

OSGA Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 25th · 2023

9:45am – 12:00pm

In person, Allure Hotel, Barrie ON

Chair: Daria Thompson

In Attendance

Name	District	Name2	District3	Name22	District33
Liz Fleming	2A	Marilyn Lyon	13	Katherine Bristol	25
Rae Kingsbury	2A	Charlotte Widdifield	14	Felicia Urbanski	26
Georges Martin	5	Rachel Ridgeway	14	Ellen Paterson	27
Mark Ling	5	JueMeili Olaes	15	Jan Jefferey	28
Irene Churchill	5	Daria Thompson	16	Russell Brown	29
Dave Cave	7	Ed Mark	16	Vincent Lubrano III	30
Guy Chaput	7	Tom Wetzel	16	Doug Young	33a
Daniel Youmelle	8	Laura Taal	17	Karen Young	33a
Linda Vickers	8	Roger Wallis	17	Will LaFrance	Orillia GOC
Nik Poljanski	11	Bob Tremblay	19	Ryan Albright	Ministry Rep
Mary Johnson	11	Marion Ody	19	Jordana Osetti	Office Staff
Eva Ferguson	12	Stephanie Hammet	21		
Maureen Keeping	13	Jackmen Chong	21		

Minutes

- I) **Call to order: 9:46am,**
- II) **Ed Mark to serve as secretary.**
- III) **Declaration of Quorum – 20 quorums declared.**
- IV) **Scrutineer -Ryan Albright.**
- V) **Addition to the agenda – Daria – Regional meetings/games to new business.**
- VI) **Declaration of any conflict of interest- None.**
- VII) **Approval of Minutes to AGM 2022 – 1 revision, omission of Maureen Keeping as attendee. Approved as revised.**
- VIII) **Board Report – approved as presented.**
- IX) **Auditors Report – No concerns or comments.** Mark Ling to nominate Baker Tilley LLP Motion: To accept Baker Tilley as official OSGA auditor. **Mover:** Irene District 5, **Second:** Dan Youmelle District 8, **Carried.**
- X) **Business as Specified in Meeting Notice – No formal business or bylaw changes at this time.**
- XI) **Board Elections**

Question from the floor: Eva Ferguson – to be a Director on the board are there required committees they have served on or if they need to be on committees? Answer – you do not have to be on a committee nor are there specific requirements.

Voting:

- i. Daria Thompson – President - confirmed
- ii. Ellen Paterson – Vice President - confirmed
- iii. Board of Directors

Rae Kingsbury – confirmed

Irene Laing -

Maureen Graszat – confirmed.

David Moncour -

Motion: to destroy the ballots, **Mover:** Irene Churchill, **Seconder:** Jue Meilie, Carried.

XII) New Business

Ontario 55+ Summer Games Summary (See appendix A)

Ryan Albright – MTCS representative – Games Ontario. Ontario 55+ Summer Games. Evaluations and surveys of the last games in **Brantford**. 310 responses. Data: Will participate in another games – 87%

Will recommend to another older adult – 88%

Overall positive rating: 82%

Special events and food – 76%, 'okay'.

Food Services – 74% Higher than at other games. Lots of chicken.

Accommodations rating – 76% - Issues – Laurier residence, Five Oaks – did not meet expectations.

Members asking for any reimbursement for poor experience at the Games. Budget decisions like this depend on the County of Brant.

Registration rating – 92% registration system finalized late due to unforeseen challenges.

Competition rating – 67% Sport Managers did not receive proper training. Last minute schedule changes were a challenge. It was an embarrassment.

Transportation Rating: N/A

-challenged to deliver acceptable level.

- appreciative of participants who gave rides to other sports.

- Transportation planning continues to be a challenge.

Comparison between Peterborough and Brantford:

Overall: 86% to 82%

Sport Competition: 83% to 67%

Food: 76% to 64%

Volunteers: 95% to 91%

Upcoming Games: Orillia Feb 6-8, 2024

TBC – 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games August 2025

Review of Ontario 55+ Game Structure – Review of sports and categories, new sports, optimizing game operations, identifying opportunities for growth.

