The Etobicoke Basketball Association Boys Juvenile (U17) Thunder Jam Tournament will be held from March 25th-27th, 2011 in Etobicoke, Toronto. This will be an 8-team, fully-sanctioned OBA tournament for AAA teams. Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of four games.

The registration fee for the tournament is $450.00. The deadline to register is Friday, March 11th, 2011. We can only accept the first 8 teams!

Please contact Jordan Paolucci at jordan_paolucci@rogers.com, to reserve your spot and receive further information regarding registration. From there, please draft a cheque for $450.00, made payable to Etobicoke Basketball Association, and mail it with the completed registration forms to the mailing address provided via e-mail.

Please note that while spots may be RESERVED ahead of payment, spots are CONFIRMED only when payment has been received in full by cheque and before the deadline.

**Tournament Format: Pool Play with Playoffs**

Teams will be sorted in two distinct pools (A and B) of four teams each. The four teams will play each other once each (3 games in total), with one game on Friday and two on Saturday—avoiding playing 3 games in one day. Games will be scheduled well, allowing for adequate rest in-between games but also avoiding excessive waiting periods between games.

For the FRIDAY, the first game will be played at two different sites (each pool at a different site). For the SATURDAY and SUNDAY, all games will be played at one main site. Please see the accompanying “Sample Draw Format” for further information. The top two teams from each pool will advance to the semifinals on Sunday, in accordance with Ontario Basketball’s rules. The four teams that do not advance will play one “friendly” game against one of the other teams (3rd place in Pool A will play 4th place in Pool B, while 3rd place in Pool B will play 4th place in Pool A). These games will also be played on Sunday. The four semifinal teams will each play two more games, i.e., their semifinal games followed by either the championship game or the consolation final on Sunday, March 27th.

**Tournament Package**

**All teams** registered for the tournament will receive:
- 4 guaranteed games (played in full-size gyms and officiated by TABO referees)
- Tournament T-Shirts (for all team players, as well as coaches--to a max. of 3)

**Finalists** will receive:
- Awards based on standing (for all team players, as well as coaches--to a max. of 3)
  - Championship trophies (1st), Finalist Trophies (2nd), Bronze Medals (3rd)

Team MVP Award and other Individual Awards may be presented following Championships.
Fair Play and Sportsmanship

The Etobicoke Basketball Association fully subscribes to and supports Ontario Basketball’s Fair Play philosophy and are participants in the True Sport Movement. The coaches, players, and fans of each team registered in the tournament will be expected to adhere to the tenets of fair play and sportsmanship throughout their participation in the tournament.

In addition, the Etobicoke Basketball Association entered into a partnership with the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) in 2008, which stresses the importance of “Double-Goal Coaching” and “Second-Goal Parenting.”

Further information on the True Sport Movement and PCA will be included as part of your team’s registration confirmation package. Please ensure that you read through these materials and expectations, and feel free to share these ideas your team. We are confident that our basketball friends from across the province share our enthusiasm to help transform the culture of youth sports, and we look forward to hosting our tournament and providing a positive experience for all competitors and spectators.

Additional Administrative Details

Each team entering the tournament must also be registered with Ontario Basketball to participate in our fully sanctioned tournament. The various requirements are outlined on their website at www.basketball.on.ca. Teams that have not registered prior to the tournament risk forfeiting their entry to another team already registered. Upon the successful completion of these requirements – and once the cheque to the Etobicoke Basketball Association has cleared – each team will be sent a registration confirmation package via e-mail approximately 1 week prior to the tournament. The package will contain:

- The Tournament draw and schedule
- Gym locations and directions
- Local maps
- Hotel options
- Positive Coaching Alliance and True Sport information

If you have any questions or concerns prior to the tournament, please e-mail all such inquiries to myself at jordan_paolucci@rogers.com

With kind regards,

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