



## ST. JOHN'S-RAVENS COURT SCHOOL

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Dear Phys. Ed. Teacher, Ultimate Coach or Captain,

It is time to register! Last June, an announcement was made explaining that it is expected that this year's Hold Back The Snow Ultimate Tournament (our thirteenth annual) will be the biggest ever. We have booked enough field space for over thirty teams. So that we can see this happen, we need you to register now.

The tournament will take place on the weekend of October 14 and 15, at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Once again, there will be two divisions, Middle School (grades 6 to 9) and High School (grades 9 to 12). All games will be to 13, with a cap at 75 minutes. All teams will play at least six games over the weekend. Both divisions will have a 5/2 – 4/3 gender rule (to be determined by captains before each game). Exceptions to this rule (and others) will be dealt with on an individual basis.

As in past years, there is limited space available for billeting out-of-town teams. So, if you want us to provide your team with accommodations, you will need to register soon and **provide us with a fully completed roster** by Friday, September 22. Your roster should include a list of names, grades, genders, phone numbers and medical information (ie. allergies). Teams submitting complete registration and roster information will be offered billeting on a first come first served basis subject to availability. Otherwise, if you wish to stay together as a team, there are some relatively inexpensive motels and hotels in the city. We also reserve a block of rooms at a group rate at the Holiday Inn South under "Hold Back the Snow".

The cost of the tournament will be \$225.00 for each team with a maximum of 16 players. An additional fee of \$10 will be charged for each player beyond the limit of 16. The fee includes plenty of spirited Ultimate, field food, awards and a Saturday evening barbeque. Canteen services, while available, are extra. Tournament fees will be due Friday, September 29. A cheque should be made out to St. John's-Ravenscourt School and mailed to the school (Attention: Dean Wright). Be sure to register on time, in order to reserve a spot for your team in the tournament. Registration and roster forms are included in this package. Due to the amount of expected registrants, we will be sticking to all deadlines. Teams registering after September 29 may have a late fee of \$25 added, if there is space available.

A reminder to Winnipeg teams that we are looking for people to billet our out-of-town visitors for the weekend. If your team is willing to host a team, please contact Zuzana Zhanel at 204-256-0682 or email <zz@pcs.mb.ca>. Out of town teams may book rooms

at the Holiday Inn South by calling 1-800-423-1337 and asking for “Hold Back the Snow” rooms. These are being held at the group rate of \$85/night (max quad occupancy) until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Zuzana if you require other assistance with hotels.

If you have any questions about the tournament feel free to contact Dean at the address on the next page; or phone (W) 204-477-2401 ext. 553 or (H) 204-477-1433; or email [deanow@mts.net](mailto:deanow@mts.net) (changed from last year). We ask that any emails regarding registration be sent to both [deanow@mts.net](mailto:deanow@mts.net) and [zz@pcs.mb.ca](mailto:zz@pcs.mb.ca)

Please pass on this information to anyone who you think may be interested. If you do not have a full team, there will likely be teams willing to pick up players or other players looking to join a team. In other words, if there is any interest let Dean know. We’ll get your kids playing. There will be a limit to the number of “elite” players (one male and one female) that your team will be allowed to pick up. Elite players would be considered players who have played on a provincial/state or National team, or have travelled to a National caliber tournament.

In the past, Manitoba Organization of Disc Sports has been able to provide coaches for some local school teams. M.O.D.S. also runs some seminars during or after class time for your students. If either of these options is of interest to you, let Dean know right away. Also, it is likely that some of the students in your school have either played or are familiar with the sport. If you are unable to organize a team yourself, there may be another teacher or some students or parents who are willing to take responsibility for a team. Therefore, we ask you to publicize this tournament even if you are unavailable.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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