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Information Packet

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Introduction

Congratulations to your player for being selected to represent the Atlantic District at the 2022 Quebec International Pee-Wee Tournament! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that your child will remember forever.

This document is intended to offer some general information about the tournament to help you plan for the trip, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have. However, we would like to state up front that the key to a successful Quebec experience is flexibility. Plans are subject to change based on many factors that are outside our control, and it makes things much easier and more fun when everyone is willing to go with the flow.

Registration Fees

Your team registration fee of \$1,495 includes the following:

- Practices
- Player apparel
- Travel bags
- Billet parties
- Souvenirs (team pins, player cards)
- Home & away jerseys and socks
- Team jackets
- Bus transportation for player + 1 adult
- Snow park admission for one player

We will send out the registration link for the Quebec Tournament on or around September 1 and you must register your player by September 15 to accept your spot. You will have the choice to either pay your registration fee in full upon registration, or to make a \$500 deposit upon registration and pay the remaining balance in two installments due November 15 and January 15.

Practice Schedules

Each team will have practices and events scheduled between September and February and we will release the schedule as soon as it is available. In addition, we will hold mini-camps on January 1 and January 17 (MLK Day).

If a player has a conflict between a Quebec practice or event and a regular season team event, they should fulfill their obligation to their regular season team. However, players are expected to attend as many team events as possible, and attendance at the Quebec tournament itself is mandatory.

Travel

BUS The registration fee includes transportation to and from Quebec for one player and one parent/guardian. Extra seats are available for \$200 (round-trip *only*) on a first come, first-served basis. Bus travel is mandatory for all players, and all players must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We are scheduled to leave on Friday, February 11; we will return no earlier than Friday, February 18 and no later than Sunday, February 20. All parents, siblings, etc. will be able to ride the bus while in Quebec since the players will be transported by their billet families while we are there.

Each family is permitted to bring an “official” player travel bag, one player equipment bag, and one additional bag. Players will stow their travel bags in the overhead compartments on the bus. Sticks should be taped together; they will be stored under the bus in the team stick bag.

The bus typically has a DVD player, so we encourage you to bring family-friendly movies that are appropriate for all ages. The bus will have WiFi and outlets for charging your devices.

You should bring food and drinks with you on the bus (no alcoholic beverages are permitted). The bus will stop only one time on the way up for refueling, usually in Plattsburgh, NY. Everyone will need to get off the bus, and while there are some fast food options nearby they can get very crowded. After we cross the border and clear customs we will head straight to the hotel in Quebec City.

When we arrive in Quebec around 6:00 pm, players and parents must remain on the bus while the team leader gets all the room keys from the front desk staff. We will distribute the keys on the bus before you disembark. You need to stop at the front desk before 9:00 pm on the day of arrival to put a credit card on file for incidental charges.

While in Quebec, please be on time for all bus departures; as long as we have all the children we are supposed to have, the bus will leave as scheduled. If you do not plan to take the bus, please let your team leader know so they don't worry about you. All schedule changes will be announced on the bus, so if you are not on the bus you should check in with your team leader or another parent to see if you missed anything.

New Jersey Devils Bus loading will begin at 7:30 am, and the bus will depart at 8:00 am from Codey Arena in West Orange, NJ. Cars may be left in the parking deck at the rink. The ride to Quebec from West Orange is approximately 10 hours long.

Philadelphia Flyers Bus loading will begin at 5:00 am, and the bus will depart from the Ice Line Quad Rinks in West Chester, PA at 5:30 am. Cars may be left on the left side of the building near Rink 4/Bike Line. The bus will make an additional pickup stop at the Flyers Skate Zone in Voorhees, NJ at 6:45 am. Cars may be left on the right side of the building near the back. The ride to Quebec from Voorhees is approximately 11 hours long.

Lehigh Valley Phantoms Bus loading will begin at 5:30 am, and the bus will depart from the Ice Line Quad Rinks in West Chester, PA at 6:00 am. Cars may be left on the left side of the building near Rink 4/Bike Line. The bus will make an additional pickup stop at Codey Arena in West Orange, NJ at 7:30 am. Cars may be left in the parking deck. The ride to Quebec from West Orange is approximately 10 hours long.