Question about paying online – making payments directly to Games org rather than going through District/OSGA. MTCS will consult and look into the feasibility of making things more streamlined.

OSGA 55+ Winter Games 2024 Orillia (See Appendix B)

Will LeFrance (GOC Coordinator) - presentation for upcoming Games.

Total capacity: 984. Total medals: 618.

LeFrance presented capacity breakdown per sport.

Hockey has a province wide qualifier hosted by Don Rider. Other sports will have District qualifiers.

Alpine ski, Nordic ski, Skating will be open events. No need for qualifiers.

Registration fees. Single Occupancy: \$300 +HST

Double Occupancy: \$199 +HST

** includes accommodation, food, and transportation to venues.

Standard Athlete fee: @\$129 + HST for anyone who does not need accommodations or transportation.

Not included fees: lift/trail fees, and any other incidental fees that the sport/venue requires.

Timelines: Oct 1 to Dec 1 – Stage 1 , December 4- lottery. December 5 to 8 – Stage 2
Registration – GOC will share what is available, medalists from District qualifiers will be invited.

December 11 – 2nd stage lottery, if necessary.

December 12 to 14 – stage 3 and 4 registrations.

Transportation

Will provide transportation to venues in the form of shuttle service. Shuttle loops will be established. Will provide transportation to and from Special Events. **NOTE:** Parking downtown Orillia is limited and not all participants will be able to find. Hammond official bus of the games. Support from city busses and Helping Hands for accessible transportation.

Confirmed venues and accommodations:

Horseshoe Resort, Rama MASK, Barnfield Curling Club, Coldwater Curling Club, Rotary Place, Orillia Rec Centre, Brian Orser Arena.

Best Western, Quality Inn, Champlain, Comfort Inn, Farfield Inn, Day's Inn, Casino Rama, Bayview Wildwood.

100 Days Out event – October 30 – at the Orillia Room, Rotary Place Arena.

Opening Ceremonies – hosted at 2 locations: Opera House and St. Paul's United Centre.

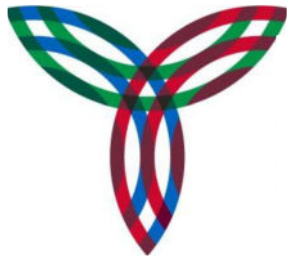
Middle Night – downtown Orillia. Close Mississauga St but restaurants will be open and entertain participants. Planning to ensue and more details to come.

Comment – can contact through phone be more responsive during the event? Yes, more people will be available to man the phones.

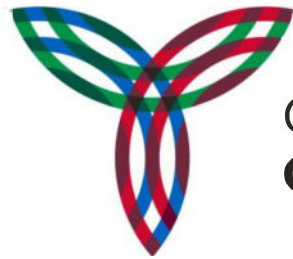
Regional Meetings/Games- Daria Thompson

Reinstitute that districts host a regional meeting and invite a member of the OSGA Board to attend and discuss local matters. Regional games are a topic that districts would support. These games are not provincial game qualifiers but planned events that help engage the districts for more participation and opportunities.

Meeting adjourned: 12:21pm



Appendix A



Games Jeux de
Ontario **l'Ontario**



Games Ontario
Jeux de l'Ontario

Ontario 55+ Summer Games



- Post event survey is conducted after each Ontario 55+ Games.
- Standard set of questions used – allows comparison of data
- Survey sent out to all participants with a valid email
- 310 Responses (so far)

Overall:

Data is evaluated to look at the positive sentiment for each question. Percentages represent number of respondents that say it was good or excellent (or its equivalent)

Important to note that the percentages not represented do not necessarily mean it was a bad experience – in many cases the remaining percentage is people who rate it as fair or okay.

