

AUGUST 8th - 10th 2025



CANUSA
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67TH OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CANUSA GAMES

**Morgan Firestone Arena, Ancaster, Ontario
Friday August 8, 2025 at 12:30 pm**

Welcoming Remarks

Master of Ceremonies - Rick Zamperin (CHCH-TV News)

Presentation of Colours

Hamilton Police Service Honour Guard

Parade of Dignitaries, Athletes and Coaches

Land Acknowledgement

National Anthems – Chloe Sofia, Volleyball Athlete

Remarks

Honourable Andrea Horwath, Mayor City of Hamilton

Honourable Sheldon Neeley, Mayor City of Flint

Frank Bergen, Chief, Hamilton Police Service

Presentation of Friendship Trophy – Mayors

CANUSA President & Co-Chairman Remarks

Lauren O'Grady, Hamilton President

Mike Maienbrook, Flint General Co-Chairman

CANUSA Oath

Sophie Henderson, Track & Field / Jordana Boschman, Soccer

Arrival of CANUSA Flame

Lighting of the CANUSA Torch

Closing Remarks

Housing/Billeting on arena floor following Opening Ceremony

2025 CANUSA GAMES HEADQUARTERS

FRIDAY AUGUST 8th - SUNDAY AUGUST 10th

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CANUSA 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, U.S.A., through the vehicle of amateur athletics. Each year, families from the host city open their homes to the people from the visiting city in the spirit of goodwill and neighbour-lieness that marks the friendly rivalry between the competitors of the two cities. The CANUSA Organization believes world peace and understanding among people must begin in their 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 grassroots 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. Thus, our motto....



"Experience the Friendship".

CANUSA Oath

The CANUSA Games Oath was composed by the late Ivan Miller, a longtime 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.

In memory of Mr. Miller, Hamilton has the Ivan Miller Memorial Award, presented annually to the person who demonstrates not only dedicated service to the CANUSA Games but who also exemplifies the philosophy and ideals of the Games as expressed in the Oath.



CANUSA History

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The CANUSA Games were created in 1958 through the joint efforts of the Canadian and U.S.A. Amateur Athletic 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 support. The A.A.U. of the United States contacted the Canadian A.A.U. looking for a city of comparable size and interests. Hamilton was selected, hence the birth of the CANUSA (Canada - U.S.A.) Games. It was also decided that the location of the CANUSA Games would alternate yearly between Hamilton and Flint. In 1958, a caravan of cars, led by Chairman Wilf

Thomas and his volunteer committee, set out for Flint, Michigan on the second weekend in August. That year, approximately 200 athletes from each city competed in seven sport areas. From these meager beginnings, the volunteer spirit caught on and the ideals continue today. Various means of transporting the athletes have been used over the years, including the aforementioned caravan of private vehicles, a special CANUSA Games train and, in more recent years, a convoy of chartered buses. The CANUSA Games presently have 13 sport areas and, while the organization has evolved considerably, the ideals remain the same; volunteers working in their community for the social and recreational betterment of young and old. Every year, the CANUSA Games Opening Ceremonies provide many highlights. One of these is most certainly the annual 245-mile marathon run between Flint and Hamilton. It is one of the longest international runs in North America, beginning in the visiting City and culminating with the runners arriving at the host City's site for Opening Ceremonies. It is a very emotional moment for all who witness the arrival of the torch runners, the circling of the track and the lighting of the large torch which symbolizes the official opening of the CANUSA Games for that year. As part of the Opening Ceremonies, both the Canadian and American National Anthems are sung by all in attendance. The Mayor of the host City then presents the Friendship Trophy to the visiting City's Mayor as a token of peace, brotherhood and true friendship, not only between Mayors, but also between competitors, the Mayors' Cities and the two Countries.



The Office of
MAYOR ANDREA HORWATH
CITY OF HAMILTON

August 8th-10th, 2025

On behalf of the City of Hamilton, it is my honour to welcome all athletes, coaches, families, and supporters to the 2025 CANUSA Games.

Since their founding in 1958, the CANUSA Games have embodied the true spirit of international friendship, sportsmanship, and community. The bond between Hamilton and Flint, Michigan – rooted in respect, camaraderie, and competition – is a unique and enduring tradition that we are proud to celebrate again this year.

For generations, the CANUSA Games have given young athletes the opportunity not only to compete, but also to form lasting connections across borders. It is a testament to the power of sport to build bridges and inspire the best in all of us.

