

**December 3, 2022  
@ Scotiabank Arena  
Cost: \$55/person**



Dear Ministry Partners and Friends:

It's been 3 years since our last event (December 2019) where we had over 500 students and leaders come to the Scotiabank Arena to watch a professional NBA regular season game, featuring the Toronto Raptors. There was energy and excitement not just about basketball, but also about how many invited friends were connecting with their church groups and ultimately with Jesus. God continues to do amazing things in unexpected places!

Centre Court isn't a discounted Raptors game. It's a first-point-of-contact for your ministry's non-Christian friends. The program has, like other years, a pre-evangelistic focus. It is an event which non-Christians are interested in that also demonstrates Jesus' influence in students and others' lives.

This year, we are hosting a **PRE-GAME** event (not post-game) where your youth can bring their friends and introduce them to Christ in a safe, comfortable atmosphere.

We are very hopeful for great things this year, including having the opportunity to hear the testimony of a player. Please be in prayer with us regarding this.

Along with this package, a promotional poster is available. Given the success of the Raptors, tickets will go fast, so read all the details carefully and be prepared to register your group. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Alvin (416-620-2946).

We look forward to seeing all of you down at the Scotiabank Arena on December 3. We want you to know that we are here to serve you and your ministry in any way we can. We look forward to hearing from you about how God will use this event for ministry happening "in the cracks". See you soon.

In Christ's work,  
The Centre Court Team

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## BEFORE YOU REGISTER ...

- 1) Read this package and be familiar with its contents.
- 2) Pray for everything leading up to, during, and after the Centre Court event. Praise God in advance for all He will do.
- 3) Promote Centre Court to your students.
- 4) Get your registration #s ready now to begin registration on November 1.

*Remember that the drive to and from the event is as important as the event itself in building relationships with your students and their friends.*

## REGISTRATION (starting November 1, 2022)

1. You can begin registration either online or by phone

### Online

- Complete the form at [cboqyouth.ca/cc2022](http://cboqyouth.ca/cc2022).
- Payment can be made by credit card, e-transfer, or cheque.

### By Phone

- Call in your reservation (416-620-2946).
- Leave your full name, your church name, your contact phone number, your email address and the number of tickets you would like to order.
- Kristina or Alvin will follow up via email within 3 business days. You'll be instructed on how to complete your registration either online, or mail including payment options.

### Please note:

- Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Between November 1-11, a group can only purchase a maximum of 40 tickets. After November 12, groups can request additional tickets if available.
- We currently have approx. 400 tickets; any overflow cannot be guaranteed.
- Registrations will be confirmed based on the time of receipt (either by phone or online).
- If your registration is received and tickets are no longer available, your payment will be refunded.
- **NOTE: Since this is a pre-evangelism event, we remind you to see this as a ministry opportunity, not as a discounted basketball game.**

**BONUS: We have up to 80 spots available for the pre-game shoot-around. These spots will be available on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in participating, please indicate that on your registration form.**

2. Mail/email in the group contract signed by your church's signing officer by **November 24.**

- **NOTE:** Remember, your church should have their own waiver form for this event (as required by the group contract). **Only individuals you've selected to participate in the on-court games will also need the MLSE waiver completed** (which will be emailed to you when you register).

3. After we've confirmed your payment, around November 26 we will email you a link via Ticketmaster.

- **NOTE: Scotiabank Arena no longer accepts printed tickets; you will have to scan the tickets from your mobile device. One person can hold multiple tickets, i.e. the group leader can scan tickets for anyone in their group without a phone.**

## **WHEN YOU ARRIVE...**

1) Come down to the Scotiabank Arena for the pre-game event.

- There are many ways to get to the SBA (bus, car, public transit, etc.)
- Scotiabank Arena does NOT permit bags to be brought into the venue. The only exceptions are women's purses, drawstring bags and grocery bags.

2) Meet Alvin and team at Gate 1 at 11:45 am.

- You will be given an arrival package which will include all the supplies you need (e.g. wristbands per person).

3) After the pre-game event is done around 1:30 pm, we will leave the arena until gates open at 7:00 pm. (See FAQs about options you can do during the afternoon.)

4) For those who qualify for the pre-game shoot-around (early gate access), you will meet Alvin at 5:30 pm. Additional instructions will be given later.

5) Arrive at your designated gate (shown on the ticket) starting at 7:00 pm.

# CHECKLIST

Have I ...

- read through the registration package
- promoted Centre Court (e.g. displayed poster, made announcements, set deadline)
- arranged for enough adult leaders
- registered spots by phone or online (starting Nov 1)
- paid for the tickets
- arranged transportation to and from the SBA
- submitted the completed group contract (by Nov. 24)
- chosen the participants for the pre-game program (details to come via email)
- ensured all participants, including leaders, who are going on court comply with your church's Child Protection Policy

Yes? Then you're ready! See you at the game!

