

MISSISSAUGA **10** INVITATIONAL

2002--2011

10 YEARS OF BRAVE ATTEMPTS!

On April 9, 2011, the Mississauga Lightning celebrated its 10th Anniversary of the Mississauga Invitational Floor Hockey Tournament. Returning to St. Augustine's Secondary School in Brampton, twenty-four teams representing Hamilton, London, Scarboro, Kingston, Toronto, Midland, Muskoka, Simcoe, Milton, Woolwich, Guelph, Peterborough, Newmarket, Owen Sound, and of course Mississauga participated in one of the largest Floor Hockey Tournaments in Canada and the largest 100% volunteer run Special Olympics event in the country! A record **42** games were played resulting in over 250 goals scored and the crowning of five Champions!

The host team Mississauga Lightning posted a 3-0 record and were the first champions of the day as they captured the Patrick Division title. They are the first team in tournament history to win 4 Championships. The Campbell Division was awarded to the stingy Kingston Kanucks, who on way to their first Mississauga Invitational title only allowed 3 goals all day while posting a 4-0 record! In the Norris Division, another first time Champion emerged as the Owen Sound Thunderbolts, who also lead the tournament in scoring with an amazing 22 goals, also went undefeated at 4-0. The Adams division saw the Midland Hawks face off against the Hamilton Steelhawks – after tying in the round robin, the Steelhawks pulled off the victory in the finale with 2-1 victory! Finally, in one of the most exciting finishes in this tournament's history the Smythe Division Championship needed a double overtime before a winner was decided. Down 3-0, the Simcoe Spitfires fought back to force the OT against last year's champs the Muskoka Ratlers. In the second OT Muskoka scored the winner and were able to hold onto the Smythe Championship for yet another year!

But it wasn't just the Champions that went home with hardware. At the end of the day, as each and every athlete received a trophy. At the Mississauga Invitational, "let me win" gets you a divisional championship and "let me be brave in the attempt" gets you an award! In the 10 years Mississauga has hosted this tournament over **3000** trophies, plaques or medals have been awarded!

With a record setting 42 games – quite possibly the most floor hockey games played in a single day at any Special Olympics floor hockey event – and over 1100 minutes of floor hockey, the results were simply amazing. This year's tournament was by far the most intense and competitive with nearly 60% of the games being decided by 2 goals or less! The one-time controversial, but now entrenched 'one goal per player, per game' rule, unique to this event has allowed this tournament to showcase the amazing talents of the entire floor hockey athlete population!

From its humble beginnings as a small two division 9 team tournament to the mega event it is today the success has always been a direct result of the volunteers. Made up mostly of the parents and family members of the host team, this group, year in and year out, make sure each and every athlete has a great time. We can not thank them enough! A huge thank you to our referees, Bruce Gow, Lorne St. Louis, Brandon Azzopardi, Frank Jolic, Kevin Cooper, Anthony Scanlon, Mark Woods and Stewart Logan. They were an understaffed group that over delivered! Special thanks to Sherri Thomson for making all of those shirts and Principal Tom Iwasiv for opening up his school to us. A special pat on the back for all of the athletes, coaches and supporters who attended this event and who exemplified the 'brave attempt'. A personal thank you to Ann Labbe, who works tirelessly year in and year out to ensure everything gets done – and I mean EVERYTHING!

We hope to see you all next April...

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RESULTS

Campbell Division

1. Kingston Kanuks (4-0)
2. London Blazers (2-0)
3. Metro Leafs B (0-4)

Adams Division

1. Hamilton Steelhawks C (3-0-1)
2. Midland Hawks C (2-1-1)
3. Mississauga Lightning C (1-2)
4. Guelph BunsMaster Rollers (0-3)

Norris Division

1. Owen Sound Thunderbolts (4-0)
2. Peterborough Wolves (3-1)
3. Scarborough Cyclones (2-2)
4. Newmarket Ringers (1-3)
5. Kingston Kougars (0-4)

Patrick Division

1. Mississauga Lightning D (3-0)
2. London Stingers (2-1)
3. Metro Leafs D (1-2)
4. Scarborough Cyclones D (0-3)

Smythe Division

1. Muskoka Rattlers (4-0-0)
2. Simcoe Spitfires (2-1-1)
3. Milton Mighty Ducks (2-0-1)
4. Woolwich Wolves (2-1)
5. Owen Sound Thunderbolts D (1-2)
6. London Ringers (1-2)
7. Hamilton Steelhawks D (0-3)
8. Midland Hawks D (0-3)

Tournament stats

- A record setting 2.42 goal differential (the lowest GD in history!)
- A stunning 59% of games decided by 2 goals or less!
- Over 350 athletes awarded for being "Brave in the Attempt"
- Over 800 items sold at the snack bar!