To our visiting friends from Flint – welcome to Hamilton! We are thrilled to host you and look forward to a weekend of exciting competition and shared memories.

A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated organizers, volunteers, and families - on both sides of the border - who make these Games possible. Your commitment keeps this incredible tradition thriving and growing, and ensures that the bonds of friendship continue to strengthen, especially in these challenging times.

Good luck to all participants – play hard, play fair, and most importantly, enjoy every moment!

Yours sincerely,

Mayor, City of Hamilton



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City of Flint

Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley



Dear Friends,

As Mayor of the great city of Flint, Michigan, it is my honor to extend warm greetings to all participants, families, and supporters of the 67th annual CANUSA Games. This year, we are proud to join our friends and neighbors in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada for another unforgettable chapter in this historic tradition.

For over six decades, the CANUSA Games have united the people of Flint and Hamilton through sportsmanship, cultural exchange, and lasting friendship. As the longest-running international amateur athletic competition in North America, these games exemplify what is possible when two cities come together in the spirit of unity and shared purpose.

Generations of young athletes have grown up competing in the CANUSA Games, forging bonds that transcend borders and laying the foundation for stronger, more connected communities. We are grateful to the City of Hamilton for its continued partnership and hospitality.

On behalf of the City of Flint, thank you for being a part of this extraordinary tradition. We celebrate the values of teamwork, mutual respect, and goodwill that make the CANUSA Games a powerful symbol of international friendship. For the love of our community,

Sheldon A. Neeley
Mayor, City of Flint



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Message to the Athletes, Coaches, and Volunteers of the 67th Annual CANUSA Games

On behalf of the Recreation Division, I extend our warmest wishes to everyone participating in the 2025 CANUSA Games in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

We are proud to be part of a tradition that has, since 1958, united the cities of Hamilton and Flint through sport, friendship, and community. The CANUSA Games are more than just a competition, they are a symbol of international goodwill and a powerful platform for inspiring our young athletes and future leaders.

In today's world, where global challenges can sometimes divide us, the importance of games like these cannot be overstated. They remind us of the hope and inspiration found in sport and its ability to shape our young athletes into tomorrow's leaders. We value the movement that has been built here; a movement rooted in cross border friendship, respect, and a shared vision for a better future through sport. What has been built here is something truly special, something that fosters lifelong memories, and we are glad that you are able to experience it in Hamilton.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Hamilton community for once again welcoming the athletes, coaches and friends with such warmth and generosity, opening both your homes and your hearts. To the athletes: we hope you compete with pride and represent your cities with heart. To the coaches, volunteers, and CANUSA board members in both cities, a sincere thank you for your dedication in making this experience possible.

Wishing you all the best for an exciting and memorable 2025 CANUSA Games.

Best Regards,

Steve Sevor
Recreation Director (Acting)
City of Hamilton



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2025 HAMILTON

On behalf of the CANUSA Games Board of Directors and the entire Hamilton host community, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 67th Annual CANUSA Games!

This historic event is much more than a competition — it is a celebration of sport, community, and most importantly, friendship. Since 1958, Hamilton and Flint have come together to share in this truly unique international exchange, where sportsmanship and camaraderie cross borders and generations.

To all our athletes: congratulations on being selected to represent your city. Whether this is your first CANUSA Games or your tenth, we hope this weekend brings exciting competition, unforgettable memories, and lifelong friendships.

To our generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers: thank you. Your unwavering support makes this event possible year after year. The spirit of CANUSA thrives because of your commitment to our youth, our communities, and our shared values.

As we take part in these special days, I encourage everyone — whether on the field, in the stands, or behind the scenes — to embrace the true spirit of the CANUSA Games: **Experience the Friendship.** Talk to someone new, cheer loudly, and take pride in being part of something that continues to unite two cities through sport and goodwill.

Let's make the 67th CANUSA Games another unforgettable chapter in our remarkable story.

With appreciation and excitement,

Lauren O'Grady

CANUSA President – Hamilton Branch



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Dear CANUSA Friends and Participants,

It is with immense pride and heartfelt gratitude that we gather to celebrate the 67th Annual CANUSA Games. We are overjoyed to return to Hamilton, Ontario for this great tradition. The CANUSA Games are more than a competition, they are a tradition rooted in international goodwill, community pride, and lifelong friendship. Since 1958, the cities of Flint, Michigan and Hamilton, Ontario have come together each summer to "Experience the Friendship," and this year is no exception.

