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ONTARIO LACROSSE FESTIVAL THE LARGEST YOUTH LACROSSE EVENT IN NORTH AMERICA

TORONTO – The Ontario Lacrosse Festival returns for the thirteenth edition from July 29th to August 7th, boasting a program status that ranks itself as the largest annual youth lacrosse event in North America.

The Festival will return to host the Warrior Pee Wee Lacrosse Championship of Canada and Midget Lacrosse Championship of Canada. In total, the Festival hosts forty-four separate national and provincial championships in box lacrosse.

Mark Saturday, August 6th on your calendar, as the Festival hosts the national championship bronze and gold medal games at Iroquois Park Sports Centre in Whitby. The Pee Wee Nationals Bronze medal game starts at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Pee Wee Nationals Gold medal game at 3:05 p.m. The Midget Nationals Bronze medal game will commence at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Midget Nationals Gold medal game at 8:05 p.m. An individual ticket must be purchased for each age division finals.

This year nearly 557 teams and 11,028 players and coaches are expected to participate in the Festival. The expanded size of the event sees the use of four municipalities to incorporate all those attending. Facilities in use for the 2016 Festival are: Iroquois Park, McKinney Arena, and Luther Vipond Arena in Whitby, Legends Centre in Oshawa, Rickard Recreation Complex in Clarington, the Ajax Community Centre in Ajax, and the Don Beer Arena in Pickering.

The Harrow/OLA Pee Wee and OLA Bantam Provincial Championships get underway at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 29th. The official Festival Opening Ceremonies will commence August 2nd at 3:30 p.m., on Pad 1 at the Iroquois Park Sports Centre. Rogers Television also returns to broadcast the championship games of the two national tournaments on Saturday, August 8th from Iroquois Park Sports Centre, where organizers expect a sold out facility for the twelfth consecutive year.

In addition to the indoor tournament competition, an outdoor Festival Fun Zone is on-site providing unique, engaging and experiential opportunities for Festival fans. "The Ontario Lacrosse Festival is a 10-day combination of great competition and fun for the entire family", said Ontario Lacrosse Association President John Doherty.

"The OLA is once again pleased to partner with the Durham Region to deliver first - class facilities for the excitement and drama of our provincial championship tournaments. On behalf of the OLA, we extend an invitation to everyone to join us at our annual celebration of the game".

2016 Presenting Sponsors of the Festival are Brine, Harrow Sports, Warrior Sports, and Under Armour and the Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA).

For complete Festival schedules and results, visit <www.ontariolacrossefestival.com>

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