

2017 A Provincial Championships – Newsletter #2

March 9, 2017

We hope everyone is getting excited for next week! Our 2017 A Provincial Committee is hard at work finalizing plans for your A-level Championships and looking forward to welcoming our Players, Coaches, Families and Fans to Pickering.

Please carefully review the information contained in this newsletter and be on the lookout for one final communication early next week. All of the information below will be posted on our website at www.apringette.com.

Opening Ceremonies, Thursday March 16th - As previously indicated, our 2017 Theme is “**Power Up!**”, and for our opening ceremonies we are asking teams to proudly wear their team’s colours (e.g. uniforms/ off-ice wear) and prepare a banner representing your association and team. We are very pleased to have members of our U12 teams carry your banner and marshal teams during the athletes parade.

The event will take place at the Pickering Recreation Centre, 1867 Valley Farm Road in Pickering. To accommodate venue capacity and comply with fire regulations, we are hosting **two separate opening ceremonies (First Session at 5:45pm, and Second Session at 7:30pm)**, with Associations participating in the following manner:

<p>Group 1- Players and Bench Staff from these associations are to <u>arrive no later than 4:45pm (East and West Salon Banquet Halls)</u></p> <p>The first opening ceremonies is scheduled to <u>begin at 5:45pm</u></p>	<p>Group 2- Players and Bench Staff from these associations are to <u>arrive no later than 6:30pm (East and West Salon Banquet Halls)</u></p> <p>The second opening ceremonies is scheduled to <u>begin at 7:30pm</u></p>
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GROUP 1	GROUP 2
Dorchester	Burlington
Kitchener	City of Ottawa
Markham	Forest
Metcalfe	Gloucester Cumberland
Mitchell	Guelph
Owen Sound	London
Pickering	Nepean
Richmond Hill	Oshawa
Sault Ste. Marie	Pickering
Sudbury	Timmins
Upper Ottawa Valley	
Waterloo	
West Ferris	
West Ottawa	
Whitby	

Event Logistics – Please note the following important information and refer to the attached map/venue guide on the last page:

- **Players, Coaches and Bench Staff** are to be dropped off at the FRONT/WEST side of the Recreation Complex. There is a circular driveway (front/main entrance), as well as a north/west corner door, both of which lead directly to the **East and West Salon Banquet Halls**. These entrance doors and the banquet halls are all very close together, and volunteers will be available to guide you, if needed. Please assemble with your team in the banquet hall and have fun while you wait for the ceremonies to begin.

NOTE FOR TEAMS- It is important that all personal belongings be taken with you from the banquet halls, through the procession, and to the arena seating. There will be no access to the banquet halls after each ceremony (i.e. you may want to travel lightly to the ceremony, leave outdoor clothing in vehicles, etc.)

- **Spectators-** After dropping of your players, please drive to the EAST end of the building. This is where the parking lots are located. There is a paved lot and a gravel lot. There is also overflow parking at the Pickering Town Centre (just west of the Complex and within easy walking distance), and at the front/north side of the Recreation Complex. Please *do not park* in the small Staff Parking lot on the south side of the building.
- **The Opening Ceremonies will be held in the Delaney Arena**, and it is important to note that spectators cannot access the arena from the front of the complex (i.e. the west side player drop-off area). Spectators should enter the event via the arena entrance at the EAST side of the building. There are stairs and a ramp leading directly to the seating area. All spectators will be ushered to the west side of the arena seating and will be guided by our volunteers. Seating is limited, so please fill all seats and don't leave spaces. *You may make a new friend as you wait for the event to begin.* We expect an equal number of attendees at both events, and all athletes and their families (and fans!) are welcome to attend.

