

2019 U12 Provincial Event

March 21st-24th, 2019

Guelph, Ontario

Newsletter #2



Dear Coaches and Managers,

This is the second of three newsletters leading up to the event.

Pictures and Songs

Thank you to the majority of teams who have sent photos and song requests in for the opening ceremonies. There are a few teams still outstanding. Please email them ASAP to U12Guelph2019@gmail.com so that we can begin putting everything together. There have been multiple requests for some songs over others, hence the request for multiple song choices. We will not likely play the same song 7 times during opening ceremonies! Please understand that we will do our best to get one of your top three requests in.

Opening Ceremonies

The ceremony will begin the evening Thursday March 21st at 6:45pm. We will have chaperones on site directing the coaches and athletes to the entrances (directly across from the U of G Arena for those that have played here before) and for the parents who will use the Garnet Henley Entrance on East Ring Rd. If you park across the street in P15, please be sure to use the crosswalk, as there is always traffic on campus during the school year. Park in P12 or P15. Parking in either lot leaves less than a 5 min walk. We will have chaperones outside making sure that you get to the correct entrance. Parking is free in the evening, but carpooling is encouraged.

Please make sure those participating in the opening ceremonies (coaches and athletes) bring an indoor pair of shoes for the gymnasium floor. Winter boots are not permitted on the gymnasium floor. We will have volunteers on hand to help direct the participants inside and out. Maps will go out in the final newsletter.

Costumes

Teams are encouraged to use their imaginations and put together costumes. With the theme, **Imagination Unlimited**, we are anxious to see how far your Imaginations will take you!

A couple of points to consider;

- Budget – Please don't break the bank. Creativity and resourcefulness is the key here.
- Comfort – Reminder, the ceremonies last about an hour. You will be in a large gymnasium with over 1000 people. You don't want to be too hot, too cold, or have to lug too much around.
- Easy On, Easy Off – Thursday is a busy schedule, you want to make sure that it doesn't take too long to get ready, or to clean up afterwards, as games will continue again early Friday morning.

U12 Party Rockers Thursday Event

This year's team event is scheduled on Thursday, March 21st, 2019 at Italian Canadian Club. This is centrally located at 135 Ferguson St, Guelph, ON N1E 2Y7. The event will run from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Each team is required to send 2 adult chaperones to this event. One of the two should be a coach, and one of the two needs to be female. There is plenty of free parking, but carpooling is encouraged. There will be water and light snacks available at the dance free of charge.

Apparel

The Ringette Store is the official provider for clothing and Apparel. We encourage all teams to order any clothing in advance. Here is a link to the order form.

<https://www.ringettestoreprovincials.com/>

For Group orders, please contact tanis@theringettestore.com

The Deadline for Group Orders is March 8th. It is highly recommended that you place orders well in advance. This will ensure product availability, as everything that you see on the website, may not be available on site at the event.

Items will be available for pick up at the West End Rec Centre starting Thursday morning.

Pin Exchange

Initially, it was suggested that teams bring enough pins to exchange with two teams. This was suggested in the event that pins may have been difficult to acquire. If you are able to get 75 to 100 pins from your association, or city hall, then we encourage you to do so. This should allow you to exchange pins with each of the 5 opponents. Contact your city hall, as these are usually provided at no charge. Pins will be exchanged between teams before or after the game. Please do not exchange on the ice. Sorry for any confusion.

What We Need from You for Opening Ceremonies:

- We are asking that all teams bring a 3' x 5' poster / banner that is fixed to some old ringette sticks to lead the team into the opening ceremonies. Note: We will supply the sign bearers from our Guelph U10 and under players for the team parade.
- A dry pair of running shoes as no outdoor footwear will be permitted on the gym floor.
- Be on time. The University for the most part is centrally located, but closer to the south end of town. If you are staying within city limits, the University is no more than a 15-20 minute drive from any corner of the city.
- For those that have yet to submit their photos, logo and song list, please do so ASAP. Send to U12Guelph2019@gmail.com. Please include your associations name in the Subject line of your email.

You can follow updates on the event's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/U12PP.Provincials.2019/>

We will also provide updates on our website:

<http://guelphringette.ca/content/2019-u12pp-provincial-event>

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