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## ONTARIO LACROSSE ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER BOX PROSPECT SHOWCASE FOR U17 ATHLETES ALONGSIDE THE 2025 MINTO CUP IN ST. CATHARINES

TORONTO, ON – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) is proud to announce the launch of the **EPIC Prospect Showcase**, a groundbreaking expansion of the EPIC Lacrosse program into box lacrosse. Building on the success of Ontario's premier field development event at The Hill Academy, this new showcase will spotlight the province's top U17 talent in a high-performance box lacrosse environment.

The inaugural EPIC Prospect Showcase will take place **August 17–19, 2025, at Canada Games Park in St. Catharines**, running alongside **The Minto Cup**, Canada's National Junior "A" Lacrosse Championship.

The three-day event will open with a player development camp on Sunday, August 17, followed by a round robin tournament and championship finals. All games will be broadcast live to maximize exposure for participating athletes. Designed as the most elite provincial box lacrosse competition in the OLA, the showcase will offer unmatched access to scouting and development opportunities for athletes across all club levels, from A through D.

OLA athletes will be selected based on a combination of coach nominations, OLA scouting and performance statistics, and Team Ontario rankings. A player pool of over 950 athletes will be eligible for 102 roster spots across six teams, with rosters filled by position to ensure balanced competition.

The event will also feature a high-performance coaching staff made up of **Ontario Junior Lacrosse League (OJLL) coaches, National Lacrosse League (NLL) coaches**, and current professional players, providing athletes with elite mentorship and development insight.

Scouting packages will highlight OJLL draft-eligible players, giving every participant a chance to make a lasting impression. In addition, packages will include athlete heritage and eligibility details to support identification by national team scouts and help chart the path for future Olympic athletes.

The launch of the EPIC Prospect Showcase marks a new chapter for Ontario Lacrosse and reinforces the organization's commitment to high-performance athlete development. Positioned during one of the most exciting weeks on the Canadian lacrosse calendar, the event offers a powerful platform to spotlight Ontario's top emerging talent.

Further details, including player invitations, team rosters, coaching announcements, and confirmed attendees, will be shared in the coming weeks. Scouts interested in receiving scouting packages or attending the event may reach out to [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).

### About the Ontario Lacrosse Association

The OLA exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern the sport of lacrosse within the province of Ontario. In addition to coordinating the administration and operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in developing the "fastest game on two feet." For more information or to become involved, contact [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).