

Attention: Last chance to earn points for the 2010 Ontario Winter Games Training Team.

As the ODBA Junior District Championships (Bob O'Reilly) fast approaches, (February 20, 21, 22) we are that much closer to naming the Ontario Winter Games Training Team. The ODBA Junior District Championships hold the highest possible ranking points, and is the final qualifying tournament for the Ontario Winter Games Training Team. We encourage you to grab your rackets and earn the last few points needed to earn a position on the Ontario Winter Games Training Team.

Sign up sheets can be found at www.badmintonottawa.com

Here are a few reminders about the OWG Qualifying Period.

- The top 4 ranked players in U19 that meet the qualification criteria for 2010 Ontario Winter Games (OWG), after all qualifying district events, in singles, doubles and mixed doubles, for both sexes will receive an invitation by e-mail to join the Ontario Winter Games Training Team.
- Should someone refuse their position, the 5th ranked player will be contacted and so on.
- Once apart of the training team a fee of 100\$ will be necessary to aid with the cost of the facility, uniforms, shuttles, transportation to and from the OWG and coaching fees
- We will host 12 monthly training sessions, (location and times to be determined) which are mandatory for all participants. If you are an out of town player, and don't have a means of transportation, please see either the coach or manager to make accommodations. All absences should be discussed in advance with the coach whenever possible.
- A second training team will be formed of individuals who can qualify for the 2012 OWG team. These individuals will be selected based on their district rankings. The purpose of this training team is to allow younger individuals to obtain top notch training and the experience playing more experienced players. These individuals will be contacted by the coach.
- The final try-out for the OWG will be held in October, 2009 and will narrow the training team to 6 males and 6 females. The entire OWG training team will continue practices as decided by the coach and manager. Try-out format is yet to be determined.

The interim coach for the 2010 Ontario Winter Games Team is, fully certified level 2 coach, Daniel Leblanc. He can be reached by e-mail at Daniel_Leblanc23@hotmail.com should you have any questions.

Participants wishing to play on the Ontario Winter Games Team are highly encouraged to register for the Provincial B/C Championships at Ashbury College in Ottawa. See www.ontariobadminton.on.ca for more details. This tournament is encouraged but is certainly not mandatory.

The first practice date and location will be advertised in the very near future, so keep an eye on the ODBA website at www.badmintonottawa.com for updates. More detailed information on the OWG is attached and can also be found on the ODBA website.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Daniel Leblanc