**2018 Officials Area Report
Hamilton**

Wrestling in Hamilton continues to generate high quality wrestling, although unfortunately some schools are struggling. The University program at McMaster has unfortunately experience a changeover again this year – McMaster Coach Cleo Ncube has resigned to pursue the 2020 Olympics. Fewer events are taking place in the area, which is cutting down on the need for as many officials. Some of our officials have several years’ experience which makes them a good resource for events, but recruiting new officials continues to be a challenge.

We continue to enjoy a good working rapport with the ***Hamilton Wrestling Club.*** Many of our local officials are also club athletes and the club helps out with the OAWA part of their fees.

The following Hamilton officials were registered for 2017-2018:

Bradley MaGarrey Provincial B

Jason Buckle Provincial B

Adam Benish Provincial A

Sheldon Francis Provincial A

Tim MaGarrey Provincial A/National A

Ligaya Stinellis Provincial C

Adriano DiBenedetto Provincial C

Cole Mabee Provincial C (new in 2018)

Our officials often being active wrestlers is a dual-edged sword: they have solid on-mat presence, but it’s tough when they move on after graduating to jobs in the area that don’t leave time for officiating or leave the area altogether.

One of the highlights for the area this coming year will be the hosting of the Ontario Senior Championships November 24th at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary in Hamilton,.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM

sincerely submitted,



Tim MaGarrey

Events and Clinics planned for 2018-2019:

Sat. Nov. 3, 2018

McMaster Invitational University Event

McMaster University, Hamilton

**Primary, Area Officials' Clinic:**

Friday, November 23, 2018

Bishop Ryan Early-Bird Wrestling Tournament

Bishop Ryan CSS,

Hannon (Hamilton)

Friday Dec. 14, 2018

Bishop Ryan Invitational Wrestling Tournament

Venue: Bishop Ryan CSS,

Hannon (Hamilton)

Friday Feb 8 , 2019

2018 Hillfield Strathallan College Wrestling Tournament

Venue: Hillfield Strathallan High School

Thursday Feb. 14, 2019

Hamilton City Championships

Venue TBA, date projected.