

# **MISSISSAUGA** **INVITATIONAL**

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## **THE NEXT DECADE BEGINS!**

On April 14, 2012, the Mississauga Lightning entered into its second decade of hosting the Mississauga Invitational Floor Hockey Tournament. In what has become the premiere celebration of 'brave attempts', 22 teams representing Hamilton, London, Scarboro, Kingston, Toronto, Midland, Muskoka, Simcoe, Oakville, Guelph, Peterborough, Newmarket, York South, and of course Mississauga participated in the largest Floor Hockey Tournaments in Canada and the largest 100% volunteer run Special Olympics event in the country! Returning to St. Augustine's Secondary School in Brampton, 36 games were played resulting in over 240 goals scored and the crowning of four Champions!

This year's tournament was once again an evenly matched and exciting event! The competition was incredible in all four divisions, with over 55% of the games being decided by 2 goals or less! In the Patrick Division, the Toronto Metro Leafs D team won their first ever Mississauga Championship, posting a 3-0 record. This was Toronto's 2<sup>nd</sup> Championship team, as the Metro squad won the inaugural event in the C division back in 2002. In the Smythe Division, The London Stingers went 3-0 in their group securing a spot against the Simco Spitfires, who also went 3-0 in their bracket. Both teams were looking for their first ever championship at this level, and it was the London squad who took the final 6-4 to grab the Smythe Division Championship! The Norris Division was next, with two great teams battling hard to get through their groups. Mississauga went 3-0, with some tough wins, and Guelph grabbed 2 wins and an overtime loss to set-up the final. Guelph jumped out to an early lead and after few second place finishes at this tournament, grabbed their first ever Mississauga Championship with a 7-3 win over the host Lightning. Last up was the Adams division, where the London Blazers, with a 3-0 round robin record, went into the final against the Midland Hawks, who went 2-1, and edged out the Peterborough Wolves for a berth in the final by 2 goals in the goal differential tie-breaker. This game lived up to the hype going right to the wire. With Midland pushing in the final shift, London held onto their 3-2 victory and grabbed a record breaking 5<sup>th</sup> Mississauga Championship!

But it wasn't just the Champions that went home with hardware. At the end of the day, each and every athlete received a medal. At the Mississauga Invitational, "let me win" gets you a divisional championship and "let me be brave in the attempt" gets you a medal! Congratulations to each and every athlete who displayed great sportsmanship and athleticism!

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! Special thanks to Sherri Thomson for making all of those shirts and Principal Tom Iwasiw 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'. Last, but not least, a huge thank you to our referees: Bruce Gow, Lorne St. Louis, Brandon Azzopardi, Carl Azzopardi, Frank Jolic, Kevin Cooper, Rick Walker, Chris Logan, Rocco Licalzi, and Mark Woods. We would also like to send a special thank you to referee Stewart Logan, who has been officiating games for 42 years. We ended this great day with the presentation of a special thank you card signed by all the athletes, who truly appreciated the years of service and thousands of games that Stew officiated!

We hope to see you all next April...

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## RESULTS

### Patrick Division

1. Toronto Metro Leafs D (3-0-0)
2. Oakville Cougars (2-0-1)
3. London D (1-0-2)
4. Scarboro Cyclones D (0-0-3)

### Smythe Division

1. London Stingers (4-0-0)
2. Simcoe Spitfires (3-0-1)
3. Mississauga Lightning D (2-0-1)
4. Kingston Kougars (1-0-2)
5. Midland Civitan Hawks D (0-0-3)
6. Hamilton Steelhawks D (0-0-3)

### Norris Division

1. Guelph Buns Master Jr. Rollers (3-0-1)
2. Mississauga Lightning C (3-0-1)
3. Newmarket Ringers (2-0-1)
4. Muskoka Rattlers (2-0-1)
5. Scarboro Cyclones C (0-0-3)
6. Peterborough Wolves C (0-0-3)

### Adams Division

1. London Blazers (4-0-0)
2. Midland Civitan Hawks C (2-0-2)
3. Peterborough Wolves B (2-0-1)
4. Hamilton Steelhawks C (1-0-2)
5. Toronto Metro Leafs B (1-0-2)
6. York South Hawks (0-0-3)

### Tournament stats

- 241 goals scored (that's 6.69 goals per game!)
- An amazing 2.58 goal differential for the tournament!
- A stunning 55% of games decided by 2 goals or less and 69% decided by less than 3!
- Over 350 athletes awarded for being "Brave in the Attempt"
- Over 700 items sold at the snack bar!
- Not a single word uttered at the *Silent Auction!*

