

Educational Component - Toronto Tennis City 2010 - Draft

Our highly successful educational model for student-athletes at *ACE Tennis* in Burlington, will be transported to Toronto Tennis City through the efforts of our Educational Advisor, Gary Ewart.

Gary is a retired secondary school Principal, athlete and coach, with 35 years of experience assisting young athletes in the pursuit of excellence in their sport and in school. Our model allows students to attend local elementary and secondary schools on modified schedules that accommodate training hours and provide young student-athletes with the opportunity to learn and interact in a normal school learning environment. We have found this model ideal for the intellectual and social development of our athletes.

Gary's extensive background has provided *ACE student-athletes* and parents with a unique level of knowledge and insight for educational planning decisions over the past 10-12? years. His professional relationships in the GTA, with elementary and secondary Principals, will provide Toronto Tennis City student-athletes with the benefits of school and the classroom environment in public schools near the club.

At the grade 7 and 8 level, Hodgson Senior Public School schools.tdsb.on.ca/hodgson is walking distance away and will be an ideal setting for our athletes. At the secondary level our school of choice is Vaughan Road Academy schools.tdsb.on.ca/vaughanroad as it has excellent academic programs with an INTERAC component geared to students that require flexible, modified timetables.

To complement part-time school, we will advise and facilitate student enrolment in "out of school" independent learning and virtual/e-learning courses offered by the Ministry of Education/TVO and leading edge on-line providers, including e-Learning Ontario, Avon-Maitland, Trillium-Lakelands and the Toronto Board of Education.

We also provide students and parents with current information regarding NCAA eligibility requirements, Amateurism Issues, The College Board and SAT/ACT tests and their respective roles in securing university scholarships in the United States. To this end, Gary administers a "practice SAT" each year that is sponsored and assessed by The Princeton Review. He also works in an advisory role with student-athletes as they prepare for the SAT/ACT.