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2007-2008 WASHINGTON TIMES ONE-ON-ONE SHOOTOUT, SKILLS CHALLENGE, AND HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY CHALLENGE PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

The 2007-2008 Washington Times One-on-One Shootout and Skills Challenge preliminary competition will be hosted by the Washington Capitals on **Saturday, October 13, 2007, at the Kettler Capitals Iceplex**, Ballston Commons Mall, Arlington, VA. Preliminary competition is open to all area USA Hockey registered youth teams, and all area boys and girls high school teams, with each team allowed to enter as many pairings as they can suit up from their roster. Times for each age group are noted on the table below. Finalists advance to a Championship match between periods of a Capitals game, as noted below. Champions will be presented with awards in a ceremony at the Tuesday, April 1, 2008 Capitals home game.

MITE – PEEWEE FORMAT: One-on-one shootout. Mite and Squirt includes “A” and “B” levels (based upon registered team level), with a championship for each level. Players representing House teams compete in the “B” level. There is one level of competition at the Peewee level..

“Teams” are comprised of one goalie and one shooter from the team’s roster. Multiple entrants are allowed. Players wear their game uniforms and full equipment for all competitions. The same goalie and shooter will represent at each round of competition. If a player is unavailable for a championship match, that player may be replaced by another rostered player from the same team.

The competition is conducted in accordance with USA Hockey rules and procedures for penalty shots. Shooters alternate, taking a total of three shots each. The team scoring the most goals wins the match and advances to the next round. For preliminaries, if the score is tied after three shots, each shooter will get one additional shot until the winner has been decided. Preliminary competition through the semi-final round will be double-elimination. Championship matches will be single elimination.

BANTAM – HIGH SCHOOL FORMAT: A skills competition format is used for the Bantam through High School boys and girls levels, using the skating skills format introduced in 2007. **Two shooters/Skaters and a goalie are required for each entered team.** Each rostered team is allowed as many skills challenge “teams” as they can suit from their roster.

Players wear their game uniforms and full equipment for all shootout competitions. The “team” remains intact for each level of competition. If a player is unavailable for a specific semi-final or championship match, that player may be replaced by another rostered player on the same team.

The competition includes a head-to-head puck-handling relay race, where both skaters on each team skate one half-circle of the ice, navigating some cones. For preliminaries, the puck-handling drill relay is **timed**, with the posted time being used to determine point advantage going into the shootout portion. *Ice time permitting, the skating drill will be timed twice at preliminaries, with the average time being used for point determination*). Skating drill is followed by each shooter taking two penalty shots against the opposing team goalie. For preliminaries, if the score is tied after all shooters have taken their shot, each team will alternate additional shots until the winner has been decided. The competition is conducted in accordance with USA Hockey rules and procedures for penalty shots. Preliminary competition through the semi-final round will be double-elimination. Championship matches will be single elimination.

Teams not present at the preliminary competition forfeit the opportunity to participate in this year's competition.

If you have questions, please contact Tom Knoerzer at (703) 728-8665, TomKnoerzer@aol.com

LEAGUE REPS--

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO COACHES OF YOUR ROSTERED TEAMS, AND PLAYERS.
THANKS—**REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE DOOR THE DAY OF THE COMPETION.****The Washington Times****2007-2008 Washington Times One-on-One Shootout & Skills
Challenge Prelims, hosted by the Washington Capitals
Saturday, October 13, 2007 – Kettler Capitals Iceplex****The Washington Times******* Schedule subject to change depending on NHL team's "morning skate." *****

Division(s)	Register at Kettler Capitals Iceplex <u>no later than*</u> :	On Ice Time**	Off Ice Time**
Mite – All divisions	8:00 a.m. (registration begins 7:40)	8:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
Squirt – All divisions	8:45 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
# Break – Caps Practice skate # (open for viewing)	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.		
Peewee	11:15 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Bantam	12:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Midget	12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
High School – Girls High School -- Boys Div I, II, JV	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

* Players dress at registration closing time with 30 minutes allotted to dress

** Time is approximate

Championship Matches:

Day	Date	Meeting Time	Game Time	Division	Caps Opponent
MON	11/19/2007	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Mite A	Florida
WED	11/28/2007	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Bantam	Florida
MON	12/10/2007	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Squirt A	New Jersey
THU	12/20/2007	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Midget	Montreal
TUE	01/15/2008	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Peewee	Ottawa
THU	01/31/2008	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	High School Boys	Montreal
WED	02/20/2008	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Squirt B	New York Islanders
TUE	02/26/2008	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Special Hockey	Minnesota
MON	03/03/2008	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	High School Girls	Boston
WED	03/12/2008	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Mite B	Calgary
TUE	04/01/2008	6:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	All Champions	Carolina

For all finals, participants should meet at the Press Entrance to the Verizon Center, 6th and G Streets at the time listed under "meeting time." Shootouts are normally scheduled to occur during the first intermission.

Prelim details are on reverse side of this document. For schedule questions or issues, contact Tom Knoerzer (TomKnoerzer@aol.com), or 703-728-8665.