2018 Central Eastern Ontario Regional Report

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Congratulations to all our athletes who competed this season, most notably to our CEO athletes from Team Impact and Matmen at the U17/U19, Jr/Sr. Championships. Ontario was well represented at the following events Canada Summer Games, Common Wealth Games, Jr/Sr. Pan Am Games and the various World Championships.

At this time I would like welcome our newest clubs to the CEO region: Warriors, Beat the Streets and welcome back Xtreme Couture.

 **Team Impact** is once again dominant at the 2018 Provincial/National Championships and had the highest placing athletes at the 2017 Jr Worlds! Well done. **Matmen:** Thank you for hosting a great Provincial Championships in Feb and with your athletes winning gold at the U 17/U19 Nationals. **RAW:**  Thank you for hosting the Youth Provincial Wrestling Festival this year. I would like to thank all the coaches who gave me their input and support with my Lexus Youth classic this year. It was great to only having certified coaches on the wrestling mats. I spoke with parents/supports in the upper deck stands and they were all good with the set up. Most commented that they are used to the setup from hockey and swimming. With the absorbent cost for the facility rental a nominal fee will be charged for each spectator next year.

**Athlete Transfers:**

**As an OAWA member/CEO Rep. I am disappointed with the poor attendance at the “Warriors” youth tournament this year. If memory serves AOC did the exact same thing when they first started not so long ago. I listened to the various coaches and parents points of views on this matter throughout the season and I believe change is sometimes a good thing. No one likes to work outside their comfort zone! Neil has explained to me that he has come to “shake things up” and I am shook/honored that the foundation of AOC now Warriors are built from Lexus Titans DNA! Instead of coaches arguing and getting lawyers involved we need to work more collaboratively in preparing our student athletes for their future endeavors. Once again athletes come and go in our sport but as coaches we must be more amicable towards each other for long term athlete success for Ontario/Canada wrestling.**

**Jamaican Beach Wrestling Tournament Aug. 8, 2018**

**I am looking for individual athletes, coaches and/or clubs to collaborate with Lexus to go to Jamaica this August for a beach wrestling tournament and site seeing trip. If you or someone you know that would be interested in participating please contact myself at 416-992-2527 or Mr. Rick Henry at fitzhenry1guelph@gmail.com.**

In conclusion, this was not a very successful year for most of our CEO clubs and wrestling in Ontario. In fact only two clubs produce National Champions and we as a Province placed second in a number of divisions. Please accept my deepest apologies if I missed anyone.

Respectfully submitted,

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