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**Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship
Takes Centre Stage, July 5 – 11, 2010 In
A Tournament Built for Youth**

(Surrey, BC.) With two elite female youth tournaments, Team Canada's National Women's Team feature games and a pre-Team Canada game "Celebration of Softball", it's shaping up to be a fun-filled summer showcase for the whole family in Surrey from July 5 to 11.

The Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship was organized to replace the Canada Cup Futures (U19) and Showcase (16U) female elite youth tournaments for 2010 in order to carry on the Canada Cup spirit of promoting the development of the great game of softball by helping young female athletes reach for their personal best both on and off the field. The event is geared to celebrate and inspire youth through sport.

The Canadian Open Fastpitch Futures (U19) and Showcase (16U) International Championship will take place over seven days with elite level female youth teams coming from around North America to compete for the title of Canadian Open Fastpitch Champion.

These elite teams will compete on the diamonds at Softball City and Cloverdale Athletic Park giving spectators a glimpse into the future and putting into play what is sure to be some awe inspiring moments.

As part of helping to mentor and inspire the youth of the sport, Canada's Senior Women's National Team will compete against Team USA in a marquee game series July 8 – 11 at Softball City, Surrey, BC, that is sure to thrill Canada's hometown crowd and delight the youth teams present.

But that's not all. Team Canada will be playing a game per day July 5 through 11. Leading up to the much anticipated games vs Team USA, Canada will play the Washington Blast, a US club team, also well known to the local softball crowd. These games will run Monday, July 5 through Wednesday, July 7.

All Team Canada games will start at 7pm each evening, July 5 – 10 with the Sunday, July 11 game commencing at 3:30pm following the Showcase and Futures finals.

Some fun-filled family activities will take place throughout the week prior to Team Canada's game every day July 5 - 11, with an emphasis on activities prior to the marquee Team Canada/Team USA games happening once daily July 8 - 11.

Fans are encouraged to wear their red and white, come early and enjoy the pre-game Celebration of Softball activities and cheer on Team Canada in this summer showdown at Softball City.

“With the goal of helping to inspire youth through the sport of softball, we set out to create a platform for young females to showcase their skills and help encourage youth both on and off the field. Our marquee games series between Team Canada and Team USA will delight the sports fan and the “Celebration of Softball” connects everything back to the purity and fun of the sport itself,” stated Greg Timm, Chairman of the Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship.

For more detailed and updated tournament information call 604.536.9287 or visit www.canadianopenfastpitch.com

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