

Hosting a Sporting Event or Tournament in Support of Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis



The Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis organization has been serving women and children of the community to keep them free of domestic abuse and sexual violence for nearly forty years. At WIC, services and programs are offered equitably and at no cost for women and children in need of safety and support. The programs offered to women and their children are to provide them with options for healthy, safe and independent living regardless of race, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and/or ability. These services provide women with safe housing, legal assistance, immediate advice via 24 hour crisis line, counselling, outreach to rural areas and many other invaluable services which help women and children in the community thrive. WIC offers extensive resources to those who utilize our services to educate and empower them, and to assist their navigation through the social world.

Why Host a Sports Tournament?

Sports tournaments are a fun way to attract new players and supporters to your club and get the community involved to raise money for a great cause. The purpose of third party fundraising events such as a sports tournament is to create revenue to be donated to WIC to make an impactful difference in the lives of local women and children.

Some Considerations for Tournaments

- Decide which type of sport your tournament will be
 - Examples: soccer, baseball, golf, basketball, tennis, hockey, football
- Decide on what format you will use
 - Shortened and or reduced versions of the main game are usual
 - For example: 5 a side soccer, 10 minute halves
 - Keep the structure simple and easy to understand to ensure maximum fun
 - Avoid any format that that involved early knockouts for teams
 - Mini leagues with playoffs at the end work best

Volunteers

Volunteers will be needed for a number of things when hosting a sports tournament both in the leading up to the event and on the actual day.

Leading up to the event:

- Create a planning committee of 4-6 people and get as many volunteers as necessary for the size of the tournament
- Split volunteer shifts into morning and afternoon

Responsibilities on the day of the event include:

- Team registration
- Refereeing or officiating (if applicable depending on which sport you decide on)
- Recording results and calculating which teams qualify for the finals
- Running refreshment stands
- Cleanup after the event

How to Raise Funds

- Have a registration fee, either per team or per individual or have teams raise money in order to participate (set a minimum fundraising requirement)
- Sell refreshments at the event

If hosting a sports tournament in support of Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis interests you, please fill out our '**Third Party Fundraising Interest Form**' available on our website. We thank you and appreciate your generous support in assisting us in building communities where women and children live free of violence.