



Registration is Now open for Steel City Sports Winter Programming

On the hardwood, the Steel City Slam Basketball program continues to grow in terms of teams, cohorts, and coaches. The 'Slam Fam' has offered basketball to boys and girls in grades 4-12 from September to December and looks forward to continuing to offer programming in January.

Our program is looking to return to the hardwood on **Monday January 18th 2020**, as we have anticipated a 'shutdown/quarantine' for the first 2 weeks of January. Our first priority is providing a safe environment for our participants. "We have had many conversations with Algoma Public health, and we are also fortunate to have many coaches who are well versed in APH recommendations because of their own working environment" says Jim Shook, one of the directors of the Steel City Sports program.

Winter programming will also see the return of our 'jr. NBA', a Canada Basketball and NBA certified program to introduce children in grades SK, 1, 2 and grade 3 the opportunity to learn and be active through the sport of basketball. "Our Slam program has offered jr. NBA for the past 5 years, and have even brought the Larry O'Brien trophy (NBA Championship trophy) to Sault Ste. Marie in year one of the program. It's a great introductory program for kids to be active, and learn about the game of basketball in small area games and individual skill development. The NBA has developed very intentional curriculum for this age group with the focus of developing a liking for the game" says Giovanatti.

In addition to this, the cohort development academies will continue from January until the end of March and then again from early April until June. "We wouldn't be where we are in terms of offering programming if it wasn't for the tremendous group of coaches, trainers and mentors we have in our program" says Giovanatti. Those individuals include: Joey Turco, Jamie MacDonald, Danny MacDonald, Robin Shamas, Hue Higham, Aaron Richards, Adrian Adams, Adrian Colak, Aidan Chard, John Duke, Greg MacLachlan, Dustin Jones, Kyle Dugas, Noah Creedon, Ronnie Williams, Mike McDonald, Noah Welhman as well as some of our senior Slam boys who contribute to helping our next 'up and comers'. "Max Fasulo has been a tremendous role model for our young Slam players. Max has volunteered countless hours to our U-13 boys cohort. We are fortunate to have character kids like Max in our program. As you can see, our programming has only grown because of the great people that we have attracted to the program." The athlete-centred approach combined with intentional collaboration creates a learning and training environment like no other.

We look forward to offering the following development academies beginning in January:

U-11 Slam Academy: Boys and girls born in: 2010, 2011 and 2012 (Grades 3,4 and 5)

U-13 Boys Slam Academy: Boys born in: 2009 and 2008 (Grades 6 and 7)

U-13 Girls Slam Academy: Girls born in: 2009 and 2008 (Grades 6 and 7)

U-14 Boys Slam Academy: Boys born in: 2007 (Grade 8)

U-14 Girls Slam Academy: (Girls born in: 2007 and 2008 (Grade 7 and grade 8)

U-15 Boys Slam Academy: Boys born in: 2006 (Grade 9)



U-16 Boys Slam Academy: Boys born in: 2005 (Grade 10)

U-16 Girls Slam Academy: Girls born in 2005 or 2006 (Grade 9 and 10)

U-19 Boys Slam Academy: Boys born in 2004, 2003, or 2002 (Grade 11, 12 and 12+)

U-19 Girls Slam Academy: Girls born in 2004, 2003, or 2002 (Grade 11, 12 and 12+)

Jr. NBA: open to boys and girls in SK, Grade 1, 2 and grade 3

In addition, we also provide individual and small group training. We specialize in: skill development, athlete development, functional movements, and also improving strength, speed and explosiveness, related to the sport of basketball.

TO REGISTER: Go to: www.steelcityslam.ca/shop to sign up and make payment. Payment can also be made by e-transferring: saultsteelcityslam@gmail.com (password: basketball)

For more information about the Steel City Sports programming, or if you are interested in putting your child in the program or coaching or mentoring, please e-mail: saultsteelcitysports@gmail.com or check out our websites:

Steel City Sports: www.steelcitysports.ca

Steel City Slam Basketball: www.steelcityslam.ca (to register for our January programming in basketball)

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