CAR Notify your car insurance company prior to departure that you will be travelling out of the country. Please note that the tournament is held during the Quebec Winter Carnival, and there will be a parade in downtown Quebec on Saturday, February 12 starting at 7:00 pm. Anyone planning to arrive in Quebec that day should get there no later than 3:00 pm, or it will be very difficult to get to the hotel. Don't forget to bring plenty of windshield washer fluid that is appropriate for very low temperatures.

AIR People who prefer to arrive by air can fly into Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB), which is a smaller airport with relatively limited service. Another option is to fly into Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport in Montreal (YUL) and drive the three hours from Montreal to Quebec City.

PASSPORTS Please note that signed passports are mandatory for all adults and children travelling to Quebec by bus, car, or air. Passports should have six months' remaining validity, so if your passport expires after August 9, 2021 you should renew it before leaving for Quebec.

Hotel

We will stay at the Delta Quebec Hotel in Quebec City, which is a Marriott property. It is mandatory for all families to stay at this hotel per tournament rules. Hotel costs are **not** included in your registration fee, but we have arranged a group rate and blocked rooms for our families. All reservations must be made through your team leader as part of the group. In order to receive the reduced room rate, we must book the rooms for nine nights from Friday, February 11 through Sunday, February 20 regardless of when we actually leave, and we must pay the room fees in advance. Your team leader may be able to help you to reserve additional rooms with the same or different arrival and departure dates (dependent on availability), but they must be requested no later than October 15. Our contract with the hotel stipulates that room reservations can be cancelled up to 2 weeks prior to arrival.

MARRIOTT POINTS If you wish to use your Marriott points to pay for your room, you are responsible for handling that directly with the hotel and your reservation will be subject to the terms and rules set by Marriott. The Delta Quebec is a Category 8 hotel and the rate for a regular room is 40,000 points per night. Please notify your team leader no later than October 15 if you plan to use points for all or part of your stay.

ROOM RATES While we have not yet finalized the 2022 rates with the hotel, we are including the 2019 standard room pricing for planning purposes.

Room Nights *	Rate per Stay CAD **	Rate per Night CAD **	Approx. Rate per Stay USD***
7	\$1,183	\$169	\$907
8	\$1,336	\$167	\$1,024
9 ****	\$1,485	\$165	\$1,139
10	\$1,630	\$163	\$1,250

* Regular room, double occupancy (no fee for children); \$20 CAD + tax per each additional adult

** Plus tax: 3% Lodging Tax, 5% Federal Goods & Services Tax (GST), and 9.975% Provincial/State Tax (PST) calculated on the selling price not including GST, subject to change without notice

*** Based on current exchange rate of \$1 CAD = \$0.77 USD, subject to change without notice

**** Parents travelling with the team are committed to a 9-night stay

PARKING There is a fee of \$12/day CAD + tax to park in the hotel's indoor parking lot whether or not you use valet service. This is a flat fee that allows you to come and go as needed. If you use the valet, make sure you have some loonies and toonies on hand for tipping.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT Check-in time is 3:00 pm. While every effort is made to accommodate early arrivals, rooms may not be immediately available before that time. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Please ask at the front desk for a late departure time (note that late check-out fees may apply).

Billeting

While in Quebec, the players will not stay at the hotel with their families. Without exception, it is mandatory for all players to billet with a host family that has been selected and screened by the Quebec International Pee-Wee Tournament. These families will treat your child as if they were their own, feeding them, doing their laundry, and transporting them to and from team activities. It is always a dramatic scene when we board the bus to return home, with most billets in tears. We are lucky to have a number of families who billet with us year after year; some of them have been with us so long that their own children are now hosting players! Billeting is a wonderful opportunity for our players to learn about another language and culture while forming long-lasting friendships. Many families stay in touch with their billets and even invite them to their own homes to visit.

We are sensitive to the fact that billeting is difficult for many parents and players, and we know that parents can sometimes feel frustrated that they do not have time to enjoy Quebec alone with their children. However, the expectation is that the billets will be the players' primary caregivers while in Quebec. Players will eat breakfast and dinner with their billet families and will return to the billets' homes at the conclusion of team activities every night, and we will not allow any exceptions for any reason at all. Parents and players must treat the billet families with consideration, courtesy, and respect, and anything less than this will not be tolerated.

