



# Waterloo Region District 8 Coaches Appreciation Evening



The **Waterloo Region District 8 Athletic Association** administers 21 secondary school sports, servicing the five Catholic and three Independent high schools in Waterloo Region. The organization oversees 33 competitive leagues – boys, girls, and co-ed. Checkout: [district8.ca](http://district8.ca).

It has been more than 10 years since the Association held an annual coaches' appreciation event to thank coaches for their time and dedication during the school year. The event historically was held in June and included a dinner, speeches, and award presentations. The popular event was free for coaches and funded by school budgets. Funding from school budgets became an issue, and the event faded away.

**Fast forward to 2023...** It has never been more important to acknowledge Secondary school educators and supporters, who go above and beyond, through an appreciation event. The networking and informal setting is also an opportunity to host and acknowledge alumni coaches who led the way over the years, laying the foundation for the current vibrant and successful athletic programs. There is a further opportunity to link these exceptional athletic leaders from the past and present with the student alumni that benefitted from the memorable, impactful experiences during their high school years.

**When:** Monday, June 19, 4:30-10:30pm

**Where:** the beautiful German-Canadian Hunting & Fishing Club, Manheim

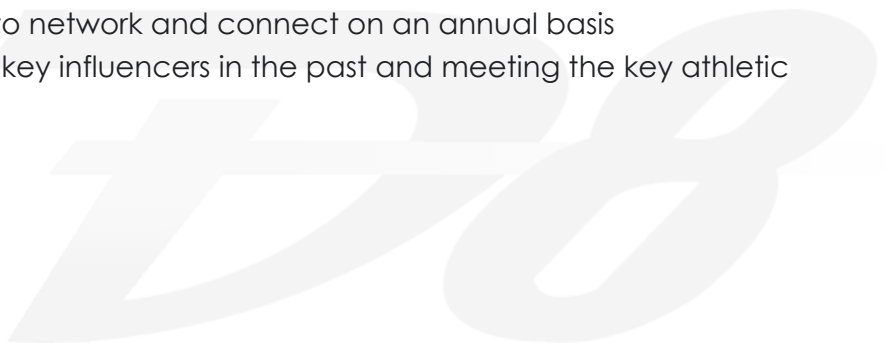
**Participants:** 8 schools... Resurrection CSS, Monsignor Doyle CSS, Saint Mary's High, St. Benedict CSS, St. David CSS, Woodland Christian, Rockway Mennonite, ESC Père-René-de-Galinée

**Guests:** 250+ coaches (teachers and volunteers), convenors, athletic directors, retired coaches, sponsors, administration reps, & student alumni (no current students)

**Organizing Committee:** Frank Wittmann & Vic Degutis, Catholic Community Foundation Of Waterloo Region, Derrick Stryker (WCDSB Athletic Coordinator) 8 Secondary School Reps

**The Future...** This evening of celebration, hospitality and networking will be an annual event which will serve three purposes:

- ◆ The 1st is the acknowledgement of the critical active supporters of athletics in the D8 schools. Those currently in leading roles, who ensure that student athletes have the best opportunities and life experiences to develop skills and attributes to support their future endeavours
- ◆ The 2nd is the opportunity to acknowledge and connect with the alumni coaches who laid the foundation for successful D8 athletic traditions
- ◆ And the 3rd is for the alumni students to network and connect on an annual basis acknowledging and celebrating their key influencers in the past and meeting the key athletic D8 influencers today.





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## Corporate & Alumni Sponsorship Opportunities

### Gold—5,000

- ◆ Event Premier Sponsor— prominent signage, running slide deck presentations, MC acknowledgement
- ◆ Websites (Catholic Community Foundation & D8),
- ◆ Social Media—Alumni Networks—CCFOWR Facebook & Twitter Announcements
- ◆ Invitations for 12 guests including your special alumni coach

### Silver—\$3000

- ◆ Event signage, running slide deck presentations, MC acknowledgement
- ◆ Websites (Catholic Community Foundation & D8),
- ◆ Social Media—Alumni Networks—CCFOWR Facebook & Twitter Announcements
- ◆ Invitations for 8 guests including alumni coach

### Bronze—\$2000

- ◆ Event signage, running slide deck presentations, MC acknowledgement
- ◆ Websites (Catholic Community Foundation & D8),
- ◆ Social Media—Alumni Networks—CCFOWR Facebook & Twitter Announcements
- ◆ Invitations for 5 guests including your important alumni coach

### For more information or to discuss your support, contact:

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