

# **ALBERTA SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL**

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**To: Junior High, JV, Club, Community and Senior High Girls' Basketball Coaches**

**Re: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Shooting Stars Showcase March 27-28, 2020**

Coaches, I would like to ask your help in identifying female players to participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> annual SHOOTING STARS SHOWCASE, March 27-28, 2020. We have almost 200 athletes participate each year. This is an event unique to girls basketball and is the biggest high school all - star game in Canada. Most top players in Alberta have participated in our SHOWCASE, over the years.

There are two types of games. There will be five Prospects games, which feature grades 8-11; we are adding a Futures Game for Grades 5-7. The second are the Senior All- Star Games. These games will have the top grade 12 players, in the province, competing against each other. All games will be played at the SAIT Campus Center.

**There will also be a 3 on 3 Championship on Saturday for all players. It is a great opportunity for the girls to play with and against some of the most talented players in the province.**

We are looking for help in identifying the top Prospects and Senior All- Stars. If you have a player that you think we should consider please e-mail me the players name, grade, school name and level the school plays at (e.g. 3A). If you know of other players in your area that should be recognized, please provide me with their information. We count very heavily on the input from junior high, high school and club coaches. We always have a number of college and university coaches in attendance so this is a great opportunity to be scouted. This year, as in the past three years, the senior all-star teams will be coached by college or university coaches and players. All of the Alberta university coaches have coached a team in the game the last few years.

**The information packages for the Prospects and Seniors are on our web-site. The Prospects is an open invitation, but we are looking for players that have the ability and aspiration to play post-secondary basketball. Prospects may register on our website for the event. The Senior Showcase, for grade 12's is an invite only event. Please let me know if you have a player that should be invited and I can send you/ them the link to the registration site. All information for the Seniors is on our website, with the exception of the registration link.**

As part of the all- star weekend we have an awards banquet at the Calgary Plaza Hotel on Friday, March 27. All players will receive an award and be honored at this event. As well, we give out major awards and bursaries to the top players in the province. If you would like to nominate someone for a major award please e-mail me information about the player. A player must be participating in the event to be eligible to receive a major award.

**We are actively seeking individuals/ organizations to help sponsor Senior athletes. We expect that there will be rebates given to senior participants. If you would like a sponsorship package please let me know. The Senior Showcase is an invitation only event, but we rely on coaches recommendations as we cannot see everyone play.**

We do everything possible to make this a first-class event. We do not have a major sponsor so it is necessary to charge the players a fee to participate in the event. We hope that your school or a local business will help sponsor the player's fee. It costs over \$15,000 just to stage the awards banquet, including the bursaries for major awards.

It would be appreciated if you could send me your name, school and email address so I can send information, in the future, by e mail, if I do not have it already. Thanks for your anticipated help. Please contact me if you have any questions. Please check our web-site for complete information and registration procedures.

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