



November is Special Olympics Game Month in OHL

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Toronto, ON - The Ontario Hockey League, Law Enforcement Torch Run, and Special Olympics Ontario are teaming up for the 10th year to raise awareness around the Special Olympics movement during the month of November, which has been designated as Special Olympics Game Month.

“We are very pleased to continue our involvement and longstanding support of Special Olympics throughout the month of November,” said OHL Commissioner David Branch. “Our organizations believe in the power and benefits of sport, athletes supporting athletes, and giving back to our communities.”

Special Olympics games in OHL rinks may include ceremonial puck drops with Special Olympics Ontario athletes and staff along with members of local law enforcement. Fans will have the opportunity to learn more about Special Olympics Ontario at kiosk displays and help contribute funds through the annual ‘Pass the Bucket’ initiative.

“Special Olympics Ontario is very proud of its affiliation with the OHL,” said Glenn MacDonell, President & CEO of Special Olympics Ontario. “For over 10 years, Special Olympics has benefitted from the enthusiastic support of all OHL teams. The visibility and promotion that the teams and the players give to Special Olympics athletes is heartwarming and makes a real difference in the lives of individuals with an intellectual disability.”

Special Olympics Game Month Schedule:

Friday November 3 at Kingston Frontenacs (vs Sarnia Sting) at 7:00 pm

Saturday November 4 at Hamilton Bulldogs (vs Oshawa Generals) at 7:00 pm

Sunday November 5 at Ottawa 67's (vs Sarnia Sting) at 2:00 pm

Sunday November 5 at Oshawa Generals (vs Kingston Frontenacs) at 6:00 pm

Friday November 10 at Mississauga Steelheads (vs Saginaw Spirit) at 7:00 pm

Sunday November 12 at Sarnia Sting (vs Owen Sound Attack) at 2:00 pm

Thursday November 16 at London Knights (vs Guelph Storm) at 7:00 pm

Thursday November 16 at Niagara IceDogs (vs Kingston Frontenacs) at 7:00 pm

Thursday November 16 at Barrie Colts (Sudbury Wolves) at 7:30 pm

Sunday November 19 at Kitchener Rangers (vs Peterborough Petes) at 6:00 pm

Thursday November 23 at North Bay Battalion (vs Kitchener Rangers) at 7:00 pm

Thursday November 23 at Peterborough Petes (vs Hamilton Bulldogs) at 7:00 pm

Additional games this season:

Saturday February 24 at Owen Sound Attack (vs Peterborough Petes) at 7:30 pm

Thursday March 1 at Windsor Spitfires (vs Sudbury Wolves) at 7:00 pm

Sunday March 4 at Guelph Storm (vs Kitchener Rangers) at 6:00 pm

Wednesday March 14 at Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (vs Saginaw Spirit) at 7:00 pm

TBD at Sudbury Wolves

The campaign is part of the ongoing commitment by the OHL and LETR to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Ontario:

Special Olympics Ontario is part of a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports. We empower people with intellectual disabilities to become accepted and valued members of their communities, which leads to a more respectful and inclusive society for all. Using sports as the catalyst and programming around health and education, Special Olympics is fighting inactivity, injustice and intolerance. Special Olympics encourages sports and fun, bringing people together and breaks down stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities through a unified sports approach.

For more information, visit specialolympicsontario.com.

