



# Out West News

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## Out West enters into partnership with NSD

Out West Basketball is pleased to announce that it has established a working partnership with National Sports Development (NSD) to enable the enhancement of Out West elite player development. Out West will operate five elite teams. NSD will assist Out West in coaching recruitment and development, promotion and sponsorship, and player recruitment and training.

Out West will further play a key role and assist in the formation of NSD Development teams and programs for girls in addition to Out West Elite teams. Out West director Sid Dutchak indicates that Out West looks forward to its relationship with NSD. "NSD is a Nationally recognized organization that plays a key role in the development of professional and amateur athletes in a wide array of sports. We look forward to working with NSD in building an outstanding basketball development structure."



### THE 2006 OUT WEST — NSD PROGRAMS

The following programs shall be offered to female basketball players in the Calgary region for the 2006 spring and summer season. Out West athletes will be chosen through a process of recruitment and NSD identification clinics. NSD Development teams will be formed through the same clinics and athletes shall be placed on teams according to skill level. NSD shall offer additional team and skill development training programming for the 2006-07 fall and winter season.

#### Out West -NSD Elite Team categorie

Out West Elite - comprised of top university players in Western Canada

U21 - comprised of Calgary area athletes who will play post secondary ball in 06-07

U17-Schedule includes one NCAA tournament. U15

*Note: Out West will field one team in each of the above categories except U15 where two teams will operate. Tryout information will be posted on www.outwestbasketball.com*

#### NSD Development Team categories

U17, U15, U13

For further information on NSD Programs, visit www.nsd365.com, or call 201-8788.

## Bill Mitchell joins Out West—NSD Coaching Staff

Well known Calgary coach Bill Mitchell has made it official. He will play a prominent role in Out West player development for the 06 season by joining the coaching staff. NSD Director of Basketball Cory Russell, and Murray Scotton, Out West Coordinator of Coaching advise that Coach Mitchell is a welcomed addition to the Out West—NSD team structure.

Coach Mitchell has an outstanding background as a coach in high school, university and professional ball.

Cory Russell indicates that he looks forward to working with Out West's Murray Scotton to develop a first class coaching staff. "We are attracting experienced coaches and those who seek to develop their coaching talents within the context of our exciting organization."



Murray Scotton, Out West Coordinator of Coaching



Cory Russell, NSD Director of Basketball



## Out West Welcomes New President

To say Out West's new President Joe Mercier comes from a "basketball family" is an understatement. Joe and his wife Ann's two older daughters Erin and Jessica play for Augustana and Mount Royal Colleges respectively. Their youngest daughter Theresa played on the Out West U13 squad last season. The Mercier family's hoops history goes back a bit farther than their current activities. Joe's father Joseph and sister Barb who both live in the Calgary area played for the U of S Huskies. Joe coaches ball at Red Deer Lake school and has coached for Out West. He holds his Level III NCPP certification. Out West welcomes Joe to his new role.

## NSD Breaks New Ground in Boy's BBall

Calgary—Nov. 1, 05 Calgary based National Sports Development has announced that it is recruiting elite male basketball players in grades 7-12 to participate in the 2006 Southern California All-Stars Program (SCA). SCA has been operating for 16 years and has produced 29 NBA players. NSD teams will participate in a number of SCA camps in addition to competing in the most prestigious tournaments in North America.

Tryouts for the spring/summer teams will take place in January—March 31, 06. Eligible players are those in Jr. and Sr. High, are resident in Alberta, are in good academic standing and desire to play post secondary ball. For further information, visit www.nsd365.com



### Out West Board of Directors

Joe Mercier, President

Sid Dutchak, Sec. Tres.

Murray Scotton, Coordinator of Coaching

Matt Pekar, Doug Carter, Joe Card

Cory Russell, NSD Representative seat



**Out West**  
**"Victoria Day Classic"**  
**May 19-21, 2006**  
Showcasing Excellence  
in Women's Basketball

- Divisions: Women's Open, U17, U15
- Cost \$325 (\$350 for non AYBC members)
- Quality Gyms, qualified officials
- All games in close proximity within Calgary
- 20 min. stop time halves.
- Divisions limited to 8 (Oregon draw)
- Registration on first come, first served basis. To hold a spot, teams may provide \$150 non-refundable deposit. All registrations and payments must be received by April 30.
- This tournament has Sunday games. We will attempt to accommodate traveling teams who wish to avoid Friday games. Please advise upon registration.
- For registration details, visit:  
**www.outwestbasketball.com**