- **At the conclusion of the event**, kindly EXIT from the EAST arena doors leading to the parking lots. There is no access within the building to the west side of the Recreation Complex. There is a sidewalk /walkway which runs on the SOUTH side of the building which can be used to walk to the Pickering Town Centre or to the Recreation Centre WEST parking lot. Teams travelling by bus should advise the bus driver to park at the Pickering Town Centre or utilize the gravel lot area. Please exit the building and parking lots immediately after your team's ceremony is completed. This is especially important if you are involved in the 5:45pm session as it will allow the participants in the 7:30pm session to get parked, seated and enjoy their event. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Social Media**- Now is your chance to show your spirit and start sharing your excitement about the 2017 A Provincial championships! Send your congratulations, good luck tweets and fun pictures using **#PowerUpProvincials** and let others know how you are preparing for the big weekend. During the opening ceremonies we will be showing these messages, along with live tweets, right there on the big screen!
- **Slide Show**- If you have not already done so, please send your team pictures for the opening ceremonies slide show *asap* to: AProvincials2017@apringette.com with the Subject line: *Your Association Name*, Provincial Team Pictures.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COACHES-

Coaches Meeting - The coaches meeting will take place at the Pickering Recreation Complex in the O'Brien Meeting Room (enter through the EAST complex entrance; meeting room door is immediately on the right) on **Wednesday, March 15 at 8:00 pm**. Welcome packages will be available, and all teams must have at least 1 coach in attendance. Important information will also be shared at that time regarding the Opening Ceremonies.

Games Schedule – it is important for coaches to note there have been minor changes to the original game schedule- the revised FINAL schedule is now posted on www.score2stats.com. Be sure to review and confirm your game times.

City of Pickering Ice Policy- As a condition of the City's ice contracts, absolutely no one is permitted to be on the ice unless wearing a helmet (all arenas). Please ensure trainers bring a spare helmet to have on the bench at all times in case they need to attend to an injured player. Before or after games, bench staff are prohibited from stepping on the ice; however, we encourage all players to skate by the opposing team's bench to shake hands with bench staff.

Team Jerseys- As per ORA Sanctioned Event Participant Rules (Sec. 8.2.14), teams are to have two sets of jerseys available for all games (white/ coloured).

Arenas- All games will be held at the Pickering Recreation Complex, Delaney and O'Brien Arenas (East entrance) and Don Beer Arena. For maps and more information, visit the following website at <https://www.pickering.ca/en/living/arenas.aspx?>

	
<p>Don Beer Arena (3 Ice Pads) 940 Dillingham Road Pickering, ON L1W 1Z6 (905) 831-1035</p>	<p>Pickering Recreation Complex (Delaney and O'Brien Arenas) 1867 Valley Farm Road Pickering, ON L1V 6K7 (905) 683-6582</p>

Arena Registration Desks, Sign-in and Dressing Room Keys- Upon arrival at the arena, please check in at the registration table to obtain your dressing room assignment and sportsmanship ballots. Please be prepared to leave a set of vehicle keys in exchange for the change room key. You must return both the room key and the sportsmanship ballot before your keys will be returned. Please ensure that the change room is left clean before your team leaves.

Registration Desk locations:

Don Beer Arena- Upstairs, on top of Pad #1 (stairs and elevator located at WEST end of building)

Pickering Recreation Complex- O'Brien Meeting Room (same location as the Coaches Meeting).

Medal Ceremonies- All Semi-finals and Finals games will take place at Don Beer Arena, with medal ceremonies taking place immediately after the games at the Registration Centre (upstairs, over Pad 1). Please arrive promptly following games and wearing team jerseys.

We look forward to seeing you in Pickering for a great event. It is a wonderful city and we have been working hard to make this a memorable tournament for you. Please do not hesitate to contact us at AProvincials2017@apringette.com if you have any questions regarding the 2017 A Provincial Ringette Championships.

Get ready to POWER UP!