### Goal Differential (GD)

| DIVISON | GDA  |
|---------|------|
| Patrick | 2.67 |
| Smythe  | 3.00 |
| Norris  | 2.10 |
| Adams   | 2.20 |
| OVERALL | 2.58 |

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## SCORES

|          |     |       |                           |        |                                 |        |
|----------|-----|-------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 8:00 AM  | A1  | PAD 1 | TORONTO B                 | 4      | YORK SOUTH                      | 1      |
|          | B1  | PAD 2 | MISSISSAUGA C             | 2      | NEWMARKET                       | 1      |
|          | C1  | PAD 3 | OAKVILLE                  | 3      | TORONTO D                       | 4      |
| 8:42 AM  | A2  | PAD 1 | HAMILTON C                | 3      | PETERBOROUGH B                  | 4*     |
|          | B2  | PAD 2 | MISSISSAUGA D             | 3      | HAMILTON D                      | 1      |
|          | C2  | PAD 3 | GUELPH                    | 5      | SCARBORO C                      | 3      |
| 9:24 AM  | A3  | PAD 1 | LONDON B                  | 3      | MIDLAND C                       | 1      |
|          | B3  | PAD 2 | PETERBOROUGH C            | 1      | MUSKOKA                         | 2      |
|          | C3  | PAD 3 | SCARBORO D                | 0      | TORONTO D                       | 5      |
| 10:06 AM | A4  | PAD 1 | TORONTO B                 | 2      | PETERBOROUGH B                  | 7      |
|          | B4  | PAD 2 | NEWMARKET                 | 3(1)** | GUELPH                          | 3      |
|          | C4  | PAD 3 | HAMILTON D                | 2      | KINGSTON                        | 5      |
| 10:48 AM | A5  | PAD 1 | LONDON C                  | 6      | MISSISSAUGA D                   | 1      |
|          | B5  | PAD 2 | MIDLAND D                 | 3      | SIMCOE                          | 6      |
|          | C5  | PAD 3 | LONDON D                  | 5      | SCARBORO D                      | 3      |
| 11:30 AM | A6  | PAD 1 | LONDON B                  | 4*     | YORK SOUTH                      | 3      |
|          | B6  | PAD 2 | MISSISSAUGA C             | 7      | PETERBOROUGH C                  | 3      |
|          | C6  | PAD 3 | MUSKOKA                   | 3      | SCARBORO C                      | 2      |
| 12:12 PM | A7  | PAD 1 | LONDON D                  | 5      | OAKVILLE                        | 6      |
|          | B7  | PAD 2 | KINGSTON                  | 3      | SIMCOE                          | 4      |
|          | C7  | PAD 3 | LONDON C                  | 8      | MIDLAND D                       | 3      |
| 12:54 PM | A8  | PAD 1 | HAMILTON C                | 0      | MIDLAND C                       | 4      |
|          | B8  | PAD 2 | NEWMARKET                 | 5      | PETERBOROUGH C                  | 2      |
|          | C8  | PAD 3 | GUELPH                    | 6      | MUSKOKA                         | 2      |
| 1:36 PM  | A9  | PAD 1 | MIDLAND D                 | 4(1)   | MISSISSAUGA D                   | 4(2)** |
|          | B9  | PAD 2 | LONDON C                  | 8      | KINGSTON                        | 1      |
|          | C9  | PAD 3 | LONDON B                  | 6      | TORONTO B                       | 0      |
| 2:18 PM  | A10 | PAD 1 | MISSISSAUGA C             | 2      | SCARBORO C                      | 0      |
|          | B10 | PAD 2 | YORK SOUTH                | 2      | HAMILTON C                      | 1      |
|          | C10 | PAD 3 | MIDLAND C                 | 5      | PETERBOROUGH B                  | 2      |
| 3:00 PM  | A11 | PAD 1 | OAKVILLE                  | 6      | SCARBORO D                      | 1      |
|          | B11 | PAD 2 | LONDON D                  | 2      | TORONTO D                       | 4      |
|          | C11 | PAD 3 | HAMILTON D                | 0      | SIMCOE                          | 2      |
| 3:55 PM  | A12 | PAD 1 | ADAMS RED 1 - LONDON B    | 3      | ADAMS GREEN 1 - MIDLAND C       | 2      |
|          | B12 | PAD 2 | NORRIS BLUE 1 - GUELPH    | 7      | NORRIS SILVER 1 - MISSISSAUGA C | 3      |
|          | C12 | PAD 3 | SMYTHE BLACK 1 - LONDON C | 6      | SMYTHE WHITE 1 - SIMCOE         | 4      |

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