We are especially thankful to the City of Hamilton for graciously hosting us this year. Your hospitality, commitment, and effort to welcome our athletes, families, and volunteers have been nothing short of extraordinary. From the planning and preparation to the warm smiles that greet us upon arrival, you have reminded us what the CANUSA spirit is truly about.

To all of the sport coordinators, coaches, volunteers, and organizers on both sides of the border, thank you. Your passion, resilience, and behind-the-scenes dedication are the foundation of this historic event. The youth of our communities benefit deeply from the time and energy you give so generously.

To our families and participants, thank you for believing in this tradition. Whether you're competing, cheering, or opening your homes to billet athletes, you embody the philosophy that makes the CANUSA Games so special. Your support ensures that this legacy lives on for generations to come.

Finally, we recognize and appreciate our sponsors, partners, and benefactors. Your investment in youth, community, and cross-border friendship keeps the CANUSA torch burning brightly year after year.

Let us embrace this weekend with joy, sportsmanship, and pride. Compete hard, cheer loud, and most of all, make lasting memories.



Tony Sitko
General Co-Chairman



Traci Pigott
Director, Crim Sports



Mike Maenbrook
General Co-Chairmen

CANUSA Venues

OPENING CEREMONIES

Morgan Firestone Arena

385 Jerseyville Rd W, Ancaster, ON L9G 3L5

BASEBALL

Mahony Park

1655 Barton St E., Hamilton

BASKETBALL Boys & Girls

St. John Henry Newman Catholic S.S.

127 Gray Rd, Stoney Creek

BOWLING

Skyway Bowl

235 Melvin Ave, Hamilton

DARTS

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 58

1180 Barton St E., Hamilton

GOLF

Chedoke Golf Course

563 Aberdeen Ave, Hamilton, L8P 4S8

ICE HOCKEY

Mohawk 4 Ice Centre

710 Mountain Brow Blvd, Hamilton, L8T 5A9

SKEET

Hamilton Gun Club

559 Highway 20 E, Stoney Creek, L8J 3H7

SOCCER Boys & Girls

Billy Sherring Park

1530 Upper Sherman Ave, Hamilton

SWIMMING

Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool

1099 King St E, Hamilton, L8M 1E2

TRACK & FIELD

Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre

(1100 Mohawk Rd E., Hamilton) within Mohawk Sports Park

VOLLEYBALL

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

299 Fennell Ave W, Hamilton, L9C 1G3

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Morgan Firestone Arena

385 Jerseyville Rd W, Ancaster, ON L9G 3L5

CANUSA Awards

Please visit canusagames.com for a full list of award winners over the years.

Harold Webster Trophy

This trophy is awarded annually in the memory of Harold Webster. It is presented to the most valuable player, from the host city, who best displays both the CANUSA philosophy and ability in Track and Field. The trophy honors a former Hamilton resident who twice represented Canada in the International Olympic Games.

1960 Leslie Shonk, Hamilton	2022 Not Awarded
2018 Grace Gualtieri, Hamilton	2023 Clare Costello, Hamilton
2019 Linneria Richards, Flint	2024 Malia Edwards, Flint

Jimmy Thompson Memorial Award Trophy

The Jimmy Thompson Memorial Trophy is awarded in honor of "Mr. Swimming", Jimmy Thompson of Hamilton, whose life was devoted to the sport. He was the coach of Hamilton's best swimmers. This trophy is presented annually to the most valuable swimmer from the host city who best displays both the CANUSA philosophy and ability in the sport of Swimming.

1966 Pat Thompson, Hamilton	2022 Lucia Grasso, Flint
2018 Aneshka Frickleton, Hamilton	2023 Amy Tian & Leah Ouwehand, Hamilton
2019 Max Haney, Flint	2024 Alex Ostrander, Flint

Bernie Arbour Memorial Trophy

This trophy is awarded annually to the most valuable baseball player from the host city who best displays athletic ability and the CANUSA philosophy. This trophy is presented by the Hamilton Police Amateur Athletic Association, in memory of Bernie Arbour, a long standing CANUSA Baseball Chairman.

1968 Dave Rose, Flint	2022 Alex Miller, Flint
2018 Cameron Bane/Chris Nichols, Hamilton	2023 Aaron Bartolozzi, Hamilton
2019 Malaki Edwards, Flint	2024 Kamdin Lyle, Flint

The Coop/Millsy Award (formerly The Ivan Miller Award)

The Ivan Miller Award is presented annually to the volunteer who best demonstrates dedicated service to CANUSA and who also exemplifies the philosophy and ideals of the CANUSA Games.