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!

## Cost

Centre Court this year costs \$55/person before November 12. After November 12, tickets will cost \$65 (availability not guaranteed). The price you charge is NOT on the promotional slide. We will invoice you with the appropriate total. However, you set the price for your ministry to include subsidies, transportation costs, etc. For example, if you are renting a bus and it costs \$2/person, you can choose to advertise the price as \$52/ticket (paying CBOQ \$55/ticket). Similarly, if you subsidize the event, you can advertise \$20/ticket (still paying CBOQ \$55/ticket).

**Refunds will only be offered if MLSE offers any reimbursements for the event.**

## Group Contract, Certificate of Insurance, and Waiver Forms

Instead of each individual completing a CBOQ waiver form, each group will submit a group contract. Your church would sign a contract and submit a certificate of insurance as part of your registration detailing expectations from both your church and CBOQ. (See the contract further in the registration package.) Your church is expected to have its own letter of informed consent. For those participating in on-court activities, each individual will require a signed MLSE Waiver Form.

## Child Protection Policy

We require all churches attending to have a current and functioning child protection policy as part of your church's operations.

## Group Leaders

We recommend you have at least 1 leader per 10 students (max.) with group leaders needing to be at least 20 years of age. Also, the group leaders are required to have successfully completed the screening as outlined in your church's child protection policy.

## Financial Assistance

If you need help with finances, we can provide various fund-raising and money management ideas. We can also offer financial assistance to those who are eligible. Contact Alvin (416-620-2946) for more information.

## Transportation

We suggest that no students or young people under the age of 20 drive to this event. If you're interested in sharing transportation with local ministries, please contact Alvin (416-620-2946) after November 5.

# THE FINE PRINT:

**Security:** Why do we have security? For the safety and continued success of Centre Court events and Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE). Security protects you and your students from undo danger and protects the program at Centre Court and Scotiabank Arena.

The Centre Court executive team are youth ministry professionals. We understand how important it is for young people to have fun. It is our desire to maximize your fun, and protect the fun of others, by insisting on your adherence to the rules that we have established. They are not harsh, but for your safety and our continued relationship with MLSE we simply ask for your co-operation.

**Youth Leaders:** CBOQ Youth cannot be responsible for your students and leaders at this event. Please note that you will be wholly responsible for the behaviour of your group, and that we reserve the right to send students and leaders home at any point if we deem it necessary to the continued success of Centre Court. Each primary group leader must be in full control of their students and leaders during the evening.

We are proud of our relationship with MLSE. To maintain our ongoing partnership with MLSE, negligent students and leaders will find their groups fined for negligent behaviour, particularly if vandalism or breakage is an issue. Full replacement and repair costs plus a fine of \$100 will result.

A few things to keep in mind:

- No drugs, no alcohol, no weapons, or any other illegal substances or objects. Possession of anything illegal will result in expulsion from the event.
- No pets.
- Breakage must be reported immediately. Breakage as a result of vandalism will result in repair costs and a fine.
- Leaders are responsible for their group members at all times.

## FAQs

### **Who can come?**

This event is primarily geared towards junior high and high school-aged students (though other-aged young people are welcome). As such, we strongly recommend you limit the tickets to your students, their friends and your group leaders (this is not for a general church outing).

### **What will happen?**

As a pre-evangelism event, the program will include on-court activities and a testimony by a player (subject to availability). **The main purpose of this event is to give your leaders a chance to connect with your youths' friends and to allow them to feel safe and connected with your group.** The primary ministry doesn't happen at the event; the primary ministry is between you and the students.

### **What if we ordered too many tickets?**

If for some reason you still have tickets available, we suggest you encourage your students to invite more of their friends (rather than church members). Also, you can call or e-mail Alvin (416-620-2946 or [alau@baptist.ca](mailto:alau@baptist.ca)) to see if he can resell your tickets to another group.

CBOQ Youth cannot offer a refund.

### **Why do the tickets cost \$55 this year?**

MLSE uses dynamic pricing to set its ticket prices. For this particular game, we were able to secure tickets at a rate that is less expensive compared to general public sales (average \$20-30 cheaper).

### **What do we do between the pre-game event and the game?**

By November 11, we will have some suggestions on what your group can do while in the downtown Toronto area. You may have ideas for your group. If you'd like to discuss options, feel free to contact Alvin (416-620-2946, [alau@baptist.ca](mailto:alau@baptist.ca)).

