



To: Team Managers & Coaches

Sledge Team Ontario (STO) is now in the process of establishing the TIC roster for the 2010/2011 season. This camp will be held September 18 and 19 in Milton. We are sending this email to all Ontario clubs and requesting that your club recommend to us any player(s) you feel should be considered for an invitation. Players on the 2009/10 **STO** roster will be invited and do not have to be recommended their home club. The deadline for your player recommendations will be Wednesday June 30, 2010.

It should be understood that this team is the next level below our National Program and this must be kept in mind when submitting recommendations. If we do not contact us by the date given, we will assume that you are not recommending any players this year.

This being said, please review the following criterion by Quest for Gold/Ministry of Health Promotions. We encourage you to openly discuss this criteria with the players (their families should be advised as well of the commitment) that you would consider as a candidate. Feel free to share this email with them.

- 1) Players must be a minimum of 15 years of age to participate. Older players, beyond mid 20's, will have to be exceptional and have not reached their final potential.
- 2) Players must be 100% dedicated to this Sledge Hockey Program. They must be willing to complete multiple days training per week. Players will be monitored and tested to ensure that improvement is taking place.
- 3) Players must be ambassadors of the sport and the Ontario Sledge Hockey Association (OSHA)
- 4) **Sledge Team Ontario** candidates must exhibit or have the potential to develop elite skills in the following areas: passing, shooting, skating (speed, agility, acceleration) positional and team play.

Once the 14 players and 2 goaltenders are chosen in September, they become eligible for an Ontario Card. Ontario Card funding based on the 2009/10 season was \$6800.00 which is provided by the support of Quest for Gold and Ministry of Health Promotions. Players selected to the 2010/11 roster will have to sign a contract that outlines their responsibilities. The Ontario Card Handbook will be provided at this point. **Please note the tentative schedule for next season below.**

Quest for Gold funds are for the operation of the program and player development only. Examples include travel costs, hotel accommodation, meals, equipment, ice time, referees and **STO** administration. The balance of the monies must be committed to the other facets that will improve the player's ability such as nutrition, gym membership, personal trainer etc. Players are required to provide a monthly fitness log and a year end expense log which is required the Ministry of Health Promotions.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to receiving your recommendations.

Sincere Regards,

Ken Cullum Team Manager – STO

SLEDGE TEAM ONTARIO

2010-2011 SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

- 1) MILTON - SELECTION CAMP – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2010
- 2) OAKVILLE – EXHIBITION SERIES vs. USA JR NATIONAL TEAM – OCTOBER 14 – 17, 2010
- 3) RUSSIA – EXHIBITION SERIES vs. RUSSIAN NATIONAL TEAM – DECEMBER 4 – 11
- 4) NORTH BAY – SKILLS & DRILLS/POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – FEBRUARY 18 – 20, 2011
- 5) CHICAGO – IPC TOURNAMENT – APRIL 14 - 17, 2011
- 6) NEWMARKET – FINAL CAMP – MAY 6 – 8, 2011