

MISSISSAUGA INVITATIONAL

04-05-08

Wolves, Lightning, Cyclones & Stingers come out on top!

On April 5, 2008, the Mississauga Lightning hosted their 7th Annual Floor Hockey Tournament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School. Teams from Saugeen Shores, London, Peterborough, Scarboro, Toronto, North Halton, Newmarket, Hamilton, Durham, Midland, Muskoka, York South, Kincardine, Oakville, Flamborough, and of course Mississauga represented the province well in the largest 100% volunteer run Special Olympics event in the country! As the 39 games went on, over 200 goals were scored in some of the most competitive games this tournament has ever seen!

The action was fast and furious in the Smythe Division as the North Halton Stingers went 2-1-0 in round robin play en route to the championship game where they faced the host team Mississauga Lightning who went 3-0-0, including an OT victory. The Stingers however proved too strong for the Lightning winning 6-0 and taking their first ever Mississauga Inviational Championship. The Norris Division was next and saw long time rivals face, as the Mississauga Lightning and Newmarket Ringers battled for the Championship. Mississauga went 3-0-0 in its round robin round and faced the Scarboro Cyclones for the opportunity to enter the Partick Division. They lost the game in a shootout, but didn't lose hope, as they remained in the Norris division. Newmarket added to their 2-0-1 round robin record by defeating Toronto 3-1 in the semi. Mississauga grabbed an early lead and won the Championship with a 4-0 victory over Newmarket giving Mississauga it's second Championship in a row and third since the inception of this tourney! The Patrick Division was next, with Scarboro putting it's undefeated record on the line against the Hamilton Steelhawks, who after losing to the London Blazers were relegated to the Patrick Division. In a nail biter of a game the Cyclones came out on top with 2-1 victory, giving them their first Mississauga Championship! The highly competitive Adams division was highlighted by two come from behind wins by the Peterborough Wolves. First they clawed their way through the round robin with a 2-0 record, followed by a come from behind victory over Midland in the semi. They then faced York South, who went 2-0 in the round robin and defeated the Durham Devils 4-1 in the semi. The Wolves capped their day off with another come behind victory over York South, wining 4-3 to capture the Adams Division. This represented their second Championship at the Mississauga Invitational, but their first in this Division.

But it wasn't just the Champions that went home with hardware. At the end of the day, each and every athlete recieved a trophy. At the Mississauga Invitational, "let me win" gets you a playoff game and "let me be brave in the attempt" gets you an award!

After 39 games, over 1000 minutes of floor hockey, over 200 goals, too many saves to count, and thousands of excellent plays, tournament organizers were once again impressed by the play and teamwork of the athletes. At the Mississauga tournament there is a 'one goal, per player, per game rule' which has resulted in a more competitive tournament and more participation by each and every player. In fact this years event saw more Ties, OTs and shootouts then ever before!

Tournament organizers and volunteers were extremely impressed by the infectious enthusiasm and teamwork expressed by all the athletes. Volunteers, consisting of friends and family members of the Lightning, did a great job of running a first class - one of kind tournament! Special thanks to Dave Dickie and Scotia Bank for their generous donation, as well as the donations gathered by the Lightning family for our door prizes. Also, a very big thank you to all the attendees that helped support this tournament through a donation, or by purchasing an item or two from the Snack Bar! A big thank you to referees Mark Woods, Rocco Licalzi, Lorne St. Louis, Bruce Gow, Ryan, Matt and Andy, Carl Azzopardi, Kevin Cooper, Dan Kuijpers and of course Stew Logan for doing a great job.

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RESULTS

Adams Division

1. Peterborough Wolves (4-0-0)
2. York South Hawks (3-0-1)
3. Midland Civitan Hawks (B) (1-1-1)
4. Durham Devils (1-0-2)
5. London Blazers (B) (1-0-2)

Patrick Division

1. Scarboro Cyclones (C) (5-0-0)
2. Hamilton Steelhawks (0-0-4)

Norris Division

1. Mississauga Lightning (C) (4-0-1)
2. Newmarket Ringers (3-0-2)
3. Toronto Metro Leafs (C) (2-0-2)
4. London Blazers (C) (1-0-2)
5. Midland Civitan Hawks (C) (1-0-2)
6. Flamborough Flyers (0-0-3)
7. Saugeen Shores Shrikes (0-0-3)

Smythe Division

1. North Halton Stingers (3-1-0)
2. Mississauga Lightning (D) (3-1)
3. London Blazers (D) (2-1-0)
4. Muskoka Rattlers (2-0-1)
5. Kincardine Coasters (1-0-2)
6. Oakville Cougars (1-0-2)
7. Scarboro Cyclones (D) (0-0-3)
8. Toronto Metro Leafs (D) (0-0-3)

Tournament stats

- 222 or 5.7 goals scored per game
- 6 OTs, Ties or shootouts (15% of total)
- 56% of games decided by 2 goals or less

Goal Differential (GD)

DIVISION	Overall	Round Robin	Playoff
SMYTHE	3.15	2.91	6.00
NORRIS	3.46	3.83	2.00
PATRICK	n/a	n/a	1.00
ADAMS	2.50	3.00	1.75
OVERALL	3.02	3.27	2.22

SCORES

TIME	PAD 1			
8:00	North Halton	8	Toronto D	1
8:42	Hamilton	0	York South	5
9:24	Mississauga D	4*	Muskoka	3
10:06	Mississauga C	2	Newmarket	1
10:48	Saugeen Shores	1	Toronto C	5
11:30	Muskoka	3	Oakville	1
12:12	London D	2	North Halton	2
12:54	London B	2	Peterborough	3
13:36	London C	2	Toronto C	3
14:18	Kincardine	1	North Halton	6
15:00	Mississauga C	1	Scarboro C	1**
15:42	Newmarket	3	Toronto C	1
16:34	Mississauga C	4	Newmarket	0
TIME	PAD 2			
8:00	Oakville	1**	Scarboro D	1
8:42	Scarboro C	2	Toronto C	0
9:24	Kincardine	3	London D	5
10:06	Flamborough	1	Midland C	2
10:48	London C	2	Scarboro C	7
11:30	Mississauga D	4	Scarboro D	2
12:12	Saugeen Shores	1	Scarboro C	6
12:54	Midland B	1	York South	1**
13:36	Flamborough	3	Newmarket	6
14:18	London D	9	Toronto D	0
15:00	York South	4	Durham	1
15:42	Mississauga D	0	North Halton	6
16:34	Scarboro C	2	Hamilton	1
TIME	PAD 3			
8:00	Flamborough	0	Mississauga C	8
8:42	Durham	2	Peterborough	6
9:24	London C	7	Saugeen Shores	1
10:06	Hamilton	0	Midland B	7
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