

MEMO

Date: February 2, 2012

To: All Metropolitan Vancouver High School **Senior Girls** Basketball Coaches

From: Misty Thomas

Subject: TELUS Basketball Classic

The planning for the **2012 TELUS Basketball Classic** is underway and we are now looking for teams interested in participating in this event.

The purpose of this letter is twofold: First, to outline the specifics of this Senior Girls basketball tournament. Second, to have coaches submit their applications for tournament entry. **Please note that as one of the criteria to participate in this tournament ALL players must play in all games, even if it is only for a few minutes for each player.**

The Concept

We will be running a Senior Girls High School basketball tournament for the Metropolitan Vancouver area. We believe the tournament will accomplish the following:

- Create an early season tournament and kick-off basketball passion for participants, fans and coaches
- Assist in developing stronger basketball skills and talent
- Support the pursuit of basketball excellence
- Showcase Metropolitan Vancouver talent
- Donate academic scholarships to selected individuals who have participated in the tournament and who are going on to further their education beyond high school. The students must be in grade 12 to qualify.

KEY INFORMATION

The TELUS Basketball Classic consists primarily of AAA teams with select AA or A teams considered. Schools are generally located in a geographic boundary that extends from Hope through Greater Vancouver and includes the GVRD and the FVRD. However, the tournament organizers reserve the right to allow entries from outside these areas.

Dates: **Girls:** **Wednesday December 5, 2012 – Saturday December 8, 2012**

Locations: Finals will be held at UBC. All other games will be located at regional sites throughout our geographic boundaries. Specific locations will be determined in mid-2011. Schools that would like to be considered as a host site are invited to acknowledge their interest on the application form included with this letter.

Cost: \$400.00 per team (guarantee of **2 games**)

Scholarship Funding: There will be 16 scholarships awarded to participants in the girls tournament with one scholarship awarded to each school that submits an eligible candidate.

Concessions/Gate: Concession revenues at regional host sites will be for the host schools. Gate admissions are the property of the TELUS tournament. Host sites are expected to donate their facilities free of charge to the tournament but will pay a reduced tournament entry fee.

Tournament Structure: Each team is guaranteed **two games** however, only undefeated teams advance towards the championship. A tournament draw will be provided at a later date once specific teams and host sites have been identified.

Legal Structure: We are a fully registered non-profit "Society" called the Canada One Athletic Foundation.

Website: For more information on the tournament, please visit our website at www.kelseyhansen.com.

Team Selection Process: There will be two opportunities for teams to qualify for the 16-team tournament and they are outlined as follows:

1) Teams who wish to apply will submit the attached application form (Schedule A). Applications will be reviewed by a separate tournament committee and 14 teams will be selected. **Applications for each team must be submitted by Friday February 17, 2012.**

2) Lottery

The final two teams of the 16 team tournament field will be selected by a random lottery from remaining team applications not selected by the committee. **All teams will be confirmed by Friday March 2, 2012.**

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Please **email** all submissions to:

E-mail: mpt@shaw.ca

Should you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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