



## **Haba Waba North America celebrating Olympic Day with Haba Waba Water Polo Festival 2017**

Celebrations of the birth of the modern Olympic Games roll across the country

MONTREAL, QUEBEC – The spirit of the Olympic Movement will roll into Montreal, as HaBa WaBa North America hosts a Water Polo Festival in celebration of Olympic Day.

The Haba Waba Festival will begin July 5, 2017 to July 9, 2017, bringing 300 - 400 athletes aged 6 to 14 from Europe, Asia, Mexico, United States and Canada. Canadian Olympian Marina Radu will kick off the event by participating in the opening ceremonies. Other Olympians, Joliane Melançon, Francesco Augustin and Audrey Lacroix will hold Judo Workshops, Soccer Workshops and Swimming Workshops for the Haba Waba participants.

*"We are very happy and honoured to partner with Olympic day for the second year and to be recognized by the Olympic movement. One of the goals of Haba Waba is to mimic the Olympic atmosphere for young athletes/future Olympians. What is better than to create that kind of environment for kids by being officially part of the Olympic day program, ran by the Canadian Olympic Committee. Many Olympians will be at Haba Waba presenting their sport and holding workshops. This is the best way for kids to get familiar, not only with water polo, but to prepare themselves for being real Olympians one day."* said Dragan Jovanovic, Leader behind the Haba Waba festival and former Olympic coach and leader of the Canadian men's program.

The Haba Waba North America Festival is one of hundreds of events taking place nationwide in celebration of Olympic Day. The events, designed to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic Movement, feature athlete appearances, family-friendly activities and interactive learning experiences.

Around the world, more than 160 countries take part in the annual celebration. Olympic Day, created in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games, focuses on Olympic values and ideals such as fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. In Canada, Olympic Day events range from small gatherings to large, city-wide events.

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