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### ***MEN'S***

U21 Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship ~ Duncan McLellan Park Owen Sound, Ontario

August 6 to 12, 2012; for tickets or information, visit [www.softball.ca/championships/U21Mens](http://www.softball.ca/championships/U21Mens)

### ***PEE WEE ELIMINATION'S***

The 2012 OASA Peewee Eliminations were held on July 13 - 15 at Toanche Park in Tiny Township. The weather for the weekend was very warm with very little breeze. The players showed up ready to play and play they did. The sportsmanship over the course of the weekend was amazing. A big thank you to Toanche Parks and Rec for keeping the snack bar well stocked with water and frozen treats and the hot food flowing. Another thank you to the blue crew who withstood the heat of the day. A very big thank you to all the players, coaches and fans for enduring the weather and some really close games. The players played their hearts out and showed great sportsmanship and the fans supported their efforts. It was a great weekend of ball.

The Winner/Winner game on Saturday night was a nail biter with the final score of Belleville 9 - Port Perry 8. In the 3rd inning, Jackson Savery of Port Perry hit an out of the park home run. At the top of the 7th, Port Perry was down by 4 and launched a comeback to score 3 more. Belleville was able to get the last out which took them right to the final at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Sunday morning dawned very warm. Campbellford defeated Wellesley and Toanche defeated Napanee in an extra-inning game. The first of the morning, Campbellford then went on the defeat Toanche. Next up was Campbellford vs. Port Perry. Another 8 inning game with Port Perry winning. The final game of the day also kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

Congratulations to Belleville for going 5-0 to capture the Gold Medal and win the right to represent Ontario at the Eastern Canadians in Placentia, NF. Congratulations also to Port Perry for earning the Finalist spot to represent us as Ontario 2. The Ron Taylor Pitching Award was presented to Jacob McCaw of Belleville.

Respectfully Submitted  
Christine Patenaude

## ***BANTAM ELIMINATION'S***

### **2012 Bantam Elimination Results**

Teeswater Otters came out victorious in the Bantam Eliminations hosted by Napanee June 29th through July 1st.

It was a hot sunny weekend as 15 teams gathered to determine the Elimination champion as well as the right to represent the OASA in the Eastern Canadians in Nova Scotia. In the end it was Teeswater winning the If game 5 - 3 in a tight game over Port Perry. Teeswater had forced the If game by defeating previously undefeated Port Perry 5 - 4.

Teeswater was led by Matt Wardrop who went 5 - 1 on the weekend to take the Gil Read Pitching Award. Some additional impressive stats from the weekend for Matt were: 36 innings pitched, 13 runs allowed, 10 earned runs, 22 hits allowed, 64 K's, 3 BB's, a No Hitter, 1.94 ERA, 0.69 WHIP (walks plus hits per inning), 1.78 strikeouts per inning.

There were several strong pitching performances over the weekend as evidenced by the following stats:

Jeff St Pierre (Port Perry) 1.81 ERA, 1.48 WHIP, 1.35 strikeouts per inning

Tyler Randerson (New Hamburg) 0.61 ERA, 0.43 WHIP, 1.83 strikeouts per inning, 2 one hitters

Dylan Skinner (Grand Valley) 1.29 ERA, 1.06 WHIP, 1.20 strikeouts per inning

The full tournament results are posted on the OASA website.

Thanks to the host Napanee for a well-run tournament, along with the blue crew who kept the games moving along without incident all weekend.

Congratulations to Teeswater and Port Perry who will be looking to bring home some hardware from the Eastern Canadians the weekend of August 23rd in Hants County, Nova Scotia.

The Bantam A Provincials is set to go in Port Perry August 11th - 12th as well as the Bantam B Provincials in Elmira on the same weekend. Good luck to all teams!

Dave Northern  
Bantam Elimination Tournament Director

## ***MIDGET ELIMINATION'S***

It took the Napanee Express Midget boys 5 games to advance to the Canadian Midget Fastball Championship tournament to be held in Fredericton early in August. They went through the Ontario Elimination tournament in New Dundee undefeated. Caledonia, New Hamburg and Cobourg also advance. Napanee will go as the defending champions.

Kitchener-Waterloo and Highgate will represent Ontario at the Eastern Canadians also in August.

