



April 9, 2009

To: All member athletes, coaches and volunteers
Re: 2009-10 provincial programs – boccia & track & field

2009 membership renewal was due on April 1, 2009. If you have not registered and submitted payment you are ineligible to compete and to access OCPA funding support. Renew your membership today!

The 2009-10 schedule of events for boccia and para-athletics is as follows. Please note that track and field athletes have the opportunity to compete in integrated events in their communities. *This schedule is subject to change.*

May 23	Ottawa Odyssey Open	Ottawa
June 6	Cruisers Track & Field Meet	Toronto
June 6	Cruisers Boccia Open	Toronto
June 24-28	Canadian Track & Field Championships	Toronto
July 11	Boiling Point	Windsor
July 25-27	Ontario ParaSport Games – Boccia	Woodstock
July 25-27	Ontario ParaSport Games – Athletics	Woodstock
August 1	Sarnia Cup	Sarnia
August 8	Ontario Para-Athletics Championships	Toronto
August 14-16	Ontario Boccia Championships	Ottawa
September 18-20	London Boccia Blast	London
February 2010	London Cup	London
March 2010	Canadian Boccia Championships	TBD

OCPA will be funding athletes to attend the following events only:

June 24-28	Canadian Track & Field Championships	Toronto
July 11	Boiling Point	Windsor
August 8	Ontario Para-Athletics Championships	Toronto
August 14-16	Ontario Boccia Championships	Ottawa
September 18-20	London Boccia Blast	London
March 2010	Canadian Boccia Championships	TBD

Please note that BC1 and BC3 athletes competing at Ottawa Odyssey Open, Cruisers Boccia Open, Sarnia Cup and London Cup are eligible for attendant fees.

As most of you know, ParaSport Ontario has undergone a Games review to ensure that the Games are in line with their able-bodied counterpart, the Ontario Summer Games. A few changes have been made to the delivery of the event, taking effect this year. Qualification standards will be determined by the governing PSO for each sport; OCPA will determine standards for boccia and athletics. Qualifying standards, along with registration procedures and cost will be published on May 1, after our meeting with the Games Organizing Committee.

Qualification and funding details per event are as follows:

Canadian Track & Field Championships

www.athletics.ca/toronto2009

Qualification: Standard achievement

All athletes and coaches must be members of the Ontario Track & Field Association (OTFA) to be eligible to compete at Nationals. Purchase an outdoor season at <http://www.otfa.ca>. The fee will be reduced by the cost of your OCPA membership (\$20).

OCPA will not be submitting a team entry; all athletes and qualified coaches must register themselves. All OCPA athletes participating at this event will be representing Ontario and will be receiving a provincial team uniform.

OCPA will provide funding support for this event by reimbursing costs for:

- Travel (mileage at \$0.15/km or bus/train ticket (or flight – must be pre-approved by Amanda))
- Accommodation, based on double occupancy – 3 night maximum.

Boiling Point

www.jeffmay.ca/BoilingPoint

Qualification: Open

OCPA will provide funding support for this event by reimbursing costs for:

- Travel (mileage at \$0.15/km or bus/train ticket (or flight – must be pre-approved by Amanda))
- Accommodation, based on double occupancy – 2 night maximum.

Ontario Para-Athletics Championships

www.ocpsa.com

Qualification: Standard achievement - entry standards for this event will be available shortly.

OCPA will provide funding support for this event by reimbursing costs for:

- Travel (mileage at \$0.15/km or bus/train ticket (or flight – must be pre-approved by Amanda))
- Accommodation, based on double occupancy – 1 night.

Ontario Boccia Championships

www.ocpsa.com

Qualification: Must have participated in the Ottawa Odyssey Open or the Cruisers Boccia Open

OCPA will reimburse (or pre-pay) for:

- Travel – mileage at \$0.15/km or bus/train ticket
- Two night accommodation, double occupancy
- Attendant fees – BC1 & BC3 athletes only

London Boccia Blast

www.londoncannonballs.ca

Qualification: Open

OCPA will reimburse (or pre-pay) for:

- Travel – mileage at \$0.15/km or bus/train ticket
- Two night accommodation, double occupancy
- Attendant fees – BC1 & BC3 athletes only

Canadian Boccia Championships

www.ccpsa.ca

Qualification: Appointed to Team Ontario

This event is out of province and therefore OCPSA will arrange and pay for all team logistics.

OCPSA will select and send a team to this event to represent Ontario; all athletes and staff will receive a provincial team uniform.

Please Note: Team Ontario Boccia

As per OCPSA Selection Policy – Boccia, Provincial Team Selection, Qualifying Competitions, the results from the following competitions will be used when tabulating provincial rankings:

1. Ontario ParaSport Games
2. Ontario Boccia Championships
3. Boccia Blast

Training Camps

In addition to the above, OCPSA will host training camps for both boccia and athletics. The following is the tentative schedule:

November 7	Boccia (BC3 & BC4)	Ottawa
November 21	Boccia (BC1 & BC2)	London
January 16-18	Boccia (Squad/Team)	Ottawa or London
February 22	Boccia (Team)	London
March 2010	Athletics	Clermont, Florida