



# Championnat international de balle rapide de Montréal

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**To: 2010 Edition Participating Teams**  
**From: Sophie Bedard, President of the Hosting Committee**

Enclosed in this communication:

- ⇒ General Information
- ⇒ Maps to get to and around Montreal
- ⇒ Schedules and tournament rules

**TO BE RETURNED BY JUNE 1ST 2010: (for program purposes ONLY)**

- ⇒ Team roster (can be submitted from our Web site – Library section – “Submit Roster”)
- ⇒ Team picture (to be sent by email: [challenge@videotron.ca](mailto:challenge@videotron.ca))

**General information:**

**TEAMS REGISTRATION AND COACHES MEETING**

Registration for all teams will take place prior to the coaches meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Claude Robillard's complex – main building (1000 Emile-Journault, Montreal) between 6 pm and 7 pm. The players do not have to be there, only the coaches. It will then be your last chance to add players to your roster submitted on June 1st for the program. It should take 5 minutes per coaching staff to register. **Keep in mind that you must stay at one of our sponsoring hotels. Should you decide to stay elsewhere, be ready to pay the \$500 penalty fee at registration in order to be eligible to play the next day.**

The coaches' meeting will start right after the teams registration, at 7 pm. During this meeting, we will discuss the tournament rules and the differences between Canadian and U.S. general playing rules. We will choose the All Star Teams for the opening ceremony on Thursday night. We will also give you the coaches' package which includes the program, tourism guides and last minutes updates. This meeting will take approximately 75 minutes.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

The opening ceremony is always something very special in Montreal. This year is the 17th edition and the theme is SPEED. There will be 2 All Star Games where one player per 14U and 16U teams and 2 players from each 18U teams will be invited to play (your choice to decide who come). The 14U and 16U game (combined) will be at 8 pm at Claude Robillard park (Diamond #1), and the 18U game will also be at 8 pm on Diamond #2.

When you enter the park, you will see the SPEED zone where games will be organized so you can test your speed in various contests. The SPEED zone will be open from 6:00 pm until the beginning of the All Star games at 8 pm. Food (BBQ) will be available on site as well as souvenirs (tournament souvenirs sales starts at the Opening Ceremony) and other attractions.

Just before the All Star Games in each category (while the players warm up), we will have a speed running contest where 1 player per team will be invited to participate (start to think about your fastest runner!). People will actually bet on the runners and money raised during that event will be given to charity.



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## PINS AND GIFTS TRADING

As the tournament welcomes teams from all over North America, we strongly recommend that all teams trade a small gift (like a pin or similar object) that represents their team or area at **every game** of the tournament.

## VARIOUS INFORMATION FOR YOUR FANS

Our web site gives a lot of information to your fans. From the Information section – “Services on site” you can see some French key words, information on driving in Montreal, services at each park, etc. Some maps are also available on our site. Since most teams are using a GPS and most park do not have a civic address, here are some addresses you can use that are “in front” of each park we will use (from Yahoo Maps): <http://ca.maps.yahoo.com/>

- ⇒ Claude Robillard (18U, coaches meeting and Opening Ceremony):  
1000 Avenue Émile-Journault, Montreal, Quebec
- ⇒ Michel Martin (16U): 150 Perrot, Ile-Perrot, Quebec
- ⇒ Laverdière (14U and 18U) : 200 St-Paul, Repentigny

## SCRIMMAGE GAMES

Scrimmage games on June 29th and 30th (daytime: between 8 am and 6 pm). The deadline is May 15th, please contact me if you would like to enter and do not see your team name below or see it and have changed your plans. We will forward this schedule mid June.

14U		16U		18U	
Team name	Ready to play	Team name	Ready to play	Team name	Ready to play
QC, Rebelles 96	Wednesday 2 pm	QC, Rebelles 95	Wednesday 8 am	QC, Rebelles ME	Tuesday 12 pm
QC, Les 3 L	Wednesday 2 pm	QC, Rebelles 94	Wednesday 8 am	QC, Rebelles MP	Tuesday 12 pm
		CT, Shoreline Sting Blue	Wednesday 8 am	NB, Saint-John Selects	Tuesday 2 pm
		ON, OR Diamonds Carter	Wednesday 2 pm	MA, Northeast Quicksilver	Wednesday 4 pm
		NB, Chaleur	Wednesday 10 am	NB, Saint-John Stingers	Wednesday 8 am
		QC, Lions Lac St-Louis	Wednesday 8 am	QC, Extremes Laval	Wednesday 4 pm
				NL, Selects	Wednesday 10 am

## SERVICES ON SITE

Each site except for Claude Robillard, will have sports physios and all necessary equipment. Physio services are free of charge, the only fee that may apply is if a player needs to purchase same bandages. Our VIP service will also be there as usual. This VIP service is basically one person from our committee on call 24 hours a day during the tournament and in charge of helping your team if anything happens and needs to be resolved while in Montreal (car accident, visit at the hospital, need a dentist, etc.) Please make sure that you have insurance covering any injury that would need ambulance transportation and Hospital care as it is impossible for us to get insurance that will cover players from outside of Quebec. Most of the time, you will have to pay the fee at the hospital and get refunded back home (cost vary depending on the injury and are usually not very expensive).



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## PASSPORT

If you are from the USA, passport are required for adults (over 18 years old) only if you are getting into Canada by ground. If your players are under 18, they only need a copy of their birth certificate and a proof they are coming to a sports competition in Canada. A copy of this letter will be perfect.

## SECURITY

Our security plan will still be in effect this year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year as the 2 first years were very conclusive with not even one incident reported. You will see security at your hotel in the parking during your stay, free of charge.

At the ball park, we will secure the parking in areas where we know there might be some issues. Some volunteers will be there with visible orange shirt all day long. No incidents have been reported in the past 2 years (hotel, park, sightseeing), but we still recommend that you bring with you a Club bar or similar security device simply to dissuade possible threats on your vehicle, Montreal is a large city! Important notice: Security device such as Lo-Jack (USA) and Boomerang (Canada) are not working cross border. These companies are currently working to upgrade their technology but the old analog device of Lo-Jack will not be working in Canada. We recommend that you verify with your Lo-Jack dealer to confirm.

## PROGRAM

Finally, I wish to stress how important your team picture and players roster are for the program. The date of birth is also important **as we give away gifts to players who are celebrating their birthday during the tournament.** Here is the direct link if you'd like to send your roster from our web site: <http://www.montrealchallenge.com/en/biblio/roster.php>

My email address for your team picture is: [challenge@videotron.ca](mailto:challenge@videotron.ca)

Remember that this roster is only for the program and you will be allowed to add players (if needed) at registration time.

I hope that this information will help you plan your trip to Montreal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, it will be a pleasure to assist you.

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