Silver Medal – MYBA Storm  
Bronze Medal – Scarborough Blues #3  
Fourth Place – IEM  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Cam Sweetnam, Caledon Cougars #22  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Ryan Genete, MYBA Storm #10  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Jaden Simon, Scarborough Blues #14

*Division 5*

Gold Medal – Niagara Falls Red Raiders  
Silver Medal – Blessed Sacrament #3  
Bronze Medal – Tecumseh Saints  
Fourth Place – Cambridge Centaurs  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Devon Rymarchuk, Niagara Falls Red Raiders #50  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Jason LeDonne, Blessed Sacrament #10  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Darien Ekblad, Tecumseh Saints #22

*Division 6*

Gold Medal – Milton Madd Dawgs  
Silver Medal – South Windsor Warriors #2  
Bronze Medal – York South Silver Knights #2  
Fourth Place – Blitz Gold  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Eric Schroder, Milton Madd Dawgs #7  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Corey Bellemore, South Windsor warriors #32  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Edmund Lee, York South Silver Knights #41

**U14 MAJOR BANTAM BOYS**

*Division 1*

Gold Medal – BJC  
Silver Medal – Brampton Eagles #2  
Bronze Medal – Scarborough Blues #1  
Fourth Place – Brampton Eagles #1  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Jeremy Seschaud, BJC #15  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Kamar Akoto(#5), Brampton Eagles #2  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Negas Webster(#14), Scarborough Blues #1

*Division 2*

Gold Medal – Mississauga Wolverines  
Silver Medal – Whitby Wildcats  
Bronze Medal – Etobicoke Thunder  
Fourth Place – Newman Youth Cardinals #1  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Jarryn Skeete, Mississauga Wolverines #6  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Jacob Hutchcroft, Whitby Wildcats #15  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Scott Morrison, Etobicoke Thunder #1

*Division 3*

Gold Medal – Goulbourn Hornets #1  
Silver Medal – Ancaster Magic #1  
Bronze Medal – London Gold Medal #1  
Fourth Place – Guelph Phoenix #1  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Sean Stoqua, Goulbourn Hornets #6  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Matthew Smith, Ancaster Magic #15  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Ryan Hall-Matthews, London Gold Medal #4

*Division 4*

Gold Medal – Core City Hoops  
Silver Medal – IEM  
Bronze Medal – Brantford CYO #1  
Fourth Place – Midland Magic  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Filip Stikic, Core City Hoops #20  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Holdon Larkin, IEM #14  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Evan Bobor, Brantford CYO #1

*Division 5*

Gold Medal – Panthers  
Silver Medal – Markham Blitz  
Bronze Medal – Sarnia Shamrock  
Fourth Place – York Silver Knights  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Curtis Carmichael, Panthers #2  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Kadeem Buckley, Markham Blitz #13  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Mark Spinozzi, Sarnia Shamrock #11

*Division 6*

Gold Medal – Durham City Bulldogs  
Silver Medal – Brockville Blues

Bronze Medal – North York Fire  
Fourth Place – York Region Avengers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Deshane Henry, Durham City Bulldogs #34  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Carey Roche, Brockville Blues #40  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Yusuf Stanley, North York Fire

*Division 7*

Gold Medal – Strathroy Jammers  
Silver Medal – Malton Mavericks  
Bronze Medal – Leamington Cougars  
Fourth Place – Titan Basketball  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Brandon Strazella, Strathroy Jammers #44  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Capri Garcia, Malton Mavericks #22  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Matt Willms, Leamington Cougars #15

*Division 8*

Gold Medal – Blessed Sacrament #4  
Silver Medal – Brantford CYO #2  
Bronze Medal – Burlington Panthers #2  
4th Place – Halton Hills  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award Winner – Max Catterson, Blessed Sacrament #21  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Ryhan White, Brantford CYO #33  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Tyler Zeabin, Burlington Panthers #11

**HOUSE LEAGUE SELECT U14 MAJOR BANTAM**

Gold Medal – Oakville Vipers  
Silver Medal – Owen Sound Suns  
Bronze Medal – Waterloo Wildhawks  
Fourth Place – Barrie Royals

**U15 MIDGET GIRLS**

*Division 1*

Gold Medal – Burlington Panthers  
Silver Medal – Windsor Valiants  
Bronze Medal – Kingston Runnin Rebels  
Fourth Place – Huron Lakers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Missy Mullens, Burlington Panthers #24  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Jocelyn LaRoque, Windsor Valiants #34  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Kristen Mullen, Kingston Runnin Rebels #21

*Division 2*

Gold Medal – Brampton Eagles  
Silver Medal – York South Silver Knights  
Bronze Medal – London 86ers  
Fourth Place – Niagara Falls Red Raiders  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Eulleasha Thompson, Brampton Eagles #8  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Kathleen Hughes, York South Silver Knights #51  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Becca Sim, London 86ers #21