In order for things to run smoothly, parents must trust the staff and the process that we have refined over the years. Team leaders are responsible for knowing the whereabouts, schedules, and transportation needs of every player, and parents must allow the staff to fulfill this responsibility without interference. Billet families will notify the team leader and/or billet captain before they leave any team activity with their players.

BILLET ASSIGNMENTS Players will billet in pairs, and they are permitted to select their billet partners. When we get our list of billets around January 1, we will give you the contact information for your family so you can communicate with them prior to your arrival. If your child has any allergies, is on a special diet, requires medication, or has any other needs, please let your billets know in advance so they can plan accordingly. If you would like to send your child to their billet's house with food, you are welcome to do so.

FIRST NIGHT On the night we arrive in Quebec, we will all meet with the billet families in the 1st floor ballroom at 7:00 pm (cash bar). Players should bring their belongings to this meeting because they will go home with the billet families directly from the party. Please be sure your child eats dinner before leaving with their billet family. Depending on our arrival time you may feel a little rushed, but please be flexible. These families have been waiting for months for your child to arrive and they will be excited to show them their homes!

TIME WITH BILLETS In addition to the meet-and-greet on the night of arrival, you will have other opportunities to interact with your billets. Each team will have a billet party during the week, and there may be an additional group dinner planned. In addition, most billets join the team at the Valcartier Snow Park. Families often take their billet families out for dinner during the tournament, or

the billets may invite the families to their homes. This is a great chance to get to know them better; we just ask that you take the team's agenda into consideration when planning these get-togethers.

GIFTS It is customary for families to give their billets a thank-you gift for hosting their players, and billeting pairs are encouraged to chip in together to purchase something special. The gift can be as big or small as you would like. Billet families love getting team apparel that they can wear to the tournament, or you can bring something that represents your home area or a gift for their children. Some families prefer to wait until they arrive in Quebec and purchase a gift certificate to a local restaurant for the billets to use later.

PLAYER TRANSPORTATION Most billets take time off from work during the tournament, but some billets are unable to do so. In those cases, they may ask another billet family to take their players or they may drop them off at the Videotron Centre where they will be picked up by the team leader and brought back to the hotel. Players who come back to the hotel in the morning will return to their billets upon the conclusion of team activities for the day.

CASH We recommend that you give your player about \$20 CAD to start with. Please do not send your child to the billet's home with a lot of cash; rather, you should replenish their cash supply daily as needed.

CLOTHING It is best for you to send all of your child's belongings with them to the billet's home the first night to avoid confusion or forgotten items. The billets will do laundry for your child as needed. While parents must bring their child's equipment back to the hotel each day, you should send your child to the billet's home with their stick, gloves, helmet, and skates in case they want to play pond hockey. You may want to bring an old pair of skates for pond hockey so your player's game skates are not damaged.

ELECTRONICS Your child is permitted to bring their cell phone to the billet's home provided they use it responsibly. However, we ask that players not bring any video games, headphones, etc. to the billet's house. The players are there to interact with their host families and learn about Quebec culture, which obviously cannot happen when they are wearing their AirPods and checking Snapchat.

Activities

TOURNAMENT GAMES We will notify you of the day and time of our first game and the options for our second game as soon as we receive that information. The Quebec tournament has a two-game guarantee; after the first game teams go into the winners' bracket or the losers' bracket, and from then every game is an elimination game.

The first game will be played at the Centre Videotron, home of the Quebec Ramparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. All winner's bracket games are played at the Videotron; loser's bracket games are played at the Pavillion de la Jeunesse (near the Videotron) until the finals.

Admission to the tournament is \$8/day CAD for adults and \$2/day CAD for children under 14. Alternatively, you can purchase a tournament pass for \$60 CAD.

EXHIBITION GAMES We will schedule a number of exhibition games, and the team will play almost every day while we are in Quebec. We try to create a diverse exhibition schedule and play teams from around the world at a number of different rinks.

VALCARTIER SNOW PARK Once we receive our game schedule we will add the snow park to our agenda. This is always a favorite activity, and a chance for players and families to bond and meet other teams. Snow park tickets cost about \$25 CAD, and all family members and billets are invited to participate. Tickets will be purchased upon arrival, and if you prefer not to engage in snow play there are restaurants, a bar, and shops to keep you busy.