- Will participate in another Games: 87%
- Will recommend to another older adult: 88%
- Overall rating: 82%

Special Events – Opening Ceremony

Opening Ceremony Rating: 92%

- One of the highlight of the Games
- Good pacing, good entertainment
- Flag bearer process went well
- Torch and cauldron lighting
- Issues with egress, transportation (more to be discussed)

Special Events – Middle Night

Middle Night Rating: 76%

- Entertainment was 'okay'
- Transportation issues getting people to Paris and back to hotels.
- Food was 'okay'
- Participants could go to one of three areas – some confusion as to what was available.

Accommodations

Accommodations rating – 76%

- 80-85% of accommodations were hotels, provided good service, met expectations.
- Significant issues at Laurier residents, Five Oaks – did not meet participant expectations.

Food Services

Food Services Rating: 74%

- On the higher end for an Ontario Games especially when meals were provided to participants versus restaurant vouchers.
- Too much chicken for participants
- Cold food services area at Brantford
- Availability of snacks

Registration

Registration Rating: 92%

- Overall very positive
- Operational issues behind the scenes:
 - Lack of overall Games knowledge by registration volunteers
 - Sponsor and vendors too far away from main registration area
 - Registration system had to be finalized relatively late due to challenges with other potential solutions.

Volunteers

Volunteers Rating: 91%

- Again, overall very positive
- Operational issues behind the scenes:
 - Volunteers not provided with adequate training
 - Overall lack of volunteers in some areas

Sport Competition

Sport Competition Rating: 67%

- Massive step backwards from 2022
- Sport Managers did not receive proper training for their role
- Results boards at venues only completed at the end of the first day of competition
- Last minute schedule changes were a challenge (e.g., Pickleball team in wrong category, came forward at end of Opening Ceremony)

Transportation

Transportation Rating: N/A

- Brantford/Brant were challenged to delivery acceptable level of transportation services.
- Appreciative of participants who gave rides to other sports to minimize the overall impact.
- Transportation planning continues to be a challenge at these Games – Needed for some, under utilized a the best of times.

Comparing Peterborough to Brantford



	Peterborough 2022	Brantford-Brant 2023
Overall Rating	86%	82%
Participant in Another Games	85%	87%
Recommend to another older adult	87%	88%
Opening Ceremony	83%	92%
Middle Night	80%	76%
Sport Competition	83%	67%
Food	84%	74%
Accommodations	79%	76%
Registration	92%	92%
Volunteers	95%	91%

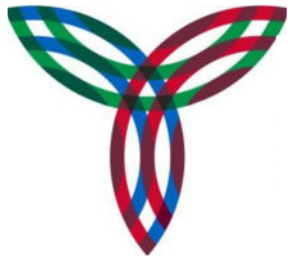
Looking forward:

Upcoming Games:

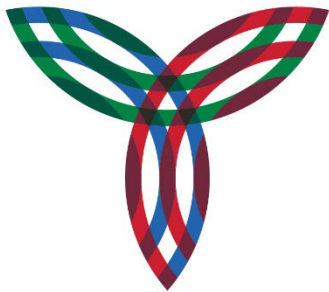
- Orillia 2024 Ontario 55+ Winter Games – February 6-8. 2024
- TBC – 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games – August 2025

Review of Ontario 55+ Games Structures

- Review of sport lists including age categories, skill levels
- Considering new sports for consideration
- Optimizing Games operations
- Identifying opportunities for growth



Appendix B



Orillia 2024

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Winter Games

Jeux d'hiver de
l'Ontario 55+

February 6-8, 2024

Proud, Progressive,
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2024 55+ WINTER GAMES



Alpine Skiing



Badminton



Curling



Duplicate
Bridge



Hockey



Nordic
Skiing



Prediction
Skating



Table
Tennis



Volleyball



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SPORT CAPACITIES

Events	Participants	Teams	Divisions	Medals
Badminton	96	48	6	36
Curling	96	30	4	42
Duplicate Bridge	48	24	2	12
Hockey	456	24	6	342
Table Tennis	56	28	6	36
Volleyball	160	20	4	96
Alpine Skiing	24		6	18
Nordic Skiing	24		8	24
Skating	24		4	12
Totals	984	174		618

