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## **BRAMPTON EXCELSIORS ADVANCE TO COMPETE IN 2018 MINTO CUP**

TORONTO ON – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – The Brampton Junior “A” Excelsiors topped the Orangeville Northmen in the Ontario Junior “A” Lacrosse League (OJALL) Ontario championships, earning the team the opportunity to compete in the Canadian Lacrosse Association’s Minto Cup Junior “A” Lacrosse Championship of Canada later this month.

In convincing fashion, the Excelsiors clinched their spot in the Minto Cup tournament by overcoming a physical Orangeville club four games to one in the OJALL’s Best of Seven finals. But the road to the finals wasn’t an easy one; Brampton faced the Mimico Mountaineers in Round 1 which stirred up memories of the Excelsiors’ 2017 playoffs run, where they were upset by the Mountaineers in the deciding game of the series. After knocking off Mimico, the Excelsiors faced the Toronto Beaches in the second round. Although the Toronto Beaches were riding a wave of adrenaline following their unexpected victory over first place Burlington, the return of captain Jeff Teat from his time as a member of Team Canada in Israel led the Excelsiors to a clean sweep. With this second round victory, Brampton advanced to face the Orangeville Northmen.

After dropping the first game of the finals to the Northmen, Brampton found the winning combination of powerful offensive output, disciplined and tight defensive strength and a confident style of goaltending. Games 2 through 5 showcased Brampton’s control and ability as they outscored Orangeville 42-32 and captured the Ontario title.

The Brampton Excelsiors will represent the Ontario Lacrosse Association at the 2018 Minto Cup Junior “A” Lacrosse Championships of Canada, being hosted by the Alberta Lacrosse Association in Calgary, August 16-26. Once the Excelsiors arrives in Calgary, they will face the Coquitlam Adanacs, Calgary Mountaineers and Okotoks Raiders. For more information on the 2018 Minto Cup, visit <http://mintocup.pointstreaksites.com/view/mintocup/>

### About the Ontario Lacrosse Association:

Since 1897, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has been recognized as the administrative governing body which exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern of all levels (youth, junior and senior) and disciplines (box, field and women's field) of lacrosse in the province of Ontario.

In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in the “fastest game on two feet.” For more information, contact the Ontario Lacrosse Association at (416) 426-7066 or email [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).

# 2018 JUNIOR "A" PLAYOFF BRACKET



ONTARIO JUNIOR "A" SERIES: ROUND 1 BEST 3 OF 5 | ROUNDS 2-3 BEST 4 OF 7  
 THE WINNER OF THE ONTARIO LACROSSE JUNIOR "A" FINALS WILL REPRESENT THE OLA IN CALGARY