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**Official SCHEDULE OF EVENTS and VENUE MAP will be posted on [WWW.CANUSAGAMES.COM](http://WWW.CANUSAGAMES.COM)  
in late July**

## LETTER FROM CANUSA PRESIDENT

*Dear CANUSA Athletes, Parents, Guardians and Volunteers,*

*Welcome to the CANUSA Games Family!*

*As a participant of the oldest and largest international Games in North America, you join thousands from Hamilton and Flint who have been a part of CANUSA since 1958.*

*This year's Games will be held in Flint, Michigan during the weekend of August 11th-13th.*

*We have written this parent- participant manual as a guide to assist everyone in having the best possible experience as a host or athlete at the CANUSA Games.*

*Please read this guide carefully and contact your Sport Coordinator or the CANUSA Office at (905) 546-2424 ext. 2537 or by emailing [canusa@hamilton.com](mailto:canusa@hamilton.com) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also visit our website at [www.canusagames.com](http://www.canusagames.com) for more information.*

*We believe the lasting friendships you make now will be happy memories in the future.*

*We hope you will enjoy and 'Experience the Friendship' at this year's Games.*

*Yours in Sport,*

*Sheila Drury*

*Sheila Drury, President  
CANUSA Games, Hamilton Branch*

## **CREED OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

The CANUSA Games were established for the purpose of fostering goodwill and understanding between the cities of Hamilton, Ontario and Flint, Michigan through the medium of friendly competition in a host of athletic activities. Therefore, any conduct within any activity that does not promote camaraderie among the participants is contrary to the fundamental purpose of the Games. The specific competitions and the outcome thereof are secondary in the operation of the Games.

Because of the vital importance of sportsmanlike conduct in all activities of the CANUSA Games, officials and coaches of the Games carry heavy responsibility to ensure that the rules of sportsmanship shall be observed at all times.

Coaches shall be held responsible for the conduct of individual participants. It is their obligation to withdraw any athlete from competition that is observed to be conducting himself/herself in a manner that does not show goodwill and respect for the opposing competitors.

Any member of the CANUSA Games Board of Directors, upon observation of behaviour that he/she considers to be contrary to the best purposes of the Games as described above, may take measures deemed necessary, including immediate cessation of the activity, to correct the situation.

With this statement, the members of the CANUSA Games Board of Directors attest to the absolute importance they place upon the adherence of the CANUSA Games to their primary purpose -- the promotion of friendship and goodwill between the sister cities of Hamilton and Flint.

# BILLETING POLICY

## HOUSING A VISITING ATHLETE LEADS TO FRIENDLY COMPETITION

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*Dear Parent/Guardian:*

*Your child has been chosen as a member of a CANUSA team for the 60th Annual CANUSA Games to be held this year in Flint, Michigan the weekend of August 11th-13th, 2017.*

*The philosophy of the CANUSA Games is to establish goodwill and camaraderie through sporting competitions.*

*As the host city, each Hamilton athlete will be housed with a participating Flint athlete and their family. The billeting matchup will occur at opening ceremonies on Friday, August 11th at noon.*

*The CANUSA Games Board of Directors, Sport Coordinators, and Coaches hope that you will enjoy the billeting experience. If you have any questions regarding billeting please contact the CANUSA Office at (905) 546-2424 ext. 2537.*

*Thank you for your support of the CANUSA tradition.*

*Yours truly,*

*Kathy Cooper*

*Coordinator, Housing Committee  
CANUSA Games - Hamilton Branch*

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1. All participants under 18 years of age are to be billeted with a Flint family for the entire weekend. Certain sports, such as Bowling, also require participants 21 years of age and under to billet.
2. Participants will be billeted with a host family on the basis of age, gender, and sport area or event, where possible.
3. The Housing Committee will not reassign billets unless good cause is shown. **Any change of assignment unauthorized by the Housing/CANUSA Committee will result in the participant's suspension for the balance of the weekend's activities and competitions.**
4. Special billet requests are to be noted on the Registration Form and arranged prior to roster deadline. Arrangements are handled by the Hamilton and Flint Housing Committees.
5. **The CANUSA Games Board of Directors expects participants to be in the homes of their hosts by 11:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11th and Saturday, August 12th, 2017.**

