



ALBERTA SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL



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To: Junior High, JV, Club and Senior High Girl's Basketball Coaches

Re: Shooting Stars Showcase March 26-27, 2010

Coaches, I would like to ask your help in identifying female players to participate in the SHOOTING STARS SHOWCASE, March 26-27, 2010. For those that do not know much about our event we are in our 17th year. We have almost 200 athletes participate in the all -star weekend. This is an event unique to girl's basketball and is the biggest high school all star event in Canada. Most top players, each year, participate in this event.

There are two types of games. There will be five Prospects games: Grade 8/9, Grade 9/10, Grade 10, Grade 10/11 and Grade 11. The Prospects games will feature the top young players from across the province. The second are the Senior All- Star Games. These games will have the top grade 12 players, in the province, in a North- South format. There will be three games: A/2A, 3A and 4A. All games will be played at the SAIT Campus Center.

We are looking for help in identifying the top Prospects and Senior all- stars. If you have a player that you think we should consider please e-mail me the players name, grade, school name and level the school plays at (e.g. 3A). If you know of other players in your area, that are deserving, please provide me with their information. We count very heavily on the input from junior and high school coaches. We usually have a number of college and university coaches in attendance so this is a great opportunity to be scouted. This year the senior all-star teams will be coached by college or university coaches. All three head coaches from the Alberta CIS universities will be coaching with us.

Our event will always take place the first weekend after High School Provincials. We do this to try and avoid conflicts with the post-secondary ID camps, Basketball Alberta events and club basketball.

Invitation packages are generally e- mailed to the player's school coach. If any of your players are invited please give them the package immediately. Please don't wait until after your season to give out the packages as it will be too late. Putting on an event of this magnitude is challenging and we need to get our spots filled as soon as possible. Some players have missed their opportunity due to not getting their forms in.

As part of the all- star games we have an awards banquet at Chestermere High School on Friday, March 26th. All participating players receive an award and are honoured at this event. As well, we give out major awards as per the following awards sheet. If you would like to nominate someone for a major award please e-mail me information about the player. A player must be participating in the event to be eligible to receive a major award. Also, if you have a nomination for the coaches Hall of Fame please send me information. The coach must be a high school or college coach, past or present, that has coached girl's basketball, in Alberta, for a minimum of ten years.

Please note that we are giving out a minimum of \$5000 in scholarships this year at the banquet. More information on this will be available shortly. Our goal is to give out \$10,000 but it will be at least \$5000. If you are able to help us out by sponsoring one of our awards please let me know and I will forward you an information package.

We do everything possible to make this a first class event. We do not have a major sponsor so it is necessary to charge the players a fee to participate in the event. We hope that your school or a local business will help sponsor the player's fee. It costs close to \$15,000 just to stage the awards banquet.

It would be appreciated if you could send me your name, school and email address so I can send information, in the future, by e mail, if I do not have this information. Thanks for your anticipated help. Please contact me if you have any questions. E-mail is the most efficient way for me to get back to you. Please check our web-site for complete information and registration procedures. www.albertashootingstars.com

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