Week 1 Teams Have Great Showing

With the first week of competition completed there are a couple of things that members of Team PEI, who competed during the first week, are leaving with. The first is an understanding that there are many very, very good athletes competing here at the Canada Games and secondly, that on any given day we can go up against these great athletes and do extremely well. During the first week of competition you could see some eyebrows raised when people saw how some of the athletes from PEI did in their competitions. We may not have won every match but we certainly forced the other teams to put their best effort forth to get the victory.

As participants of the 2nd week of competition you must believe in your abilities, have confidence in yourself, and if you work your hardest there is no reason why you can’t win your event.

Trading Pins

As you will soon find out, the pin trading business at the Canada Games is very popular. Not only does it provide an interesting way to meet people from the other Provinces and Territories but it also provides some great souvenirs from the Games when the week is finished.

Team PEI pins been very hot at this year’s Canada Games. Many people are on the search for PEI pins so be prepared to trade them carefully. This year’s version of the Team PEI pin is a three piece puzzle pin that incorporates each of the three counties – Prince, Queen’s and King’s. All three pieces are able to stand alone as they indicate that it is from PEI and that they are for the 2003 Games but the real value is to get a set of the three so when they are lined up they have the silhouette of our Province. Furthermore, each of the three pins in the puzzle are plated with either Gold, Silver, or Bronze to represent what we are all here competing for. A picture of the Team PEI pin is seen below.

Each representative from Team PEI will also receive a Team Atlantic puzzle pin as well. This pin will include the faceplate and four round Team PEI pieces. Your goal for the week is to try and trade three of the pieces with other athletes from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador. If you are successful in this endeavor you will have one of the logo’s from all four Atlantic Provinces.
Clothing

As you have probably seen as you walked on the bus, there will be 110 other people who have the exact same clothes as you do. It is important to mark your clothing in some way to ensure that you are able to identify which items belong to you. Also, clothing trading is a reality at the games and please be reminded that you must wear your Team PEI clothing at the closing ceremonies and therefore you cannot trade your clothing until after the closing. The best policy is to cut your trading deals through the week and then make the exchange after the closing.

For the closing ceremony, all representatives for Team PEI must wear your inside fleece from your jacket, the long sleeve green shirt, black Team PEI pants, and your Team PEI toques.

Accreditation/Keys

Once you arrive at the athlete’s village in Dalhousie, someone from PEI’s mission staff will board your bus and provide you with your accreditation pass and keys to your room. The accreditation badge is your ticket to everything during the week. This is what allows you access to the village itself, access to the cafeteria, access to the buses, and access to any of the venues to compete or spectate. Make sure that you wear your accreditation at all times.

Each person in your room will receive a key to that room. It is important that you get in the habit of locking the door whenever you leave the room as there will be a lot of people living in the village. There will be a fee of $25 for anyone who loses their key so please take as much care as possible to not lose your key.

Representing PEI

As a member of Team PEI you are an ambassador for your sport, your team, and your province and your actions should reflect this. Each team has the right to implement their own rules, however these rules cannot supercede the host society’s rules.

Curfew is a very important aspect of the games to ensure that all members from all the Provinces have a very positive experience at the games. Remember that there are over 1600 people in the athlete’s village all competing at different times and operating on different schedules. Just because you may not compete early the next day doesn’t mean the people sleeping in the room next to you don’t as well.

Curfew is set at 11:30 pm. This means that anyone staying at the village must be in the athlete’s village by that time. Quiet time is at midnight and therefore there shouldn’t be any noise coming from rooms. Please respect your teammates and fellow athletes by abiding by these curfews.

If a team’s competition schedule keeps them out past the curfew, the team will be admitted into the village as one unit. Again, please remember that there may be many people asleep at this time and you should proceed to your rooms quickly and quietly.

Newsletter – Media

As mentioned earlier, there will be a newsletter published each day and placed in the team’s mailbox the next morning. It is the responsibility of each team to have one of their team officials visit the mission center daily to pick up the newsletter and any other information that may be there for the team. Items such as email sent to the Team PEI email will also be printed and placed in that mailbox.

We are very fortunate to have Mike Gauthier from the Guardian with us at the games. Mike does a great job covering all sports and ensuring that the stories make their way back home. If there is a neat story your team would like to share please let the mission staff know. We like to try and personalize the newsletter with these stories and we will also keep Mike informed so that he can share those stories with the fans back on PEI.

Coach – Manager Meeting

Coaches and manager meeting will be held at the mission office at 9:00 am.