



2010 Ontario Winter Games

This year's Ontario Winter Games will be held in Muskoka (Huntsville for Wrestling). Competition runs March 4 (weigh-ins and Opening Ceremonies) 5th, and 6th. It is expected that all but the most distant groups will depart Saturday March 6th after the competition. Do not plan to stay Saturday night unless pre-arranged with the OAWA.

This year, the Ontario Winter Games take place the same time as the OFSSA Championships. This creates a new challenge to keep our commitment of 180 athletes. Listed below will be the qualifying criteria for coaches and athletes. We know this will be a challenge for all clubs and high school programs.

However, we are confident that the 2010 will be an awesome experience for your athletes and encourage you to consider their long-term development when choosing which event to send you Cadets and Bantams (see note below) to.

As in the past the Games will be considered the Ontario Championships and all participation discounts for Nationals will be based on this event. The tournament will take place in the town of Huntsville, located about 2 hours north of Toronto. The venue and hotel will be the **Deerhurst Inn**.

The Deerhurst Inn is a five star resort with pool, weight room and large common area. Competition and Accommodations are all out of Deerhurst, which promises to be a fabulous experience.

The cost to participate is not set yet but it will be \$95.00 per athlete and free to coaches. This includes hotel for two nights, meals for two days, tournament entry fee, Opening Ceremonies, Regional shirt and Friday night entertainment, as well as a Games souvenir. This is a great deal worth well over \$250 for your athletes.

Coaches Selection:

New for these Games: Regions will select team coaches for each region. They will be chosen by the Regional President in consultation with other coaches from the area at the Regional Championships. There will be one coach for the male team and one for the female team.

There also will be spaces for personal/club coaches. Preference to coaches with more athletes.

The Regional Coaches will be asked to:

1. Assist with the collection of Registration information and fees from all athletes. Note: **COACHES DO NOT PAY THE FEE.**
2. Host a mini-camp (1 – 3 days at their option) over the Christmas Break for the Regional Team. Entry into the camp is covered out of the Winter Games fee, but the participants are responsible for their own travel, meals and accommodations as needed.
3. Arrange for Regional Ontario Winter Games T-shirts.

The OAWA will provide some funding to Regional Coaches to help with Transportation, and Regional Camp Hosting Costs. Contact Robert Parsons and Tim MaGarrey.

Athlete Selection:

There will be three ways of qualifying for the games:

1. First will be the Regional Championships. Each region can select one athlete that has competed in their regional championship for that weight. (for example, EO 51kg girls had three competitors, number 1 and 2 do not commit in time number 3 can be selected by team coach). In cases where Regional events do not use OAWA weights, then the Region qualifies based on those event weights, up to the maximum number of OAWA weights.
2. The remainder of athletes will be selected at the 2010 Cadet Open (Feb. 6 – 7, 2010 – Guelph). If we have not filled our quota after the Regional's then the top place finishers from the Ontario open will have the option.
3. If, following the Cadet Open, there are not enough confirmed participants, coaches can apply to send deserving athletes by submitting a request to the Vice-President Technical of OAWA stating why the athlete should be included. To qualify the athlete must have competed in the Regional Championships or Ontario Cadet Open.

NEW FOR 2010 – BANTAMS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMES!

New will be the age eligibility for these Games only. Cadet and Bantam will be allowed to participate, these are athletes born in 1994, 95, 96 and 1997.

Note: At the Games, athletes are not required to compete in the weight class at which they qualified.

All athletes must be registered with the OAWA before competing at Regional Championships. If the Regional event is running as a High School event, the athlete can not register with OAWA after the event – in other words, the athlete can not wrestle in the High School event, win the Regionals, then decided he/she wants to go to the Games.

For the Games, athletes will only be accepted when payment and forms are in to the OAWA office.

For regions that can not field enough athletes the slack can be made up through the other two qualifying methods.

Weight classes:

Girls: 38,40,42,45,48,51,54,57,60,63,66,69,72,76,80.

Boys: 39,42,45,48,51,54,57,60,63,66,69,72,76,80,85,92,100,115,130

Visit the Ontario Winter Games Web-

site:



www.2010ontariowintergames.ca

Parents, the site contains visitor accommodation suggestions too!

Important dates to remember:

Date	Details
Date of Regional Championships	See the OAWA Schedule for the event in your region. Athletes must participate in the Region where their club is located to qualify for the Games – that is, an athlete can not compete at a Regionals in a Region other than where their club is headquartered and qualify in that Region. They can compete in any event, but can only qualify in their club's home region event.
At the Regional Championships	Regional Coaches to be selected
December 15, 2009	Last day for Regionally qualified athletes to confirm, pay and have paperwork into the OAWA or Regional Coach.
Dec. 27-30, 2009	Anticipated dates for Regional Camps.
December 31 st .	Regional alternates last day to pay and have paperwork into OAWA or Regional Coach.
Jan 15, 2010	The final pre-qualified list will be made based on athletes who have qualified through their Regions, have completed their Registration information, and have paid their entry fee. All Regional alternates names erased.
Feb 6- 7, 2010	<u>Ontario Cadet Open</u> (Guelph). This is the final selection event. Based on Placing at the Open the final selections will be made. It is not known what level of placing will be required to qualify. This will be communicated at or after the Cadet Open.
Feb. 15, 2010	Final Deadline to have paperwork and payment in for all athletes qualified. Beyond this date, OAWA will assume the athlete does not intend to participate and will work to fill the vacant spot.
March 4, 2010	Weigh-ins, Registration and Opening Ceremonies for the Ontario Winter Games.

Notes:

1. Once the \$95.00 Ontario Winter Games participation fee has been paid, the fee is non-refundable unless a replacement can be found.
2. Cancellation after Feb. 15, 2009 is subject to a fine of \$225.00 (included the \$95.00 fee) if a replacement can not be found. This is the amount the OAWA will be fined by the Ontario Winter Games.

Regional Qualifiers for the 2010 Ontario Winter Games - WRESTLING

- Sat November 14, 2009
CENTRAL EAST ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS
Bear Open
Bear Creek S. S.
Barrie, Ont 10
Contact: Nicholas Cryer
(H)(705)737-5465
(B)(705)725-7712 x 109
nicholascryer@hotmail.com
- Sat November 28, 2009
SOUTH WEST ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS
London Western High School Invitational
University of Western Ontario. London, ON
Ray Takahashi
(B) (519) 661-2111Ext.85078
FAX (519) 661-3937
tak@uwo.ca
- Sat December 5, 2009
CENTRAL WEST ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS
Hagersville Classic
Hagersville, ON
Chris Fraser
(B) (905) 768-3318
(H) (905) 765-4981
FAX (905) 765-0998
fra@mountaincable.net
- Wed Dec. 9, 2009
NORTH WEST ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS
Location: TBA Thunder Bay, Ontario.
Harry Curtis
807 623-9303
hbcurtis@tbaytel.net
- Sat Dec. 12, 2009
EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Winter Games Qualifier)
Renfrew Championships (formerly Grey Cup)
St. Joseph's High School, Renfrew, ON
Harry Smith
613-433-3680
Harrysmith71@gmail.com
- Sat. Dec. 11-12
NORTH EAST ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS
Villa Francaise des Jeunes Elliot Lake, Ontario
cadet division- juvenile/junior division
Joey Lagace
(705) 461-7553
elliotlakewc@hotmail.com