



Ancaster Magic and Hamilton Wildcats Basketball Clubs Merge

Hamilton, Ontario - August 18, 2016 - Ancaster Magic Basketball Club, a 22-year pillar of the local community, has joined forces with the Hamilton Wildcats, a 15-year-old OBA / CYBL basketball club offering elite player game opportunity, development, and training.

The combined organization will play in Ontario Basketball Association sanctioned tournaments under the Ancaster Magic banner, operating a separate division called Wildcats Academy, focused on year-round skills training, nutrition, strength, and conditioning. The Wildcats will continue to play against the province's top competitors in the Canadian Youth Basketball League and AAU tournaments, helping to align the greater Hamilton area's top athletes with collegiate-level training, instruction, and attention.

The merged organization, which now boasts 24 teams, will provide one of the most complete basketball clubs in the province. Rob Bowden, President of the combined organization, says: *"I'm extremely excited to move this club forward within the OBA and CYBL leagues. With the vision, knowledge, and experience brought by Jim Thornton, Director of Wildcats Academy, combined with the consistent success and longevity of Ancaster Magic, we will be a formidable force for youth basketball in the Golden Horseshoe region in the years to come."*

ABOUT ANCASTER MAGIC: Ancaster Basketball Club is a registered not-for-profit corporation governed by a volunteer board that exists to provide the young people in our community the opportunity to participate in programs that teach fundamental basketball skills while providing players with the best coaching, facilities, and overall organizational support. In addition to OBA and CYBL rep teams, Ancaster Magic also runs a Jr. NBA program for children aged 4 to 6 as well as a house league for kids aged 7 to 14. Visit www.abcmagic.ca for more detail.

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