



Bridging the Gap through School Sport

Program extended for another year 2011 - 12

What is the “Bridging the Gap’ Program?

- A way for secondary schools and elementary schools to work together to provide a new sport for the elementary schools, as well as a teaching opportunity for senior secondary leadership students.
- A source of new equipment and resources for both the elementary and secondary schools.
- An opportunity to take advantage of funding provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Canada to furnish the equipment and resources for new school programs.

Applications

- Schools that participated previously in this program must re-apply for 2011-12.
- Until the end of June, applications will be accepted from secondary schools new to the Bridging program, or from secondary schools working with a different elementary school.
- After this time, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't delay, apply now!

What is the Responsibility of the Schools?

- Secondary schools may opt to work with **one or more feeder schools**, and may select **one or more of the three sports offered**.
- The secondary and elementary staff must work closely together to set up and coordinate the program.
- Must ensure at least 50 Grade 7-8 students participate, or 80 per cent of the Grade 7-8 population for schools with 75 or less Grade 7-8 students.
- Staff coordinators and student leaders are required to submit a report form on the program when it is completed.

What Activities May be Offered?

Three sport programs are available for presentation to the elementary students:
ultimate frisbee, flag football, and flag rugby.

The Process

- 1** The secondary school students presenting the course and the staff coordinator communicate with their feeder school(s) to determine if they can introduce the *Bridging the Gap* program to the elementary students, and what sport they wish to present.
- 2** Secondary school applies to OFSAA to participate in the *Bridging the Gap* program for 2011-12.
- 3** Once accepted, schools receive:
 - a teaching kit for their selected sport (equipment and instructional resources)
 - program presentation guidelines for student-leaders
 - availability of sport clinicians from the provincial sport organizations for consultation
- 4** Student-leaders present sport to elementary students in local feeder school.
- 5** Student-leaders and staff coordinators submit final report to OFSAA.

Benefits to All

- Opportunity for students in the leadership course to complete a practical component for their course
- Excellent bridging program between secondary and elementary schools
- Exposure of elementary students to a new sport, as well as students from the high school
- Provision of equipment and resources for use in programs in future years
- Motivational tool to encourage students moving on to high school to participate in the sport programs offered there

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- Registration Form -

Note: This is a one-year commitment for your secondary school.

Programs must be completed by April 30, 2012

School Information PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Secondary School: _____

Teacher Contact: _____

Email: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: **On** Postal Code: _____

School phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Elementary School: _____

Elementary School Address: _____

Elementary Teacher Contact: _____

Email: _____

School Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Participant Information

A MINIMUM OF 50 Grade 7-8 STUDENTS OR 80% of the Grade 7-8 student population if there are 75 Grade 7-8 students or less, MUST TAKE PART in the Bridging the Gap program

Estimated number of elementary students participating in program: Grade 7 _____ Grade 8 _____

Total Grade 7-8 student population: _____ Number of secondary school students conducting program: _____

Leadership program of secondary students: _____

Program Information

Please check the program your students wish to present:

a) Ultimate Frisbee _____ b) Flag Football _____ c) Flag Rugby _____

Secondary Principal (PRINT) _____ Signature _____

Elementary Principal (PRINT) _____ Signature _____

FAX REGISTRATION FORM TO OFSAA (416) 426-7317