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SOEC Complex to Host 2012 BC High School Wrestling Provincial Championships

Penticton, BC: The 2012 BC Wrestling Provincial Committee, along with the Penticton Wrestling Club and Penticton Secondary School, are pleased to announce the BC High School Wrestling Provincial Championships February 24-25 at the South Okanagan Events Centre.

"Hosting the Provincial Championships is a significant undertaking for a small club like ours," stated Tony Ramsay, Tournament Chair. "This is the first time that the event will be hosted in Penticton and the planning committee is thrilled that we will be able to showcase the SOEC to the Province and wrestling community."

The BC High School Provincial Wrestling Championships will be a competition of freestyle wrestling with male and female divisions competing in a double elimination tournament. With over 500 athletes from grades 9 – 12, this event is expected to bring over a thousand visitors to the community along with their friends and families. The Championships will also be an excellent chance for spectators to see future possible Olympians who will be representing Canada at the 2016 Olympic Games.

"This is a very big win for the City of Penticton's restaurants, retail and hotels," says Gordon Ferguson, General Manager of the Penticton Ramada. "This is exactly the direction the City needs to focus on - attracting sporting events in the off-season. We owe a lot to the local wrestling club for stepping up to bring this event to the City".

The wrestlers will be arriving February 23rd to register and weigh in at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. The competition begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday at the SOEC with Finals commencing at 2:00pm on Saturday. Tickets for Friday and Saturday's competition will be available for \$10.00. This weekend pass covers all the action of Friday and Saturday, including the Finals at 2:00PM. Tickets are on sale now at the SOEC Box Office ONLY.

The committee volunteers and sponsors have been working very hard to generate support for this event. The committee wishes to recognize the following significant sponsors who have helped to this point: Penticton Secondary School, School District 67, Penticton Lakeside Resort, Days Inn, Ramada Penticton, The Sandman, The Best Western, 100.7 Giant FM, Penticton Western News, Dollamur Wrestling Mats, Skyline Athletics, Berry & Smith Trucking, and Save On Foods.

For additional sponsorship opportunities or for volunteers who wish to get involved, please contact: Tournament Chair Tony Ramsay 250-809-6671.

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