



# ROPSSAA NEWSLETTER

Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association

Issue 2

September 2016

## WELCOME BACK!

A warm welcome to you from the ROPSSAA Team. We look forward to an exciting athletic school year 2016-2017. To our new coaches, we are happy to have you join our team.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you for reading our initial newsletter which was launched last June. We appreciate your positive feedback.

We are thrilled to announce our new website with the same domain name!

[www.ropssaa.org](http://www.ropssaa.org).

A special thank you to Kevin Shaw of High School Sports Zone.

### Key Features

- ★ Online Score Reporting
  - ~ Ability to report scores, highlight high scorers and provide summary of the game.
  - ~ Reminder emails will be sent to Athletic Contacts if scores are not reported by midnight the day of the game.
- ★ Online Game Sheet Submission
  - ~ Post game sheets to the website immediately from your mobile device or scan the game sheet at your school and upload a PDF.
  - ~ Game sheets will be viewable by anybody with a login for the website.
- ★ Social Media Integration
  - ~ Chose to automatically have your game score posted to the @ROPSSAA Twitter account!
- ★ Automatic Updates
  - ~ Register to follow one team, one school, one sport, or any combination of schools and sports and have an email automatically sent to keep you up to date!
- ★ New online form provider to improve communication between ROPSSAA and Schools
  - ~ Receive immediate confirmation of submitted forms for your records!



### Success Stories

Here is a call for Athlete or Team Success Stories that you may want to share.

Kindly e-mail your story to Namita Sawh: [namita.sawh@peelsb.com](mailto:namita.sawh@peelsb.com)

for consideration to be included in our Fall 2016 Newsletter.

*Submission Deadline Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016*

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**Message from ROPSSAA Chair*****Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association***

September 6, 2016

Welcome back everyone! 😊

We at ROPSSAA hope you have had an amazing summer filled with rest, relaxation, and simply being able to pursue whatever you love to do. With the completion of the recent Rio Olympics and the amazing accomplishments of Canadian athletes we are reminded of how positive an experience participating in sports can be for anyone whether it be at high school, club or beyond. Watching Penny Oleksiak at only 16 years of age was both remarkable and exciting. Who knows out there among all of the ROPSSAA athletes there might just be the next great Canadian Olympian. ROPSSAA has already been proudly represented by Kadeisha Buchanan (Cardinal Leger) and Ashley Lawrence (Mayfield) soccer bronze medal, Brendon Rodney 4 x 100m relay bronze medal (St. Augustine) Tamara Tatham basketball (Chinguacousy), Khamica Bingham track & field (Heart Lake) and Devohn Noronha Teixeira field hockey (St. Aloysius Gonzaga).

The key will be for all of us to work together to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to giving your best and being your best and having fun along the way. Remember as teachers and coaches we are role models and we hold a lot of power to positively influence the lives of young people through participation in sport. The reward opportunities for both you and the student athletes are endless. ROPSSAA thanks you in advance for the time, energy and effort you are about to give to all of the student athletes.

Thank you very much and best of luck for an amazing and memorable year!

Paul Freier  
ROPSSAA Chair  
Principal, TL Kennedy

## Message from Director of Education, PDSB



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September 1, 2016

**Dear Colleagues and Coaches,**

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the amazing contributions that you make to student success by serving as a coach in ROPSSAA. We all know the difference that athletics makes to the overall life of a school and to the individual growth of students. Through athletics, we see students develop their skills, confidence and citizenship. With your support and leadership our students learn the importance of hard work, teamwork, commitment and fair play. Student-athletes carry these important lessons with them for the rest of their lives. Nowhere was this more evident than in Rio at the Olympic 50K Racewalk where, following a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish involving a controversy, Canadian Evan Dunfee said, "I will sleep soundly tonight, and for the rest of my life, knowing I made the right decision (not to appeal the Judges' decision). I will never allow myself to be defined by the accolades I receive, rather the integrity I carry through my life."

This is the impact of your time, expertise and dedication to student success through sport. Every day you make a difference in the lives of your student-athletes. I can speak as a former student in Peel that athletics helped shape my high school experience and my life beyond. I am forever thankful to my coaches at Streetsville Secondary School.

I also want to recognize everyone who supports athletics through the organization of ROPSSAA events. I wish you and your school teams every success in the 2016-17 school year.

