

THE MISSISSAUGA NEWS Lightning strikes at Erindale

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Mississauga Lightning will be out to steal some thunder at the upcoming Mississauga Lightning Special Olympics Floor Hockey Tournament, Jan. 31 at Erindale Secondary School.

The tourney will draw players with intellectual disabilities from 20 teams throughout Ontario.

The tournament, hosted by Mississauga Lightning and sponsored by the ScotiaBank, is free to the public and will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Participating teams will compete at four different skill levels: A, B, C and D. They will be divided into several divisions and the winners will ultimately battle it out in the championship round games, beginning at 3:15 p.m.

Mississauga Lightning is currently first in the C Level of their five-team league. They play about 30 games a year against squads including Sudbury, Brampton and Toronto.

Lightning coach Tim Logan, is confident in his team after placing third last year. But regardless of the outcome, all 400 athletes participating in the tournament will receive a trophy.

"The athletes want to play games. That's all they want to do," said Logan. "Winning is just a bonus."

Mississauga Lightning launched the tournament three years ago.