# REGISTRATION FOR Starting November 1, 2022



For Centre Court, return this registration form after you have confirmed your reservation by phone with CBOQ Youth (416-620-2946). Your reservation will be confirmed with a \$55 per person payment (cheque or money order made payable to "CBOQ"):

CBOQ – Centre Court 2022  
5 International Blvd.  
Toronto ON M9W 6H3

You will need to have 1 leader per 10 students. For example, if you have 7 students, there must be a minimum of 1 leader. **Please note, all adult leaders must be screened and cleared based on your church's child protection policy. Before you register, you need to read through the entire registration package.**

### GROUP LEADER'S CONTACT INFO:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering \_\_\_\_\_ participants (i.e. students and leaders combined) x \$55/person. I am anticipating having \_\_\_\_\_ unchurched youth attending. (Our objective is to host an event that unchurched youth will be interested in attending. We are asking for the number of unchurched youth you are planning on bringing so we can keep stats on how churches are using this event to effectively meet this goal.)

We are interested in participating in the pre-game shootaround. YES / NO (circle one)

My total owing is \$\_\_\_\_\_ which I will pay by: cheque / e-transfer / credit card (circle one)

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (if applicable)

Cardholder's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

*Note: Information on credit card will only be used for the purpose indicated and will be held in strict confidence.*

Please check here if you have read and understood the package and will adhere to the rules.

Please check here to acknowledge that your church has a current child protection policy in place

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CBOQ Group Contract: Centre Court

Date: December 3, 2022

Location: Scotiabank Arena

Church/Organization (aka "The Group") Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Finances and Guarantee

- We agree to pay \$55 per person based on the Group's Centre Court registration form. This fee is non-refundable and needs to be paid prior to the event.
- Increase in numbers is permitted without penalty, subject to availability.
- If the event is cancelled, monetary reimbursements will only be offered if Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) offers refunds.

## Adult Supervision

- We will provide at least 1 leader per 10 students (max.) of the same sex (e.g. 1 female leader for 5 female students, 2 male leaders for 18 male students) who has been properly screened through the Group's child protection policy.
- These group leaders will be responsible for our students.
- The primary group leader will be at least 20 years of age.

## Guidelines

- We acknowledge and respect that Centre Court is a pre-evangelism event that welcomes all young people to life-changing experiences.
- We agree to abide by the guidelines described in the registration package. The signer accepts the responsibility of communicating these guidelines to the Group and will follow through to ensure compliance.
- We agree that a "MLSE Waiver Form" will be signed by each individual group member (or their parent/guardian) who is going on to the court and will be collected by MLSE staff prior to entry on to the court.
- We agree to have a proper waiver form for both students and leaders as per our Group's child protection policy.
- We agree that all participants coming to Centre Court permit CBOQ reasonable use of pictures or video of any student or leader in the Group in any CBOQ publications (in print, online or other media yet to be invented).
- We are aware that some program activities carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury.
- We understand and accept these risks.
- We acknowledge that all individuals in the Group are in proper physical condition to participate in program activities.
- We acknowledge that a designate of the Group will be responsible to sign a consent for medical treatment and to authorize any physician, dentist or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for any individual in the Group.
- We agree, in the event that an individual in the Group conducts him/herself in a manner that is not appropriate, that person will be dealt with appropriately, including the possibility of immediate dismissal at the expense of the Group.

Any and all actions arising out of this agreement or the use of the Scotiabank Arena will be governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada and the Group consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Ontario, Canada in any and all such actions.

By signing below and in consideration of its attendance at Centre Court, the Group releases CBOQ and their respective members, agents, volunteers, employees, officers and directors from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands ("Claims") resulting from any loss, injury or damage to the Group or any Individual Group member or their property which has arisen or may arise from any and all use of the Scotiabank Arena including any programs or otherwise, unless such loss, injury or damage has arisen as a result of the sole negligence of the Releasees.

The Group also agrees to add "CBOQ" as an "additional insured" on its insurance policy and to forward to CBOQ a copy of the certificate of insurance to that effect.

### Signatures of Acceptance

The Senior Official or Business Administrator of the organization and the Primary Group Leader are to sign in the spaces provided. The authorized officer for CBOQ will sign and return a copy of the contract to the Group.

As the contact person, I understand and accept the conditions of this contract on behalf of the Guest Group. I accept responsibility for interpreting the fees to participants and seeing that CBOQ receives full payment. I have read this agreement and accept the conditions as listed.

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(Senior Official or Business Administrator) (sign above)

Name (print): -----

Title: -----

Date: -----

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(Primary Group Leader) (sign above)

Name (print): -----

Date: -----

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(Authorized Signature) CBOQ