1968: Wilf Thomas (Director)	2022: Meaghan Drury (Social Media), Taylor Cooper (Boys Basketball)
2018: Heidi Tonin (Hospitality), Justin Ismael (Hockey)	2023 Carrie Boschman (Soccer)
2019: Alison Drury (Girls Basketball)	2024 Lisa Hodge (Swimming)

Paul J. Rogers Memorial Trophy

This Paul J. Rogers Memorial Trophy is awarded annually in honor of Paul J. Rogers, a member of the Hamilton CANUSA Executive and past President. This trophy is donated by his long-time friends, Jim and Bonnie Pugsley to the Golf competitor from the host city who best exemplifies athletic ability and the philosophy of the CANUSA Games.

1994 Andy Kidd, Hamilton	2022 Cannon Price, Flint
2018 Drew Edgar, Hamilton	2023 Aiden McVey, Hamilton
2019 Rick Robert, Flint	2024 Easton Lapham, Flint

W. Clarence Willson Memorial Trophy

The W. Clarence Willson Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the outstanding competitor in Girls Basketball from the host city, in memory of Clarence Willson, a founder and longstanding member of the Hamilton Executive Committee.

1996 Kathy Cooper, Hamilton

2018 Kyra Johnson, Hamilton

2019 Emma Stemphi, Flint

2022 Savanah Fellembaum, Flint

2023 Emma Schuurman, Hamilton

2024 Zion Joseph, Flint

The Marg Brokenshire Memorial Award

The Marg Brokenshire Award is presented every home year for Hamilton and goes to the person or persons who "goes that extra mile" and shows the true spirit of the CANUSA motto of "Experience the Friendship".

1999 Miziolek Family

2015 Miraldo Family

2016 Marchis Family

2018 Gelder Family, Gonci Family

2021 Not Awarded

2023 Nick DiFlavio

Bill Sturup Memorial Trophies

The Bill Sturup Memorial Trophies are awarded annually to the female and male golfers with the lowest accumulated gross score. The trophies were donated by John Stone, former Hamilton Golf Coordinator, in honor of Bill who was the voice of CANUSA for four decades, as well as past president and long time member of the Hamilton CANUSA Executive.

2007 Sasha & Rachael Wright, Hamilton

2018 Jacob Norton, Hamilton

2019 Jermaine Jones, Flint

2022 Santiago Albiar, Flint

2023 Joey Naccaroto, Hamilton

2024 Santiago Albia, Flint

Jim McGuire/Pete Colley Sr. Memorial Trophy

The Jim McGuire/Pete Colley Sr. Memorial Trophy was presented for the first time in 2012. It will be awarded annually to an athlete from the home team who is the best shooter in the youth Darts competition and who best demonstrates the CANUSA philosophy. The trophy is in memory of Jim McGuire from Flint and Pete Colley Sr. from Hamilton who were longstanding Darts Coordinators and who exemplified the spirit of the CANUSA Games.

2012 Adrel Benrook, Flint

2018 Pete Rheil, Hamilton

2019 Chris Dobek, Flint

2022 Michele Nichols, Flint

2023 Pete Colley Jr, Hamilton

The James H. Bracy Memorial Trophy

This memorial trophy is dedicated to the contributions of James "JB" Bracy who was a devoted Flint CANUSA leader for 55 years. This memorial recognizes a CANUSA Boys' Basketball participant who displays leadership, a positive attitude, sportsmanship and team play. This trophy was presented for the first time at the 2013 games.

2013 Louis Williams, Flint

2018 Kyle Castillo, Hamilton

2019 Sam Dillard, Flint

2022 Jolonn Monge, Flint

2023 2023 Devay Rosen, Hamilton

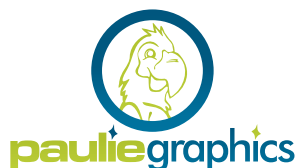
2024 Cjai Poplar, Flint

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No games in 2020 due to COVID. Virtual games in 2021.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS

It takes many volunteers to run the CANUSA organization in Hamilton and Flint. We acknowledge all of the directors, co-ordinators, coaches and other volunteers who dedicate their time. It is thanks to their tireless efforts that CANUSA is one of the longest running international games of its kind and continues to make a difference in a community and for our athletes.

Thank You!

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