Sincerely,

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**Tony Pontes**  
**Director of Education**

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**Message from Director of Education, DPCDSB****Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board****40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga, ON, L5R 1C5, Tel: (905) 890-1221**

September 1, 2016

**Welcome to the 2016-17 school year!**

It is my honour and privilege to welcome all student-athletes, coaches, referees and volunteers to the 2016-17 school year. On behalf of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, I congratulate and commend you for your dedication and commitment to excellence and/or support of school athletics, whatever your role may be.

Jesse Owens, the great Olympic sprinter once said, "We all have dreams. But, turning dreams into reality takes determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort." As you prepare for your respective season and the new school year, I hope you will remember those words. They not only apply to athletics but to every aspect of life.

Best wishes for a successful and fulfilling season and may your efforts and achievements bring honour and pride to your school communities, school districts, your families and yourselves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marianne Mazzorato'.

Marianne Mazzorato  
Director of Education,  
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

## **Important Dates and Deadlines**

### **OFSAA Transfer Workshop Date**

Friday, September 16, 2016 7:00am

Please notify Laura McGill to register: [laura.mcgill@peelsb.com](mailto:laura.mcgill@peelsb.com)

### **Registration Deadline**

Friday, September 9, 2016

## **ROPSSAA**

### **Transfer and Eligibility**

#### **Application Deadlines**

Friday, September 16, 2016 11:59pm

Friday, September 30, 2016 11:59pm

Friday, October 21, 2016 11:59pm

Friday, November 18, 2016 11:59pm

Friday, December 2, 2016 11:59pm

Friday, March 3, 2017 11:59pm

Friday, March 24, 2017 11:59pm

Friday, April 28, 2017 11:59pm

#### **Application Approval Dates**

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Thursday October 6, 2016

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Thursday, May 4, 2017

## **OFSAA**

### **Transfer and Eligibility**

#### **Appeal Deadlines**

Monday, September 26, 2016 11:59pm

Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:59pm

Monday, November 28, 2016 11:59pm

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 11:59pm

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:59pm

#### **Appeal Meeting Dates**

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Friday, November 4, 2016

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Thursday, April 20, 2017

### **Pre- Season Coaches Meeting Dates**

**Fall Sports** - girls basketball, bocce, cross-country running, field hockey, flag football, football, golf, tennis, boys volleyball