Participants will want to wear long underwear, snow pants, snow boots, gloves, jackets, hats, and a scarf and/or ski mask. You may want to bring an extra hat and pair of gloves as well.

Player Dress Code

- Players may wear whatever they want on the bus to and from Quebec.
- Players should wear their team jackets and hats to all team events.
- Players must wear khaki pants, team shirt, and boots or shoes (no sneakers) to all tournament games. They should bring sneakers and off-ice warmup clothing with them.
- During games, players will wear their Quebec team jerseys and matching socks. We do not expect anyone to go out and purchase any new equipment, but given a choice we prefer for players to wear a black helmet and black pants or a black shell.
- Players are expected to carry their equipment in the team equipment bags provided to them.
- Players should use their team travel bag to carry their belongings to Quebec and to their billet families' homes.

Before We Leave

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS If anyone travelling on the bus is not a US citizen, please notify your team leader well in advance. If you are unable to accompany your child on the bus, you must provide notarized letters of responsibility to your team leader. Please note that a child travelling without one or both parents/guardians must have a notarized letter from the absent parent(s) giving permission to take the child out of the country. Sample letters are included at the end of this packet.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE You will not need any CAD before arriving at the hotel, so you should plan to get your cash from an ATM upon arrival in order to receive the best exchange rate. Notify your bank that you will be using your credit card(s) in Canada, and check to see if there will be a fee assessed for any credit card purchases made. The bus will stop at the Duty-Free shop on the way home so you will be able to change your leftover CAD back into USD.

COMMUNICATION In order to avoid high international charges, contact your wireless provider prior to our departure to adjust your plan for all family members who are travelling with the team. Team leaders will communicate with team members using WhatsApp, so be sure to download the app prior to departure.

INSURANCE Check with your insurance carrier to see if you have coverage abroad. If not, you may want to consider purchasing international travel medical insurance.

Places of Interest

Delta Quebec Hotel - 690 Boulevard René-Lévesque E, Québec, QC

Centre Videotron & Pavillion de la Jeunesse - 250 Wilfrid-Hamel Blvd, Quebec, QC

Valcartier Snow Park - 1860 Boulevard Valcartier, Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier, QC

RESTAURANTS Many good restaurants are within walking distance or a short cab ride of the hotel. We recommend that you make advance reservations for dinner on Saturday, since the city will be full of hungry parade-goers that night. A few of our favorites include:

- Restaurant Parmesan – Traditional Italian food, lots of memorabilia, live entertainment. +1 418-692-0341
- La Vielle Maison du Spaghetti – Pizza, pasta, and other Italian favorites. +1 418-529-6697
- Cochon Dingue (two locations) – Bistro-style restaurant, French Canadian menu. +1 418-6922013
- Restaurant Le Grand Café – Diverse menu including fondue, modern décor, best for an adult only evening. +1 418-529-6237

SIGHTSEEING We will arrive in Quebec in time to experience the last few days of Carnaval, Quebec City's winter celebration. The highlight of the festival is Saturday's Night Parade, which will travel down the Grande Allee starting at 7:00 pm. During the day, you can visit the fairgrounds on the Plaines d'Abraham or tour Bonhomme's Ice Palace. Other points of interest include:

- Old Quebec – Take the funicular from the Haute-Ville to the Basse-Ville
- Le Chateau Frontenac
- Hotel de Glace
- Musee National des Beaux-Arts
- Place Royale
- La Citadelle de Quebec & the Fortifications of Quebec
- Musee de la Civilisation
- Hotel du Parlement & Parlement Hill

Packing checklist

PLAYERS

Equipment and sticks	Snow boots
Home & away jerseys and socks	Extra hat
Khaki pants	Warm layers (sweatshirts and/or sweaters)
Boots and/or shoes	Old skates for pond hockey
Team apparel (jacket, hat, shirt)	Casual clothing
Off-ice warmup clothing	Dinner/evening outfit
Sneakers	Toiletries & Medications
Long underwear	Charger
2 pairs of gloves	Homework
Ski mask and/or scarf	
Ski pants	

