



2022 LNHL Tournament Planning Underway

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NIPISSING FIRST NATION (September 22, 2021) – The Nipissing First Nation (NFN) Host Committee and Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) Executive are pleased to announce that planning for the 2022 LNHL tournament is well underway. Keeping current public health measures and rising vaccination rates in mind, the organizers are optimistic about hosting the 49th annual tournament from March 13-17, 2022 in the City of Mississauga.

Everyone involved in the planning efforts is eager to pick up where we left off following the cancellations of the 2020 and 2021 tournaments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The difficult decision to cancel two consecutive tournaments was made entirely out of concern for the health and wellbeing of participants and their families.

“We are grateful to the City of Mississauga and Tourism Mississauga for their continued support and for sponsoring the tournament,” said LNHL President Marian Jacko. “We would also like to recognize and thank our other main presenting sponsors: Hydro One, Peace Hills Trust and Indigenous Services Canada, and sponsors at all levels for standing by us through these challenging times and committing to supporting the 2022 tournament. Chi-Miigwech!”

Plans will be fluid as some details will depend on public health measures six months from now, but the host committee is set on re-energizing the theme of the 2020 tournament - *All Nations, One Family*. As Nipissing First Nation Chief Scott McLeod noted, “our theme seems more fitting than ever seeing how much we have all missed this hockey tradition that our children and communities look forward to every year. Nipissing is more than ready to (finally) host an unforgettable experience for our brothers and sisters across Ontario.”

LNHL President Marian Jacko adds, “we look forward to bringing First Nation youth and families together again to create lasting memories and friendships while showcasing the four pillars of the LNHL: *Education, Respect, Citizenship and Sportsmanship*.”

The Little NHL tournament will continue to use *EventConnect* for all aspects of registration, scheduling and accommodations. When registration is set to open, team coaches/representatives will receive an email with a link they can use to sign up their team(s) and block off hotel rooms and Airbnb’s near the arenas. All information needed for registration and hotels will be sent in the coming weeks and the *EventConnect* Customer Support team will also be available to assist.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward with our plans. We will follow up with all existing sponsors soon and will also release a refreshed sponsorship package to provide new opportunities to support 2022 Little NHL tournament hosted by Nipissing First Nation.

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