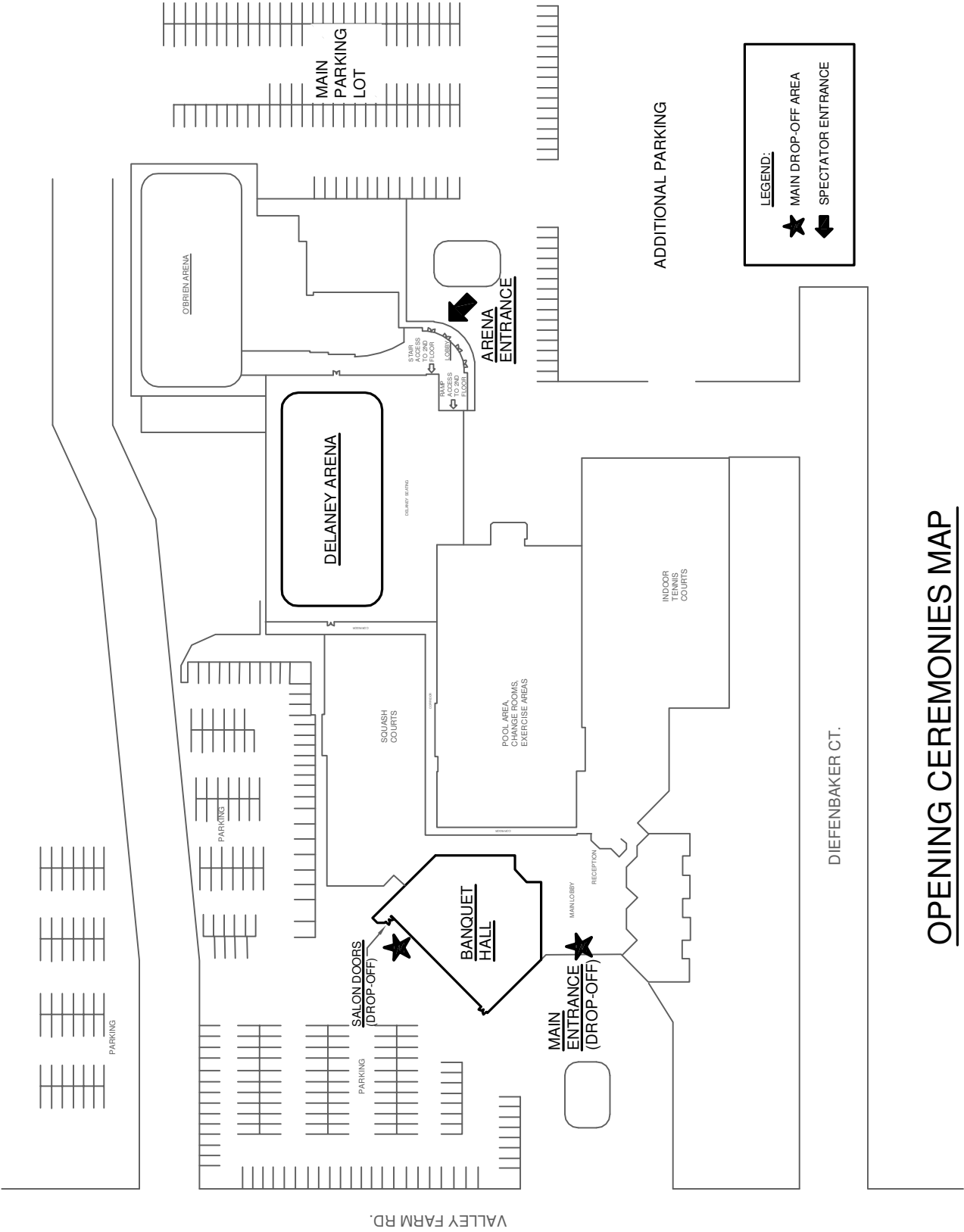
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NOTES:
PLEASE DROP PLAYERS & COACHES OFF AT THE FRONT OF THE RECREATION CENTRE (★).
SPECTATORS MUST GO TO THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE COMPLEX (➡) AND HEAD UP THE STAIRS/RAMP TO SPECTATOR SEATING.

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OPENING CEREMONIES MAP PICKERING RECREATION CENTRE