

HELLO, CANADIAN SHUFFLEBOARD LEADER/VOLUNTEERS

THE ISA SEEKS YOUTH (Girls and Boys -13 to 19) TO APPLY TO PLAY IN THE 31<sup>st</sup> ISA CHAMPIONSHIP.

This WORLD TEAM tournament will be played in Seattle, WA from August 5 through 10 this year.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING FROM YOU? First, please carefully read the balance of this email.

BACKGROUND: Youth teams first competed in ISA Germany 2010 and the overall response was positive on and off the court.

The youth who competed in Germany unanimously experienced an opportunity that had many lasting positives.

Significant media coverage has helped promote Shuffleboard and the ISA leadership supports youth teams for Seattle.

ISA President Michael Zellner, has asked Rich Phifer, who is a volunteer/leader for Lakeside, Ohio, to assist in recruiting youth to apply for consideration. Lakeside's youth shuffleboard program, active since the 1930's, complements and feeds the broader Lakeside Shuffleboard activities.

WHAT IS THE ROUGH PROFILE OF YOUTH WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE 2012 ISA TEAM TOURNAMENT?

Few youth have broad shuffleboard experience, that would be a nice to have, but is certainly not a requirement.

A good profile might be: a "solid" youth who will interact well with people of all types and ages; is reasonably coordinated; has played some shuffleboard and enjoyed it; has support from family; would enjoy positively representing your country to the world. Positive family support would include chaperoning as required.

You might check both the CNSA and ISA websites for further tournament information.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT HELP A POTENTIAL YOUTH PLAYER MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT APPLYING?

Please contact Rich Phifer, by email at: [rgphif@roadrunner.com](mailto:rgphif@roadrunner.com) or phone at 440-897-4510.

WHAT IS THE CNSA APPLICATION PROCESS FOR INTERESTED YOUTH? The current youth application process is simple:

The DEADLINE for receiving Canadian youth applications has been set as February 24, 2012.

ASAP before February 24, email Rich Phifer at: [rgphif@roadrunner.com](mailto:rgphif@roadrunner.com) ,the following information:

NAME and ADDRESS OF THE YOUTH who wishes to apply, AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBER FOR A PARENT (adult) who supports the application.

Rich will contact the parent (adult) and then email an application form, which can be emailed back.

The youth teams in Germany were U.N. teams, made up of youth from various countries. Until all applications are received and evaluated, nothing will be decided regarding team setups.

**SPECIAL OFFER TO EACH CANADIAN YOUTH WHO IS SELECTED:** If you wish to improve your shuffleboard skills before the Tournament, we will do our best to locate and dispatch expert shuffleboard volunteers to facilitate that. This offer may include you coming to them, if that works best for you. Our goal is for Youth Team members to be comfortably prepared to fully enjoy the ISA WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

**HOW CAN YOU SHUFFLEBOARD LEADER/VOLUNTEERS ASSIST:**

1. Consider any youth who is "connected" to you, that would be a good applicant.
2. Promptly, forward this email or alert shufflers within your organization(s), showing your support.
3. Forward this email to shufflers on your contact email list who are outside your organization.
4. Make hard copies of this email and circulate them to shufflers who you do not normally email.

The more shufflers who see the email, the better chance we have of getting girls and boys to apply.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for what you all do for Shuffleboard.