

# **ALBERTA SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL**

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**To: Jr. High, JV, High School, Club, Community and Provincial Team Coaches**

**Re: 30<sup>th</sup> Shooting Stars Showcase March 24-25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Coaches, I would like to ask your help in identifying female players to participate in the 30<sup>th</sup> SHOOTING STARS SHOWCASE, March 24-25, 2023. We have had as many as 200 athletes participate in this event most years. This event is 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 four Prospects games, which feature grades 8-11's. 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 Rundle College. SAIT is not available this year due to major renovations.

**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 5 of the Alberta universities have had their head coach coaching a team in the past.

**The information packages for the Prospects and Seniors are on our web-site. The Prospects and Seniors events are open invitations, but we are looking for players that have the ability and aspiration to play post-secondary basketball. Please let me know if you have a player that would like a personal invitation and I can send you/ them an official invitation, information flyer and itinerary. As well, they can go directly to the website and register. Any questions let me know.**

As part of the all- star weekend we have an Awards Gala on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. All participants will receive an award and be introduced at this event. As well, we give out major awards 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. 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 \$5,000 just to stage the Awards Gala, including the major awards.

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