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ROAD TO THE 2012 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES BEGINS!

2012 Ontario Winter Games Teams

11-12 Year Teams

Burlington	Durham
Durham	Gloucester
Granite	London
Sudbury	Waterloo

13-15 Teams

Gloucester	Gloucester
Markham	Mississauga
Waterloo	Waterloo
York	

Teams qualified for the 2012 Ontario Winter Games at the 2012 OWG Qualifier held January 29th at the Elmira Pool. The top two teams in the 11-12 Yr and 13-15 Category in the East, West and Central Regions as well as the top team in both categories from the North Region qualified for the games. Teams that qualified for the games will each get to enter 2 duets and 2 solos in OWG competition, and can compete in the OWG Land Drill event.

The 2012 Ontario Winter Games kick off on Thursday March 8th with opening ceremonies at The Village at Blue Mountain in Collingwood. Swimming events will take place from March 8-11 at the Buell Aquatic Centre at Borden. For more information visit the official website of the 2012 Ontario Winter Games: www.ontariowintergames.com



Provincial Championships Feb 17-19

Ontario's 2012 Provincial Championships will take place at the Etobicoke Olympium Pool February 17-19 with Olympium Synchro hosting the Championships. Athletes from clubs across the province will be vying for Provincial Titles in 13-15 Fina, 16-18 Fina, Junior and Senior events. In addition to the Championships athletes will be securing their spots to advance to the 2012 Eastern/Atlantic Divisionals Championships March 6-11, taking place in Quebec City. Phase 1 of Provincial Team Trials is also integrated into the championships with 12&U, 13-15 and Junior Team qualification through figure competition. The top athletes will move on to Phase 2 of Provincial Team Trials which will take place Sunday, April 14th at the Elmira Pool.



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Club of the Month - Durham Synchro

Durham Synchro Club: Little Club that Could

Incorporated in 1989, the Durham Synchro Club Inc. (DSC) is a non-profit club operated by a dedicated group of parent volunteers. During its short history DSC athletes and alumni have been represented on Synchro Swim Ontario (SSO) and Canada Games teams. Promoting and fostering synchronized swimming in a fun atmosphere that encourages self-confidence, positive body image and team sportsmanship is a main objective. Goal setting and travel provide opportunities for further growth and skill development.

Head Coach Holley Lundmark, two-time recipient of the SSO National Stream Award for Coaching Excellence, has witnessed the sport evolve with more opportunities for athletes to compete provincially, nationally and internationally. In 2008, gold medalist and coach Julia Maclean aspired to the Canadian Olympic team competing in the London Olympics. Since 2010 the Julia Maclean award has been presented during the Lisa Alexander Figures Competition. Provincial coach, Kirsten Femson, received the 2011 Coaches Association of Ontario (CAO) Coaching Excellence Award in Developmental Coaching. Recently, national coach, Jenilee Keslering joined SSO's Board of Directors as Athlete Representative. Past accomplishments include a silver medal won by the Masters Team at the XIII FINA World Championships 2010 in Sweden. Two of DSC's 12 & Under Provincial teams captured golds at the 2010 East Regionals. Provincial teams successfully took 10 of the 12 top awards during the 2008 Ontario Provincial Championships while National level alumni performed gold and bronze medal routines at annual Espoir Championships.

DSC's programs have been adapted to all age groups and abilities including adults. Water Shows, open to the public, provide awareness and proceeds have supported breast cancer research, local women's shelters and food banks in Durham Region. DSC has earned respect and recognition within the synchro community making Durham Synchro the little club with a big presence! For more information about Durham Synchro Club please visit www.durhamsynchro.com.

	FEB 4-5	FEB 5	FEB 17-19	FEB 26
IMPORTANT DATES	West Region Judge 1 Course Elmira Pool	Novice (Recreational) Figures Meet Entries Due	2012 Provincial Championships Etobicoke, Olympium	West Regionals & East Regionals Entries Due



Volunteers Needed

The 2012 Provincial Championships will take place Feb 17-19, 2012 at the Etobicoke, Olympium. Hosted by the Olympium Synchro Club, anyone willing to be a volunteer at this meet is encouraged to contact Meet Manager Judith Wong at judithv.wong@gmail.com.

Picture Submissions

Throughout the season Newsplash will feature photos from across the province. Please email photos in a jpeg format to volunteer@synchroontario.com

