



Ontario Lacrosse Festival

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ONTARIO LACROSSE FESTIVAL THE LARGEST YOUTH LACROSSE EVENT IN NORTH AMERICA

TORONTO – The Ontario Lacrosse Festival returns for the eighth edition from July 29th to August 7th boasting a program status that ranks itself as the largest annual youth lacrosse event in North America.

This summer the Festival welcomes the Reebok/Midget Lacrosse Championship of Canada as part of its 10-day celebration of the game. In total the Festival hosts thirteen separate national and provincial championships in both box and field lacrosse.

This year nearly 525 teams and 10,435 players and coaches are expected to participate in the Festival. The expanded size of the event sees the use of four municipalities to incorporate all those attending. Facilities in use for the 2011 Festival are: Iroquois Park, McKinney Arena, and Luther Vipond Arena in Whitby, Legends Centre in Oshawa, Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex in Clarington, and the Ajax Community Centre in Ajax.

The Pee Wee and Bantam National Championships get underway at 2:30 PM on Sunday, July 31st while the Midget National Championship begins Monday, August 1st. Rogers Television returns to broadcast the championship games of the three national tournaments on Saturday, August 6th from Iroquois Park Sports Centre, where organizers expect a sold out facility for the seventh consecutive year.

In addition to the indoor tournament competition, an outdoor Festival Fun Zone is on-site providing unique, engaging and experiential opportunities for Festival fans.

"The Ontario Lacrosse Festival is a ten-day combination of great competition and fun for the entire family", said Ontario Lacrosse Association President John Doherty.

"The OLA is once again pleased to partner with the Durham Region to deliver first-class facilities for the excitement and drama of our provincial championship tournaments. On behalf of the OLA, we extend an invitation to everyone to join us at our annual celebration of the game".

2011 Presenting Sponsors of the Festival are Gait Lacrosse, Harrow Sports, Reebok, STX Lacrosse, Toronto Rock Lacrosse Club, Under Armour and Warrior Sports.

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