



# Special Olympics CONFERENCING: BASKETBALL 2023



Conferences are aligned to provide **balanced competition**.

Conference distribution considers **participation** numbers and **geography**.

**BASKETBALL** offers six conferences across the province allowing for balanced competition for athletes of all abilities.

#### Five:

- Barrie
- Collingwood
- North Bay
- Orillia
- Owen Sound
- South Saugeen
- South Simcoe
- Sudbury
- Thornbury
- Timmins
- Thunder Bay

#### Storm:

- Arnprior
- Pembroke
- Perth
- Ottawa
- Renfrew
- Brockville

#### Express:

- Cambridge
- Guelph
- Kitchener
- London
- LWSO
- Milton
- Sarnia
- St. Thomas
- Tillsonburg

#### Riptide:

- Etobicoke
- Brampton
- Toronto
- Mississauga
- Aurora
- Newmarket
- York South
- Vaughan

#### Stu Thomas:

- Welland
- Burlington
- West Niagara
- Hamilton
- Oakville
- St Catharines
- Halton Hills

#### Lightning:

- Durham
- Kingston
- Belleville
- L&A
- Peterborough

### DO ATHLETES HAVE TO COMPETE IN THE CONFERENCE COMPETITION?

In the qualifying year for spring sports, athletes must compete in the Provincial Qualifier for the conference their community has been assigned to.



### OUR TEAM CANNOT COMPETE WITH OTHERS IN THE CONFERENCE...

Teams may be assigned alternate conferences depending on their ability and the level of competition in their own conference.



### ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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An evenly-matched competition makes athletes and teams try harder—and push farther.

It's about athletes rising to a challenge—and giving it their all!

**All they need to do ... is THEIR very best.**