## ATHLETE ITINERARY

### PRIOR TO CANUSA WEEKEND:

- Hand in Registration Form and Registration Fee to your Sport Coordinator before **July 27, 2017**. Indicate any special billet requests on your form.
- Obtain your CANUSA participant shirt from your Sport Coordinator.
- Change Canadian money to U.S. funds here in Canada.
- The CANUSA Games provides insurance coverage, however you might wish to purchase additional coverage with "Ontario Blue Cross". Application/Information booklets can be picked up from drug stores and banks. For further information, you can call Blue Cross directly at 1-800-873-2583.
- Pack your bags --- bring your CANUSA shirt, appropriate attire for the competition and casual parts of the weekend. We suggest you bring a track suit or jacket in case of cooler weather. Remember your toothbrush and other personal care items. **Label all baggage with your name.**
- We recommend that all items of value, personal and/or financial, be left at home and not brought on the trip. The CANUSA Games will not be responsible for any lost or stolen personal possessions.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>:

- **All athletes are to be at Mohawk College by 7:00 a.m. All athletes must travel to Flint by bus.**
- Bring proper original identification with you so as to make the border crossing as easy as possible. Refer to the "Canada-United States Border & Customs" section of this manual for the list of identification requirements. **CANUSA Games ENCOURAGES all athletes to have a passport**
- You will **NOT** be allowed on the bus if you do not have proper identification with you. A CANUSA representative will check all identification before the bus will be authorized to depart from Mohawk College.
- Buses will be loading in the South-West Parking Lot at Mohawk College (next to Hillfield-Strathallan College). We ask that parents/guardians park in the designated areas and for safety reasons avoid the direct area where the buses will be loading.
- Please board the bus to which you have been assigned. This will allow departure and arrival times to run as scheduled. Signs will be posted in the front windows of the buses and you should also check in with your Sport Coordinator and Coach upon your arrival.
- All buses are equipped with washrooms and air conditioning.
- Please bring a lunch to eat on the bus. NOTE: The buses do not make any stops between Hamilton and Flint. Please do not bring peanut products in case of other passenger allergies. The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agency prohibits or restricts certain food items from entering the United States. Many prepared foods are admissible. However, most fruits, vegetables, meats and almost anything containing meat products are not admissible. If one of these items is packed in a lunch, we highly suggest you eat it prior to reaching the border or otherwise risk confiscation.

- Buses are scheduled to arrive in Flint between 11:30 AM and noon at Northwestern High School.
- Upon arrival, you will depart from the bus to attend Opening Ceremonies which will begin around 12:30 p.m. You should be wearing your CANUSA shirt. Luggage should be left on the bus during Opening Ceremonies. After the Opening Ceremonies are complete you will go back to your bus to pick up your luggage and meet your Flint billet/family.
- NOTE: Buses will not be staying in Flint. Please ensure no personal possessions are left on the bus. All lunch bags and waste material must be cleaned up prior to leaving the buses.
- Some sports competitions are scheduled to begin as early as 3:00 p.m. Check the “Schedule of Events” for competition times. Hosts transport their billet(s) to the sport site(s).
- Hosts provide dinner for their billet(s).

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- Hosts provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for their billet(s).
- Sports competitions are scheduled to begin as early as 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 3:00 p.m. Check the “Schedule of Events” for competition times. Hosts transport their billet(s) to their sport site(s).
- Host Sport Coordinators will distribute participant memento.

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- Athlete continental breakfast at Southwestern High School at 8:00 a.m. or hosts will provide breakfast for their billet(s).
- Hosts are to provide snacks for bus ride back to Flint.
- Closing Ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. at Southwestern High School. Hosts will transport their Hamilton billet(s) to the Closing Ceremonies and to buses for departure to Hamilton.
- Buses will be leaving Flint at 9:30 a.m. from Southwestern High School. The buses are scheduled to arrive in Hamilton at Mohawk College Parking Lot. (Normally between 1:00-1:30 p.m.)
- NOTE: If a participant is not making a return trip by bus from Flint to Hamilton, a Bus Release Form, signed by a parent/guardian must be completed **prior to departure for Flint.** Forms are available from Sport Coordinators and the CANUSA Office at (905) 546-2424 ext. 2537.
- Please board the bus to which you have been assigned. This will allow departure time to run as scheduled.

