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## **TIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES CLOSE OUT THRILLING RETURN TO MINOR FIELD**

TORONTO, ON – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – There were 838 days between the final games of the 2019 Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League (OMFLL) Championship games and the opening whistles of the 2021 season, but the players of the 42 participating fall field lacrosse teams showed no signs of rust by the final weekend of play, with 11 gold medals on the line through the October 2-3 weekend at Creditview-Sandalwood Sports Park in Brampton, ON.

The five week season, played each weekend through September and into the beginning of October, came together in short order for the five divisions overseen by the OMFLL. All age groups participated in four weeks of league play, which provided at least 10 games for each team heading into the fifth and final weekend. Two story lines dominated the championships: the first being the strength of the St. Catharines Athletics sweeping through the U13-A, U15-A and U17-A divisions to capture gold medals, and the second being the number of “down to the wire” banner games throughout the weekend. By the time the dust settled, seven of the 11 championships were decided by just two goals or less, which exemplified the parity and athleticism on display throughout the entire season. Most importantly, the five weekends of play marked a return to normalcy for players, coaches, officials, volunteers and families; the most common refrain throughout the final weekend was “it’s just so good to be back, to see everyone being able to play together again.” A small but dedicated group of administrators were involved in executing the season, and are recognized for their efforts to bring field lacrosse programs back to Ontario. The 2022 season awaits!

## **The 2021 OMFLL Season by the Numbers:**

**5**

**Weekends of Play**

**11**

**Championship Banners**

**1,038**

**Players & Coaches**

**62**

**Officials**

**18**

**OLA Clubs**

**42**

**Participating Teams**



**U9-A: Milton 9-3 over Oakville**



**U9-B: Toronto Beaches 7-3 over Orangeville**



**U11-A: Whitby 7-6 over Barrie**



**U11-B: Owen Sound 15-13 over Toronto**



**U13-A: St. Catharines 6-5 over Orangeville**



**U13-B: Hamilton 6-4 over Milton**





**U15-A: St. Catharines 9-7 over Orangeville**



**U15-B: Six Nations 7-1 over Guelph**



**U15-C: Hamilton 9-2 over Fort Erie**



**U17-A: St. Catharines 8-7 over Toronto**



**U17-B: Orangeville 6-3 over Barrie**