Fourteen teams vied for the championship with the top six advancing. The tournament was held under hot and sunny skies. The competition was just as hot with great sportsmanship displayed.

The balance of the teams hailed from Alvinston representing the ORSA, Milvrtton, Saugeen, Tavistock, Fullarton, Pickering, Domville, and Owen Sound.

The umpiring crew of ten was under the supervision of Tim Whitelaw and Paul Baier. They did an excellent job in keeping the games under control and controversy free.

Cole Bolton, the fireball from Napanee was awarded the Barry Ellerbeck trophy as the most valuable pitcher of the weekend. A well-deserved award.

The host K-W Cubs fastball team under the leadership of Brad Thomson certainly did their best to make this a great weekend with a well-stocked concession booth of roast beef on a bun, back bacon on a bun and the usual burgers and dogs.

Dennis Desman's professional scorekeepers and announcers and the OASA Convenors Betty DeHaan, Gilles Butcher, Richard Martin, Garry Waugh and Bruce Young kept it going like a well-oiled machine.

Certainly a great weekend of some excellent fastball and comradeship enjoyed by players and fans alike.

Bill DeHaan – Convenor

## ***JUNIOR MEN'S A PROVINCIAL***

### OWEN SOUND JUNIOR MEN'S A PROVINCIAL

Keady Jets hosted the OASA Junior Elimination tournament at Duncan McLelland Park.

The Owen Sound Selects won for the 4th consecutive year defeating Oshawa BBs 4 - 2 in the final, on a 3 run homerun from Cody Skelton in the 7th. Michael Legace-Roote got the win.

Oshawa reached the final with a win over the Walkerton Wild 8 - 5.

Owen Sounds tournament record in the double elimination included a 13 - 0 win over Mildmay, 7 - 0 over Wiaraton Red Devils, and 9 - 1 over Walkerton Wild...

Oshawa BBs opened with Tavistock and won 6 - 1, then a loss to Walkerton 4 - 1, back with a win over Sydenham 6 - 4, and 5 - 3 over Wiaraton...

Wiaraton had eliminated New Dundee/Stratford 3 - 2. The Red Devils defeated Sydenham 7 - 6 in 10 innings and St Mary's 9 - 2

Other scores include

New Dundee 12 - Alvinston 5

New Dundee 8 - St Mary's 5 - 9 innings

Walkerton 4 - New Dundee 2  
New Dundee 6 - Fingal 2

St Mary's 5 - Tavistock 4  
Mildmay 10 - Alvinston 3  
Fingal 9 - Mildmay 1  
Sydenham 8 - Fingal 1

Sydenham 10 - Keady 2  
Tavistock 5 - Keady 4

Top batter award. Cody Skelton of Owen Sound...778 Avg. 3 Homers, and 9 RBIs. The Bob Domik pitching award was presented to New Dundee's George Armstrong...30 innings pitched, 36 Ks, and a 2.55 era...

Thanks to Brad Thomson for the results.

There were some great young ball players in Owen Sound this weekend and they were led by some very good coaches. I spent Saturday at the park. Enjoyed a lot of great ball games....In the games that I watched the players concentrated on the game, didn't lose focus and good play or bad, got back into the game quickly. Good leadership on many of these teams. Looking forward to seeing more of that in New Dundee this weekend at the U18 (Midget) Elims...

Congratulations to the teams, the coaches, managers, the OASA, the Owen Sound park crew, and the organizers...

By Dennis Dosman

## *NEWS from SOFTBALL ONTARIO*



An Opportunity from Softball Ontario

Softball Ontario is currently looking for Softball Associations to host a pilot session of two (2) exciting new Certified Softball Administrator Program (CSAP) Workshops - Social Media 101 and Special Event Management: Slo-Pitch before August 31,



2012.

Would your Softball Association be willing to help us out and host one of the Workshops?