*Division 3*

Gold Medal – St. Catharines CYO Rebels  
Silver Medal – Sudbury Lakers  
Bronze Medal – Oakville Vytis  
Fourth Place – Cambridge Centaurs  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Kira Lohnes, St. Catharines CYO Rebels  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Sirena Jonik, Sudbury Lakers #24  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Kayla Michaelson, Oakville Vytis #12

*Division 4*

Gold Medal – Durham City Chameleons  
Silver Medal – Stratford Shooters  
Bronze Medal – Dundas Dynamo  
Fourth Place – Grimsby Grizzlies  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Komica Reeves, Durham City Chameleons #2  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Rebecca McKay, Stratford Shooters #11  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Stephanie Milliken, Dundas Dynamo #31

## **U16 MAJOR MIDGET GIRLS**

### *Division 1*

Gold Medal – Guelph CYO  
Silver Medal – K.W. Lightning #1  
Bronze Medal – Scarborough Blues  
Fourth Place – Toronto Triple Threat  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Natalie Achonwa, Guelph CYO #12  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Janine, Deleon, K.W. Lightning #8  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Haeven Durrant, Toronto Triple Threat #33

### *Division 2*

Gold Medal – Burlington Panthers  
Silver Medal – Mississauga Monarchs  
Bronze Medal – Basketball Tillsonburg  
Fourth Place – Brantford Briers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Kaitlin Lindsay, Burlington Panthers #15  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Annie Le, Mississauga Monarchs #7  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Olivia Sergeant, Basketball Tillsonburg #10

### *Division 3*

Gold Medal – Cornwall Lions  
Silver Medal – York Region Avengers  
Bronze Medal – Hamilton Wildcats  
Fourth Place – East Elgin Eagles  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Meaghan MacDougall, Cornwall Lions #10  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Sam Gualberto, York Region Avengers #24  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Shimeka Rowe, Hamilton Wildcats #3

### *Division 4*

Gold Medal – Barrhaven Blue Devils  
Silver Medal – Ottawa Guardsmen  
Bronze Medal – Girlballer  
Fourth Place – Collingwood Trailblazers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Haley Ford, Barrhaven Blue Devils #6  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Damarae Somerville, Ottawa Guardsmen #21  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Ana-Maria Higuera, Girlballer #20

### *Division 5*

Gold Medal – Ancaster Magic  
Silver Medal – Naismith Minor  
Bronze Medal – Thunder Bay Wolves  
Fourth Place – Kanata Cavaliers  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Cassie Saver, Ancaster Magic #30  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Jocelyn Cutler, Naismith Minor #13  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Shelby Krasnichuk, Thunder Bay Wolves #31

### *Division 6*

Gold Medal – Durham City  
Silver Medal – Osgoode Rideau Bedrock  
Bronze Medal – Vaughan Panthers  
Fourth Place – SOFBA  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Chantelle Bishop, Durham City #24  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Hannah Wijsman, Osgoode Rideau Bedrock #3  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Doreen Appiah-Kubi, Vaughan Panthers #5

## **U19 JUVENILE GIRLS**

### *Division 1*

Gold Medal – Blessed Sacrament #1  
Silver Medal – Toronto Triple Threat  
Bronze Medal – Burlington Panthers  
Fourth Place – Windsor Athletics  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Rebecca Rewi, Blessed Sacrament #7  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Ryann Fletcher, Toronto Triple Threat #24  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Megan Stoncius, Burlington Panthers #6

### *Division 2*

Gold Medal – St. Catharines CYO Rebels  
Silver Medal – Brockville Blazers

Bronze Medal – Ottawa Sirius  
Fourth Place – Scarborough Blues  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Amanda Lauzon, St. Catherines #11  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Sara Watt, Brockville Blazers #13  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Allie Bush, Ottawa Sirius #14

*Division 3*

Gold Medal – London Titans  
Silver Medal – Sudbury Ladies Selects  
Bronze Medal – Brantford CYO  
Fourth Place – Urban League  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Rose Rutter, London Titans #22  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Erin Beange, Sudbury Ladies Selects #5  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Jessica Del Signore, Brantford CYO #42

*Division 4*

Gold Medal – Cambridge Centaurs  
Silver Medal – Stratford Sonnets  
Bronze Medal – MUMBA  
Fourth Place – Brampton Blue Devils  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Rachel Smyth, Cambridge Centaurs #0  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Izzy Van Nes, Stratford Sonnets #3  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Kristen Henderson, MUMBA #3

*Division 5*

Gold Medal – London Flames  
Silver Medal – Owen Sound Falcons  
Bronze Medal – Orillia Shock  
Fourth Place – Blessed Sacrament #3  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Robyn MacKenzie, London Flames #11  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Jen Nuttall, Owen Sound Falcons #14  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Bianca Steenman, Orillia Shock #11