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - 6:00pm**

**Early Winter Sports** - special events basketball, curling, boys hockey, girls hockey, **swimming**, table tennis

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016 - 4:00pm**

**Winter Sports** - alpine skiing, boys basketball, special events bowling, Nordic skiing, girls volleyball, wrestling

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016 - 4:00pm**

**Early Spring** -badminton, cricket

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 4:00pm**

**Spring Sports**—archery, baseball, lacrosse, rugby, fastpitch, slopitch, track and field, ultimate Frisbee

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 4:00pm**

**Soccer Meeting**

**Wednesday March 22, 2017 - 4:00pm**

**Special Events Track and Field Meeting**

### **Executive Meeting Dates**

Monday September 12, 2016

Tuesday October 11, 2016

Tuesday November 8, 2016

Tuesday December 13, 2016

Tuesday January 10, 2017

Monday February 13, 2017

Tuesday March 7, 2017

Tuesday April 11, 2017

Tuesday May 9, 2017

Tuesday June 13, 2017

## **Other Date(s) to Remember**

ROPSSAA Annual General Meeting

**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

## 2016-2017 OFSAA Championships Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>City</u>
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Boys' Golf	Oct. 12-13	CWOSSA	Port Elgin
Girls' Golf	Oct. 12-13	SWOSSAA	Windsor
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Girls' Field Hockey	Nov. 3-5	CWOSSA	Kitchener
Cross Country	Nov. 5	CISAA	Port Hope
Boys' A Volleyball	Nov. 24-26	NOSSA	North Bay
Boys' AA Volleyball	Nov. 24-26	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Boys' AAA Volleyball	Nov. 24-26	GHAC	Burlington
Girls' A Basketball	Nov. 24-26	NEOAA-AANEO	Timmins
Girls' AA Basketball	Nov. 24-26	SWOSSAA	Belle River
Girls' AAA Basketball	Nov. 24-26	TDCAA	Toronto
Football Bowls	Nov. 28-30	OFSAA	Hamilton
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Nordic Skiing	Feb. 28-Mar. 1	NEOAA-AANEO	Timmins
Alpine Skiing	Feb. 27-28	OFSAA	Collingwood
Snowboarding	Mar. 2	YRAA	Markdale
<b>MARCH</b>			
Swimming	Mar. 8-9	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Wrestling	Mar. 1-3	ROPSSAA	Brampton
Boys' A Basketball	Mar. 6-8	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Boys' AA Basketball	Mar. 6-8	NOSSA	Sault Ste. Marie
Boys' AAA Basketball	Mar. 6-8	NOSSA	North Bay
Girls' A Volleyball	Mar. 6-8	SOSSA	Welland
Girls' AA Volleyball	Mar. 6-8	COSSA	Belleville
Girls' AAA Volleyball	Mar. 6-8	GBSSA	Barrie
Girls' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 21-24	WOSSAA	Stratford
Girls' AAA Hockey	Mar. 21-24	ROPSSAA	Mississauga
Boys' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 21-24	NWOSSAA	Fort Frances
Boys' AAA Hockey	Mar. 21-24	ROPSSAA	Mississauga
Boys' Curling	Mar. 22-25	NOSSA	North Bay
Girls' Curling	Mar. 22-25	NOSSA	North Bay
<b>APRIL</b>			
Girls' Gymnastics	Apr. 10-11	COSSA	Belleville
<b>MAY</b>			
Badminton	May 4-6	SWOSSAA	Pain Court
<b>JUNE</b>			
Tennis	May 30-June 1	YRAA	Vaughan
Girls' A/AA Rugby	May 29-31	LOSSA	Ajax
Girls' AAA Rugby	May 29-31	LOSSA	Ajax
Boys' A/AA Field Lacrosse	May 29-30	CWOSSA	Brantford
Boys' AAA Field Lacrosse	May 31-June 2	CWOSSA	Brantford
Boys' A/AA Rugby	June 1-3	NCSSAA	Ottawa
Boys' AAA Rugby	June 1-3	NCSSAA	Ottawa
Girls' A Soccer	June 1-3	TDCAA	Toronto
Girls' AA Soccer	June 1-3		
Girls' AAA Soccer	June 1-3	SWOSSAA	Belle River
Boys' A Soccer	June 1-3	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Boys' AA Soccer	June 1-3		
Boys' AAA Soccer	June 1-3	GHAC	Stoney Creek
Track and Field	June 1-3	EAST	Belleville
Boys' Baseball West Regional	May-31-June 1	SWOSSAA	Clinton
Boys' Baseball East Regional	May-31-June 1	TDCAA	Etobicoke
Boys' Baseball Final	June 7	OFSAA	London

\* Dates subject to change



## Corrections/Omissions from past issue

Our apologies for omitting the following Championship result of 2015-2016 school year from our initial newsletter.

**Sport**  
Girls 'A' Soccer

**ROPSSAA Champion**  
St. Paul

## Humour and Inspiration



The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.  
-Confucius.

**REMEMBER, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE...**



**...IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND YOUR ABILITIES!**



**STAY TUNED**

.....stay tuned in and logged on over the coming Fall, Winter and Spring sports Seasons. We will always be at <http://www.ropssaa.org/> supporting students and coaches.

## About ROPSSAA

ROPSSAA is a member of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA).

ROPSSAA has 70 member schools and coordinates 34 sports across three sport seasons, Fall, Winter and Spring.

We are on the web!

<http://www.ropssaa.org/>

<http://www.ofsaa.on.ca/>

## ROPSSAA Sports

### Fall

Basketball – Girls  
Bocce  
Cross Country Running  
Field Hockey  
Flag Football  
Football  
Golf  
Tennis  
Volleyball - Boys

### Winter

Alpine Skiing  
Basketball – Boys  
Curling  
Hockey – Boys  
Hockey – Girls  
Nordic Skiing  
Special Event Basketball  
Special Event Bowling  
Swimming  
Table Tennis  
Volleyball – Girls  
Wrestling

### Spring

Archery  
Badminton  
Baseball  
Cricket  
Fastpitch Softball  
Lacrosse – Boys  
Lacrosse – Girls  
Rugby  
Slopitch Softball  
Soccer  
Special Event Track & Field  
Track & Field  
Ultimate Frisbee

Follow [@ROPSSAA](https://twitter.com/ROPSSAA) on Twitter and cheer on your local school!