Here are the Workshop Details:

**Social Media 101 4 Hours**

A brand new Workshop where participants will focus on basic skills and best practices that enable Associations to use Social Media as a communications strategy. During this Workshop participants will learn how to use social media skills to enhance objectives such as marketing the Association, event promotion, volunteer and new member recruitment and fundraising. At the end of the workshop, you will be able to:

- Define social media and its different types
- Determine target audience and social media goals
- Understand social media tools
- Understand how to set up a Facebook page and Twitter account
- Create a social media strategy
- Understand how to measure social media program success

**Special Event Management: Slo-Pitch 4 Hours**

The workshop focus is on basic skills and best practices that enable Associations to plan, promotes, and manages a special event. During this workshop, participants will learn how to use these skills to host a Slo-Pitch Ontario (SPO) sanctioned tournament.

At the end of this workshop you will be able to:

- Define a tournament objective
- Create an action plan
- Determine volunteer roles, responsibilities and training
- Understand event promotion
- Understand tournament administration
- Understand SPO requirements
- Conduct a post-event review

Helping Softball Ontario to pilot one of these new CSAP Workshops would be a great opportunity for your volunteers to gain some additional training, as well as a chance for your Association to *earn up to forty (40) points* towards your SAFE STAR Rating!

Participants in the CSAP Workshops will receive a free CSAP Binder, worth \$25.00, as well as a limited edition SAFE STAR 2GB USB Drive pre-loaded with valuable materials (while supplies last!). The CSAP Binder is designed to be a resource for participants, with room to add additional information and workbooks with each Workshop you attend.

I hope you're having a great softball season so far, and I look forward to piloting one of these CSAP Workshops with you!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Crompton  
Participation Program Coordinator  
Softball Ontario

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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Date: July 6, 2012**



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**Softball Ontario partners with Ontario Rural Softball Association to host a Competition-Introduction, Softball Clinic**

Toronto, ON - Softball Ontario is pleased to announce its partnership with Ontario Rural Softball Association in hosting a National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) clinic for Softball Coaches~ Competition-Introduction, Softball- What to Coach July 21 & 22/2012 and How to Coach – July 28 & 29/2012 in Woodstock, ON.

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is a coach training and certification program for 66 different sports and is offered in both official languages across Canada. NCCP workshops are designed to meet the needs of all types of coaches, from the first-time coach to the head coach of a national team. The NCCP is the recognized national standard for coach training and certification in Canada. As part of the program, all coaches are trained in ethical decision-making and sport safety. Softball Ontario is the provider of the NCCP Program for the sport of Softball in the Province of Ontario.

The requirements for Competition-Introduction, Softball - 40 hours total (2 weekends clinic + On Field Evaluation) include:

The goals of this course are to promote fun, fitness, fundamentals and performance among the beginning and intermediate coaches who are either coaching youths and/or adults.

What to Coach – 16 hours (1st Weekend) \*Trained- which is the requirement for Provincials, Ontario Summer Games and Nationals

How to Coach - 16 hours (2nd Weekend) \*Trained - which is the requirement for Provincials, Ontario Summer Games and Nationals

On-Field Evaluation – 2 hours (3rd Weekend) \*Certified

This course replaces the Level 1 and Level 2 Technical/Practical and Theory courses of the old knowledge based program.

An evaluation is required to become certified.

If your team is participating in an U14 (Novice/Pee Wee) and above Provincial Championship this season for PWSA or OASA or a Softball Canada Canadian Championship, or the Ontario Summer Games the requirements for your coaches is as follows:

**ORSA**- Requires coaches who are participating in the 2012 Ontario Summer Games to be Competition-Introduction, Softball trained.

**PWSA**- All participating teams must have at least one (1) registered Coach with NCCP Softball Certification as follows:

- U 12 (Squirt)- Level 1 Certified or Competition-Introduction, Softball What to Coach (1<sup>st</sup> weekend)
- All other Divisions- Level 2 Certified or Competition-Introduction, Softball- What to Coach (1<sup>st</sup> Weekend); How to Coach (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend) and the On-Line Make Ethical Decisions Test-Completed -Trained

**OASA**-Requires coaches to hold the following (new) NCCP coaching certification qualifications:

- U14, U16, U19 (Peewee, Bantam, Midget) - Competition-Introduction, Softball-Trained
- All coaches who currently hold NCCP certification are considered fully certified for OASA tournaments. New coaches without certification are encouraged to get their certification.

Softball Ontario is pleased to share an exciting opportunity for Softball Coaches to have their Coach Education funded by the Quest for Gold (Q4G) Enhanced Coaching Program. The Quest for Gold Enhanced Coaching Program recognizes coaches have out-of-pocket expenses for many things. Coaches, who wish to continue their training and education, or increase their knowledge and certification, can directly benefit from this bursary program.