## **NOTES**

- All times/locations listed in this manual are subject to change. We recommend checking the website at [www.canusagames.com](http://www.canusagames.com) and our facebook page prior to the event.
- Unless an event is listed in this manual, on official website or the official schedule for the CANUSA Games, it is not an official CANUSA event. Please feel free to call the CANUSA Office/Headquarters if additional information is required.
- All participants under 18 years of age must be billeted. Certain sports require participants 21 years of age and under to billet as well.
- The CANUSA Games Board of Directors expects all participants to be in the homes of their hosts no later than 11:00 p.m. on both Friday, August 11th and Saturday, August 12th.
- **FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND IN THE EVENT OF ANY DIFFICULTIES, THE CANUSA HEADQUARTERS IS ACCESSIBLE ON A 24 HOUR BASIS DURING THE GAMES STARTING AT NOON ON FRIDAY AUGUST 11th UNTIL 11:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY AUGUST 13th.**

Headquarters location:

*Wingate Hotel  
1359 Grand Pointe Cr.,  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439*

*PHONE: 810.694.9900*

## ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

As a participant, you will serve as ambassadors of goodwill for CANUSA and for your own family. The CANUSA Games Board of Directors expects you to abide by the Code of Conduct herewith presented:

- To conduct myself as a participant showing the highest level of sportsmanship at all times.
- As an athlete under the age of 18, I will honour the 11:00 p.m. curfew (off the street) as established by the Hamilton and Flint Boards of Directors.
- To be neat in my appearance, warm and friendly in my behaviour, and not be boisterous or use profane language.
- To abide by all rules set down by the CANUSA Games Board of Directors.
- Wherever possible, I will strive to make friends with all the participants, hoping that these new friendships will continue through the years.
- I will not consume alcoholic beverages if under the legal age (Michigan law is 21 yrs old). I will not use illegal drugs.
- I will attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies (please wear your CANUSA shirt).
- I will remember that my city and country will be judged by the way I conduct myself during the Games.

**In the event of extreme misconduct, the CANUSA Games Board of Directors will:**

- Notify the participant's parents/guardians of the improper action.
- Disqualify the participant from further competition.



## HISTORY OF THE CANUSA GAMES

The CANUSA Games were created in 1958 through the joint efforts of the Canadian and United States Amateur Athletics Unions.

Having conducted their Flint Olympian Games in July of the previous year, Flint officials were looking for another competition for their Olympian winners and contacted their A.A.U. for a City of comparable size and interests. Hamilton was selected, hence the birth of CANUSA (Canada-U.S.A.) Games. It was also decided that the site of the Games would alternate yearly between the two cities.

In 1958, a caravan of cars set out for Flint on the second weekend in August, led by Chairman Wilf Thomas and his volunteer committee. That year approximately 200 athletes from each city competed in seven sport areas and from these meager beginnings, the volunteer spirit caught on and the ideals continue today.

Various means of transporting the athletes have been used including the aforementioned caravan of private vehicles, a special CANUSA Games train, and in more recent years, a convoy of up to 20 chartered buses.

The CANUSA Games presently have over 1200 athletes participating in 16 sport areas, and while the organization has grown considerably, the ideals remain the same - volunteers working in their community for the social and recreational betterment of young and old.

As part of the Opening Ceremonies the National Anthems of both countries are sung by all in attendance. The Mayor of the host city then presents the FRIENDSHIP TROPHY to the Mayor of the visiting city as a token of peace, brotherhood and true friendship, not only between Mayors, but also between all competitors, the two Cities and the two Countries.

## **CANUSA GAMES PHILOSOPHY**

The philosophy of the CANUSA Games is to demonstrate the practicality of a community approach to international goodwill between the cities of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and Flint, Michigan, United States, through the participation of amateur athletics.

Families from the host city open their homes to the people from the visiting city in the spirit of goodwill and neighbourliness that marks the friendly rivalry between the competitors of the two cities.

The CANUSA Organization believes that world peace and understanding among people must begin in peoples' hearts; that neighbours must understand neighbours, and that people must learn to live together in neighbourhoods and cities before nations can understand nations and the world can live in peace. To this end, the CANUSA Games provide an opportunity at the grass roots level to learn to understand each other's similarities, differences, and problems, to work together, and to find the means for individuals to improve themselves and their cities.

## **CANUSA GAMES CREED**

The CANUSA Games Creed was composed by the late Ivan Miller, a long-time Sports Director with the Hamilton Spectator.

