

## **SPORT4ONTARIO - Announcement**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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SPORT4ONTARIO provides a \$45,000 infusion to local sport groups.

The Sport4Toronto Fund, administered by SPORT4ONTARIO, provides grants to organizations to support athlete development in the City of Toronto including, but not limited to, access to facilities and services, equipment, registration, and coach development.

Recipients of the Sport4Toronto Fund 2008-09 are:

**Toronto Ultimate Club** – The grant awarded to the Toronto Ultimate Club will be used to increase participation rates in the Toronto Juniors Summer Ultimate League (TJSL), and to increase youth participating in Ultimate Frisbee by hiring a part-time summer student to assist organizing and promoting the league, raising awareness of the TJSL League, Securing fields, increasing the coaching pool, and making the program available to youth in all economic situations.

**Ontario Deaf Sports Association (ODSA)** – The grant awarded to the ODSA will be used to increase participation in Deaf sports in the community, and encourage the development of athletic skills within three established areas: Youth Development, Elite (High Performance) Athletes, and Recreational Activities for all ages.

**Toronto Titans Field Hockey Club** – The grant awarded to the Toronto Titans Field Hockey Club will be used to provide better access to facilities for the operation of the Scarborough Cup Junior Tournament and opportunities for the team to participate in international tournaments.

**York Maverick Water Polo Club** - The grant awarded to the Mavericks Water Polo Club will be used to increase water polo awareness and retention for female athletes exiting competitive and synchronized swimming by increasing public awareness through print and media, expanding the program, and providing training and employment for a summer student to implement the programs.

**Wushu Ontario** – The grant awarded to Wushu Ontario will be used to increase the capacity of Wushu Ontario by providing specialty workshops and seminars on coaching and athlete development. The promotion of Wushu Ontario will increase awareness and promotion of the sport to hundreds of participants in Toronto.

**Ontario Sailing** – The grant awarded to Ontario Sailing will be used to implement their Paralympics and Olympic Prospects Program. The program is aimed to increase athlete development and coaching in the sport of sailing in Toronto by providing athletes with the opportunity to experience a Paralympics or Olympic class boat, train local coaches, and develop mentorship programs between elite coaches and local coaches to enhance skill and promote retention.

**Argonaut Rowing Club** – The grant awarded to the Argonaut Rowing Club will be used to promote an adaptive rowing program within the club and increase the number of adaptive rowers at the Argonaut Rowing Club along with the addition of three adaptive shells.

**Softball Ontario** – The grant awarded to Softball Ontario will be used to introduce and promote the TRY SOFTBALL Program throughout Toronto schools. Through the promotion of TRY SOFTBALL elementary schools will be able to: access the equipment necessary to teach softball in their schools and to develop student athletes in the sport of softball at no cost to schools and the Boards of Education.

**Special Olympics Ontario – Toronto** – The grant awarded to Special Olympics Ontario Toronto will be used to provide accessibility of Swimming Canada technical training for coaches, bridging the amateur and collegiate competitive swim programs with current coaches, to develop a lifelong coach development program, and to increase the coaching capacities available to athletes. By providing athletes with the opportunity to swim with trained coaches, athletes will have the opportunity to learn, develop and enjoy their sport.

**SPORT4ONTARIO** grants membership to eligible provincial and multi-sport organizations, community sport councils, sport clubs and other similar entities engaged in similar or complimentary mandates. Programs and activities of the organization will continue to focus on strengthening the position of the sport sector within the context of community health and wellness.

Originally incorporated in 1998 as a council of provincial sport and multi-sport organizations to provide a collective voice to common issues, our mandate has expanded. Today SPORT4ONTARIO seeks to build capacity and thus support the sector in its pursuit of the vision of the Canadian Sport Policy, Canadian Sport for Life and the goals of the ACTIVE2010 Strategy, the Ontario Government's sport and physical activity strategy.

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