The Quest for Gold program provides an education bursary for higher levels of professional development and training. Up to 75% of course registration fees will be reimbursed for Ontario resident coaches who pass and complete coursework.

Q4G Bursaries can be applied by softball Coaches in any of the following:

- National Coaching Certification Program- Competition-Introduction, Softball
- National Coaching Certification Program- Level 3 Theory (Multi-sport)

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- National Coaching Certification Program- Level 3 Technical Softball
  - National Coaching Certification Program- Competition-Development (Multi-Sport)
  - National Coaching Institute-National Coaching Certification Program Level 4 and Level 5)
  - Enhanced Coaching Level (3/4/5)

Please note that there are different pre-requisites and application for NCCP courses, the NCI and the Enhanced Coaching.

The Quest for Gold program provides an education bursary for coaches to complete eligible NCCP training. **Up to a maximum of \$500 per application will be available to cover up to 70% of course registration fees and travel subsidy combined. A travel subsidy up to a maximum of \$200 is available for coaches travelling more than 100km each way to attend NCCP training.**

The total allocation for Coach Bursaries for April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 is \$150,000. To qualify for this funding opportunity the NCCP clinic you attend must fall between these dates. Applications for course proceeding these dates will not be considered.

For more information about each of the above programs or to download the bursary applications, travel subsidy, please visit the Coaching Association of Ontario website at [www.coachesontario.ca](http://www.coachesontario.ca).

**There are only 5 spots left! So register today!**

To register for What to Coach and How to Coach contact Wayne Triemstra, ORSA clinic host via email @ [wtriemstra@hotmail.com](mailto:wtriemstra@hotmail.com) or (519) 535-4262.

For more information about Softball Ontario's Coaches Program and the NCCP Program, please contact Steph Sutton at [ssutton@softballontario.ca](mailto:ssutton@softballontario.ca) or 416-426-7150.

*Softball Ontario is the governing body for the sport of softball in Ontario. Our goal is to promote and develop the sport of softball for its athletes, officials and volunteers by providing programs and services at all levels of competitions.*



## 2012 TOURNAMENTS

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>HOST AWARDED</i>
<b>Great Lakes</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Jarvis</b>
<b>Jr. Mite,</b>	<b>August 11</b>	<b>Napanee</b>
<b>Mite</b>	<b>Aug. 18-19</b>	<b>Belleville</b>
<b>Squirt</b>	<b>Aug. 11-12</b>	<b>Stouffville</b>
<b>Squirt</b>	<b>Aug. 11-12</b>	<b>Springbrook</b>
<b>PeeWee</b>	<b>Aug. 18-19</b>	<b>Ponsonby</b>
<b>Bantam</b>	<b>Aug. 11-12</b>	<b>Port Perry</b>
<b>Bantam</b>	<b>Aug 11-12</b>	<b>Elmira</b>
<b>Midget</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Napanee</b>
<b>Midget</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Pickering</b>
<b>Junior B</b>	<b>July 13-14</b>	<b>Bracebridge</b>
<b>Men's B</b>	<b>Aug. 18 - 19</b>	<b>Sudbury</b>
<b>Masters</b>	<b>July 13-14-15</b>	<b>Bracebridge</b>
<b>Mite Qualifier</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Palmerston</b>
<b>Squirt Qualifier</b>	<b>July 21-22</b>	<b>Belleville (east) Palmerston (west)</b>

## AWARDS

From Awards Chair Garry Waugh

Dates to Remember

- **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, O.A.S.A. Scholarship nominations, send to Bruce Young ~ 368 Craigeith Drive, Waterloo, ON N2L 5B7
- **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, Ethel Boyce Achievement Award from Softball Canada a letter of application and references send to Garry Waugh~ 45 Earls court Crescent, Woodstock ON N2C 2M2
- **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, Association Award nominations send to Garry Waugh
- **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, The Gil Read Coaches Honour Roll nominations send to Garry Waugh
- **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual O.A.S.A. Minor Provincial Champions Banquet at the Grand River Valley Golf Course at 3:00 p.m.

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