SPORT CAPACITIES

Events	Participants	Teams
Badminton - Men's 55+	16	8
Badminton - Men's 65+	16	8
Badminton - Women's 55+	16	8
Badminton - Women's 65+	16	8
Badminton - Mixed 55+	16	8
Badminton - Mixed 65+	16	8
Badminton Total	96	48
Curling - Mixed 55+	24	6
Curling – Men's 65+	24	6
Curling – Women's 65+	24	6
Stick Curling – Open 55+	24	12
Curling Total	96	30
Duplicate Bridge - Open Masters 55+	24	12
Duplicate Bridge - Novice 55+	24	12
Bridge Total	48	24

SPORT CAPACITIES

Hockey - Men's 55+	76	4
Hockey - Men's 60+	76	4
Hockey - Men's 65+	76	4
Hockey - Men's 70+	76	4
Hockey - Women's 55+	76	4
Hockey - Women's 60+	76	4
Hockey Total	456	24
Table Tennis - Men's 55+	12	6
Table Tennis - Men's 65+	12	6
Table Tennis - Women's 55+	8	4
Table Tennis - Women's 65+	8	4
Table Tennis - Mixed 55+	8	4
Table Tennis - Mixed 65+	8	4
Table Tennis Total	56	28

SPORT CAPACITIES

Volleyball - Men's 55+	48	6
Volleyball - Women's 55+	48	6
Volleyball - Mixed 55+	32	4
Volleyball - Mixed 65+	32	4
Volleyball Total	160	20
Alpine Skiing - Men's 55+	4	
Alpine Skiing - Women's 55+	4	
Alpine Skiing - Men's 65+	4	
Alpine Skiing - Women's 65+	4	
Alpine Skiing - Men's 75+	4	
Alpine Skiing - Women's 75+	4	
Alpine Skiing Total	24	

SPORT CAPACITIES

Nordic Skiing – Prediction – Men’s 55+	*	
Nordic Skiing – Prediction – Women’s 55+	*	
Nordic Skiing - Time Trials - Men's 55+	4	
Nordic Skiing - Time Trials - Women's 55+	4	
Nordic Skiing – Time Trials – Men’s 65+	4	
Nordic Skiing – Time Trials – Women’s 65+	4	
Nordic Skiing – Time Trials – Men’s 75+	4	
Nordic Skiing – Time Trials – Women’s 75+	4	
Nordic Skiing Total	24	
Skating - Prediction - Men's 55+	8	
Skating - Prediction - Women's 55+	8	
Skating - Prediction - Men's 75+	4	
Skating - Prediction - Women's 75+	4	
Skating Total	24	

REGISTRATION FEES

Premium (Traditional) Athlete Registration Fee

Single Occupancy - \$300 +HST

Double Occupancy - \$199 +HST

Includes:

- 2-night stay at local accommodations at one of the following:
- Transportation to/from accommodations and events
- Food Services starting with Dinner on Opening Ceremony night through to lunch on the final day of competition.
- Participation in competition event(s) during Orillia 2024 Ontario 55+ Winter Games
- Opening Ceremony and Middle Night Events

REGISTRATION FEES

Standard Athlete Registration Fee - \$129 +HST

Includes:

- Participation in competition event(s) during Orillia 2024 Ontario 55+ Winter Games
- Ticket to Opening Ceremony event, including dinner
- Ticket to Middle Night Event
- Food service during competition event(s)

Not included:

- **Accommodations:** Participants can choose to stay at home and travel in each day or select an alternative accommodation option (Short term rentals)
- Breakfast each morning
- Transportation to/from Accommodations

In addition to the registration fees above, additional sport specific fees apply:

- *Alpine Skiing - \$75 + HST*
- *Nordic Skiing - \$55 + HST*

REGISTRATION FEES


Non-participant registration fee (double occupancy) - \$300 +HST

District Coordinator/OSGA Board Member - \$199 +HST

REGISTRATION TIMELINES

- **October 1, to December 1 – First Stage of registration**
 - Registrations can be completed at any point during this period
- **December 4 – Stage 1 Lottery**
 - Oversubscribed categories will undergo lottery
- **December 5 to 8 – Second Stage of registration**
 - GOC will share remaining availability
 - Medalists from district games will be invited to fill remaining places
- **December 11 – Second Stage Lottery, if necessary**
- **December 12 to 14 – Stage 3 and 4 of registration**
 - Stage 3 and 4 will run concurrently. District 28 will be invited to fill any remaining space, as will participants in other district qualifiers

TRANSPORTATION

- Will provide transportation to Sport Venues
 - Due to a relatively small number of available drivers, this will likely be implemented as a shuttle service
 - We will have shuttle loops that serve certain hotels and venues
 - Will provide transportation to and from Special Events and strongly encourage that it is used since Downtown Orillia will not have parking available for all participants
 - Hammond will likely be our primary bussing provider and will subcontract with other local companies
 - Will have some supplemental coverage from Orillia City Busses, and plan to use Helping Hands for accessible transportation
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VENUES

- **Confirmed Venues:**
 - Horseshoe Resort – Alpine & Nordic Skiing
 - Rama MASK – Hockey and Badminton
 - Barnfield Point Curling Club
 - Coldwater Curling Club
 - Rotary Place – Hockey, Duplicate Bridge and Table Tennis
 - Orillia Rec Centre - Volleyball
 - Brian Orser Arena - Hockey
- **Overview map:** https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=18-XRae_taqrrKnE2Cjy1H2h4iLSdYrg&ll=44.6733352663498%2C-79.50821835&z=11



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ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Confirmed Accommodations:**
 - Horseshoe Resort
 - Best Western Mariposa
 - Best Western Orillia
 - Quality Inn
 - Champlain
 - Comfort Inn
 - Fairfield Inn
 - Day's Inn
 - Casino Rama
 - Bayview Wildwood



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100 DAYS OUT

- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm on October 30th
- Hosted in the Orillia Room at Rotary Place Arena
- Focus of the event will be awareness of the Games in Orillia and a call for volunteers



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OPENING CEREMONY

- Will be hosted at the Opera House and St. Paul's Centre
- Orillia Opera House has a capacity of 677
- Dignitary Speeches, Flag Procession, Athlete's Oath, Etc. will happen on stage at the Opera House and be live-streamed to St. Paul's
- Both venues will feature live entertainment acts
- Entertainment acts have not been locked in yet, but the plan is to have multiple shorter acts, similar to the Brantford Opening Ceremony this Summer
- Those attending the Opera House will eat off-site, prior to the Opening Ceremony
- Remaining ~ 400 attendees will be hosted at St. Paul's Centre
- Those who attend St. Paul's will have dinner on site



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OPENING CEREMONY



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MIDDLE NIGHT CELEBRATION

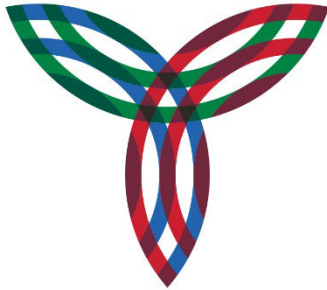
- Hosted in Downtown Orillia
- Closing a portion of Mississauga St. and working with restaurants/brewery/vendors to activate downtown
- Create opportunities for sports outside of the “hubs” to interact
- A series of ice-sculptures are to be implemented on Mississauga St.
- We will encourage restaurants to have live entertainment for Middle night and storefronts to extend their hours
- We will have food trucks – Beavertails!



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