*Division 6*

Gold Medal – Mississauga Monarchs  
Silver Medal – York South Silver Knights #2  
Bronze Medal – Kingston Lakers  
Fourth Place – Orangeville Hawks  
Olympia Sports Camp MVP Award – Katarzyna Labaziewicz, Mississauga Monarchs #8  
Basketball Ontario Hustle Award – Seun Olapido, York South Silver Knights #23  
Toronto Raptors Fair Play Award – Stephanie Stewart, Kingston Lakers #22



## ONTARIO CUP FEEDBACK

Hey Shawn,

Please pass this message on to your athletes and coaches of your Div 6 Major bantam girls team

I coached against Sudbury and Grimsby this past weekend and I had an opportunity to watch the Kemptville and Brockville teams play as well. On behalf of my team I would like say WOW. What a great group of athletes and coaches to be in the final four. We couldn't have asked for a better final four. Your athletes played their hearts out with smiles. That is usually a message on what type of program you have and of course the coaches behind it.

As a coach, and as a parent it was a pleasure to watch, compared to some of the other games I have witnessed.

FYI: in my 16 years of coaching basketball and involvement with Basketball Ontario as a ranking member and as an Elite committee member, this is the first time I was compelled by to write these deserving comments.

Thanks again to your staff for a great weekend of basketball. This is what the Provincial Cup brings out. Keep up the great work

Harry Jaipersaud

Hi Shawn,

I just wanted to give you some feedback regarding the Bantam Girls Ontario Cup held in Niagara Falls. Having attended the OBA'S for the past 15 years I can honestly say this one was the best. It was very

well organized by Guy Caporicci and his committee. The #1 reason we feel it was so successful was the refereeing.

At all of our games - not just the finals - we were assigned two strong, experienced refs. Knowing the area refs well we know that Guy sent the "cream of the crop". In the past years in London we were very disappointed in the quality of the refs. In one game Mark was told by the head ref that his partner was just "learning" and not to question any of her calls. In another game he asked the head ref if the young ref (16 or 17) was carded and he was told that was none of his business. I truly believe that "bigger is not better" when it comes to the OBA's. Another area that I feel the Niagara Falls group excelled at was the timers/scorers. We have heard that they attended a clinic before and it certainly showed. They were very efficient, and at no time were there young kids alone. There was always a parent or a convenor at the table to oversee things.

Anyway - if the Niagara Falls group applies to host next year - they deserve the bid.

Carrie Yallin

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Hello Shawn,

Can you please pass our congratulations along to whoever the contacts are from Niagara Falls.

The London Ramblers would like to say that we truly enjoyed our experience in Niagara Falls this past weekend at our OBA's. The facilities were great, the

refereeing, scorers and timers did an excellent job and everything was so well organized. It was a great city to run an OBA event in. Thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to make it a wonderful event.

Danielle & Chad Cowan  
London Ramblers Basketball

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Hi Shawn,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for a great and well put together tournament this past weekend.. as this is my first year there were a few things that I was not aware of and might have caused some confusion, I apologize and next year we will endeavour to have all the T's crossed and I's dotted... the Kids and the Parents had a great time. Thanks!

Courtney Palmer, Durham City Bulldogs #3

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Hi Shawn,

I just wanted to say thanks for another well organized weekend of basketball. In your position, sometimes all you hear is complaints so I thought I would take the time to say, "well done"! I thought the ranking and seeding was fair and the event ran very smoothly. Congratulations to you and the rest of the Basketball Ontario staff. See you soon!!

Bet Naumovski



## LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

*By Michele O'Keefe, Chair, Provincial Advisory Council*

I always love a good book. For years it was fiction – a good mystery. Pure entertainment.

About five years ago, a non-fiction book was recommended to me. It was called *Good to Great* by Jim Collins. I looked at it and it looked very dry. It sat on my bedside for months. It just didn't grab my attention.

I was reading a magazine Q&A interview with the women's basketball coach from Oklahoma State – she was Stacey Dales coach. One of the questions posed to her was "What is your favourite book." Her reply was *Good to Great*. That was enough for me. Apparently I needed to read this book.

I was hooked on non-fiction from then on. *Good to Great* gives examples on how to build a team, how to select people to be on your team and how to become great. Of course the examples are all corporate related, but the ideas are transferable to sports. Originally published in 2001, this book is still only available in hardcover.

Another book that I learned a lot from is called *The Double Goal Coach*. It really helps a coach identify what their true goal is in the spectrum of coaching philosophy – win at all costs or life lessons at all costs. It outlines the impact of each extreme along with the happy medium.

I'm reading a book right now called *The Carolina Way*. For those of you who remember Dean Smith, the incredible coach from the University of North Carolina, this is a must read. Each chapter is a philosophy written in Coach Smith's words. At the end of each chapter is an example or two from a former player as well as a business consultant. The consultant explains how this philosophy works

in the corporate world. The main theme is play hard, play together and play smart. How logical.

One of my favourite books for teenage girls is called *In These Girls Hope is a Muscle*. It's a story about a high school girl's team in the

U.S. and their season pursuit of a state title. The book talks about each member of the team and their role.

I enjoyed each of these books and would highly recommend them.

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