Goal Differential (GD)

DIVISION	GDA
Patrick	2.83
Smythe	2.07
Norris	3.30
Adams	1.86
Campbell	2.17
OVERALL	2.42

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2002--2011 SCORES

TIME	CODE	PAD	TEAM 1	goals	TEAM 2	goals
8:00 AM	A1	PAD 1	Newmarket	2	Scarborough C	3
	B1	PAD 2	Guelph	2	Hamilton C	6
	C1	PAD 3	Mississauga D	6	Scarborough D	2
8:42 AM	A2	PAD 1	Hamilton D	1	Woolwich	4
	B2	PAD 2	Midland Hawks D	3	Milton Mighty Ducks	6
	C2	PAD 3	Midland Hawks C	4	Mississauga C	2
9:24 AM	A3	PAD 1	Muskoka	2	Owen Sound D	1
	B3	PAD 2	Kingston Kanuks B	3	Metro Leafs B	1
	C3	PAD 3	London D	4	Metro Leafs D	1
10:06 AM	A4	PAD 1	London C	1	Simcoe Spitfires	5
	B4	PAD 2	Kingston Kougars C	1	Owen Sound C	7
	C4	PAD 3	Peterborough	4	Newmarket	3
10:48 AM	A5	PAD 1	Hamilton D	2	Muskoka	3 (OT)
	B5	PAD 2	Kingston Kanuks B	2	London B	0
	C5	PAD 3	Metro Leafs D	5	Scarborough D	2
11:30 AM	A6	PAD 1	Kingston Kougars C	1	Newmarket	5
	B6	PAD 2	Owen Sound D	1	Woolwich	2
	C6	PAD 3	Hamilton C	4	Mississauga C	3
12:12 PM	A7	PAD 1	Peterborough	5	Scarborough C	2
	B7	PAD 2	London B	4	Metro Leafs B	1
	C7	PAD 3	London D	1	Mississauga D	4
12:54 PM	A8	PAD 1	Milton Mighty Ducks	2	Simcoe Spitfires	2
	B8	PAD 2	Guelph	1	Midland Hawks C	4
	C8	PAD 3	London C	4	Midland Hawks D	0
1:36 PM	A9	PAD 1	Owen Sound C	4	Peterborough C	2
	B9	PAD 2	Kingston Kanuks B	2	London B	0
	C9	PAD 3	Metro Leafs D	2	Mississauga D	4
2:18 PM	A10	PAD 1	Hamilton D	2	Owen Sound D	3
	B10	PAD 2	Muskoka	6	Woolwich	2
	C10	PAD 3	Kingston Kougars C	2	Scarborough C	4
3:00 PM	A11	PAD 1	Guelph	1	Mississauga C	3
	B11	PAD 2	Kingston Kanuks B	4	Metro Leafs B	2
	C11	PAD 3	Owen Sound C	7	Newmarket	2
3:42 PM	A12	PAD 1	London C	3	Milton Mighty Ducks	4
	B12	PAD 2	Hamilton C	2	Midland Hawks C	2
	C12	PAD 3	Midland Hawks D	3	Simcoe Spitfires	5
4:24 PM	A13	PAD 1	London B	3	Metro Leafs B	1
	B13	PAD 2	London D	3	Scarborough D	1
	C13	PAD 3	Owen Sound C	4	Scarborough C	2
5:06 PM	A14	PAD 1	A1 - MIDLAND C	1	A2 - HAMILTON C	2
	B14	PAD 2	B1 - MUSKOKA	4 (OT)	W1 - SIMCOE	3
	C14	PAD 3	Peterborough	7	Kingston Kougars C	0

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