PARENTS

Long underwear	Long underwear
2 pairs of gloves	Everyday/casual clothing
Ski mask and/or scarf	Dinner/evening outfit
Ski pants	Toiletries & Medications
Snow boots	Charger
Extra hat	Vaporizer (optional)
Warm layers (sweatshirts and/or sweaters)	

Please Note:

- Uggs are not good footwear for the slushy and slippery sidewalks of Quebec.
- Remember that you will be bundled up most of the time, so no one will know if you've worn the same outfit more than once.
- You will be constantly moving between the freezing, wet outdoors and the hot, dry indoors so make sure you layer!
- Consider bringing a vaporizer if you can fit it in your luggage or send it with someone else, because the hotel has just a few available and the air is very dry.



Assignment of Responsibility Form

We, _____ (print P/G 1 name) and _____ (print P/G 2 name), parent(s) of _____ (print player name) will not attend all or part of the Quebec International PeeWee Tournament in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada from Friday, February 11 - Sunday, February 20, 2022. We hereby authorize _____ (print name of responsible adult) to accompany the above-named minor and act on our behalf in the event of an emergency.

Please print clearly

Player Full Name:			
Player Passport Number:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Signature:			Date:
Address 1:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 2 Signature:			Date:
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	
Responsible Adult Full Name:			
Responsible Adult Passport Number:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	

State of _____
 County of _____

On _____ (date), before me, _____ (notary), personally appeared _____ and _____ (signers) and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the within document and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity(ies).

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

My commission expires:



Acknowledgement of Responsibility Form

_____ (print P/G 1 name) and _____ (print P/G 2 name), parent(s) of _____ (print player name) will not attend all or part of the Quebec International PeeWee Tournament in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada from Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 20, 2022. I, _____ (print name of responsible adult), hereby accept responsibility for the above-named minor and will act on their parent(s) or guardian(s) behalf in the event of an emergency.

Please print clearly

Player Full Name:			
Player Passport Number:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name:			
Address 1:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	
Responsible Adult Full Name:			
Responsible Adult Signature:			Date:
Responsible Adult Passport Number:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	

State of _____
 County of _____

On _____ (date), before me, _____ (notary), personally appeared _____ (signer) and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the within document and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity(ies).

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

My commission expires:



Consent for Travel with a Minor Child Form

I, _____ (print P/G 1 name), am the lawful custodial or non-custodial parent or guardian of _____ (print player name). _____ (print P/G 2 name) has my consent to travel with the above-named minor to the Quebec International PeeWee Tournament in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada from Friday, February 9 – Sunday, February 20, 2022.

Please print clearly

Player Full Name:			
Player Passport Number:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Signature:			Date:
Address 1:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:	Phone 2:		
Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 2 Passport Number:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:	Phone 2:		

State of _____
 County of _____

On _____ (date), before me, _____ (notary), personally appeared _____ and _____ (signers) and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the within document and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity(ies).

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

My commission expires:



School Letter

November 1, 2021

Dear _____:

_____, a student-athlete who attends your school, is one of just 18 players selected to represent the Atlantic District of USA Hockey at the 62nd Quebec International Pee-Wee Tournament in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada from Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 20, 2022 as a member of the New Jersey Devils/Philadelphia Flyers/Lehigh Valley Phantoms team. This tournament is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for talented hockey players and many current National Hockey League players have fond memories of their participation in this event.

Each year, approximately 100 teams from around the world come together to participate in what some refer to as the "Little League World Series of Hockey." In addition to playing tournament games at the Videotron Centre, the 18,259-seat home of the Quebec Remparts, players will participate in exhibition games at various rinks around Quebec City.

While Quebec is officially bi-lingual, French is the primary spoken and written language in the area. Quebec has a rich history, and players will have the opportunity to visit sites such as the Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Chateau Frontenac, site of the First Quebec Conference in 1943 where Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill met to plan the allied invasion of occupied Europe. The tournament is held during Carnaval, the city's winter celebration of the region's art and recreation. In addition, the players all stay with local host families, where they are immersed in the French-Canadian language and culture.

We understand the importance of school, and players are expected to make arrangements with their teachers prior to the team's departure for Quebec so they do not fall too far behind. Our team agenda includes time for the players to complete their schoolwork.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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