*We swear  
That we will take part in the CANUSA Games  
In fair competition  
Respecting the regulations which govern them  
And with the desire to participate  
In the true spirit of sportsmanship  
For the glory of sports  
And for the honour of our country.*

## WORLD CLASS CANUSA ATHLETES

### **JIM ABBOTT**

Played Baseball for Flint. Became a pitcher in the Major Leagues.

### **CARL BANKS**

Played Basketball for Flint. Later played with the New York Giants in the NFL.

### **STEVE BOROS**

Played Baseball for Flint. Went on to play for the Detroit Tigers and San Diego Padres in MLB.

### **MATEEN CLEAVES**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Detroit Pistons in the NBA.

### **MARTY EMERY**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play in the European Pro League.

### **JEFF GRAYER**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Milwaukee Bucks in the NFL.

### **PETER GIFTPOLOUS**

Played Basketball for Hamilton from 1976 to 1982. Went on to help Penn State catch the NCAA football championship. Played for the Hamilton Tiger Cats in the CFL.

### **JEFF HAMILTON**

Played Baseball for Flint. Went on to play for the LA Dodgers in MLB.

### **PAUL KRAUSE**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL.

### **JOANNE MALAR**

Participated on Hamilton's Swim team. Represented Canada at the Olympics Games and Commonwealth Games.

### **JOHN MATTHEWS**

Participated in Wrestling for Flint. Became the U.S. Greco-Roman Wrestling Champion.

### **DAVE ANDREYCHUK**

Played Basketball and Table Tennis for Hamilton. Played in the NHL and won the Stanley Cup for Tampa Bay.

### **CHARLIE BELL**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Milwaukee Bucks in the NBA.

### **KEN BRADY**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play in the European Pro League.

### **MARK DALY**

Played Basketball for Hamilton from 1983 to 1988. Went on to play for Boston College and the Hamilton Skyhawks.

### **LAMAR GANT**

Participated in Weightlifting for Flint. Became a U.S. Champion Weightlifter.

### **TERRANCE GREEN**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play in the European Pro League.

### **MACKENZIE HUGHES**

Played Hamilton Golf. Went on to play professionally.

### **LINNELL JONES**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play in the Italian Pro League.

### **RICK LEACH**

Played Baseball for Flint. Became a member of the Toronto Blue Jays in MLB.

### **EUGENE MARVE**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Tampa Bay Bucs in the NFL.

### **PAM McGEE**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play in the WNBA. Became Assistant Coach with the WNBA Detroit Shock and Olympic Basketball Team.

**BOOKER MOORE**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Seattle Seahawks in the NBA.

**DENNA NOLAN**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the WNBA Detroit Shock.

**MORRIS PETERSON “Mo Pete”**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Toronto Raptors and in the NBA.

**GLEN RICE**

Played Basketball for Flint. Became one of the top guards in the NBA for the Miami Heat.

**ROBAIRE SMITH**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Cleveland Browns in the NFL.

**POLLY STOCKTON-BRETZKE**

Played Badminton for Flint. Went on to become a U.S. Badminton Champion

**JOEY TENUTE**

Played Soccer for Hamilton. Became a professional hockey player.

**ERIC TURNER**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play in the CBA and European League.

**REGGIE WILLIAMS**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the Cincinnati Bengals in the NFL.

**MIKE MORREALE**

Played basketball for Hamilton. Went on to be a CFL athlete for Hamilton Tiger Cats.

**SUE NOVAR-WEBER**

Participated on Flint's Cycling team. Went on to become the U.S. Women's Cycling Coach.

**MERV RETTENMUND**

Played Baseball for Flint. Went on to play for the Cincinnati Reds in MLB.

**JACK SELTZER**

Played Golf for Flint. Went on to play in the PGA.

**PAM STOCKTON-BRADY**

Played Badminton for Flint. Went on to become a U.S. Badminton Champion.

**BARRY STOKES**

Played Soccer for Flint. Went on to play for the Detroit Lions and Atlanta Falcons in the NFL.

**TRENT TUCKER**

Played Basketball for Flint. Went on to play for the New York Knicks in the NBA

**HERB WASHINGTON**

Participated in Track for Flint. Went on to play for the Oakland A's in MLB.

## CANUSA GAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact the CANUSA Office for more info.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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[www.canusagames.com](http://www.canusagames.com) (website)

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Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

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(Ask for CANUSA Headquarters)

*For your information and in the event of any difficulties, concerns or questions, the CANUSA HEADQUARTERS is accessible on a 24 hour basis during the Games. Hamilton and Flint representatives will be available.*

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