



## Canada Games Council Intern Program

My name is Jamie Rabinovitch and I am a student intern at the Canada Games Council as a part of my final semester college placement program. I am originally from Montreal but I have also lived in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Putney, Vermont. I am studying at Dalhousie and will be receiving two diplomas (Bachelors of Science Recreation and Business Management) over five years. I am a huge sports fan and watch football, college football and college basketball. I also enjoyed playing sports that include soccer, baseball, street/roller hockey and running.

When I first arrived at the Canada Games Council I was expecting the office to be much larger. Much to my surprise it is one of the smallest offices I have worked in. The friendly atmosphere at the Canada Games Council and my experience working with small groups helped me get settled in since day one.

I have just finished populating and tracking the Canada Games Council results database from the last Summer Games in Regina and the last Winter Games in Whitehorse. The process was long and difficult but I gained a lot from the experience. I have been given the opportunity to listen in on important meetings and communicated via e-mail with many Nation Sporting heads, Provincial Representatives and even Canada Games alumni. I attended a luncheon hosted by the Canadian Club at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa where the CEO of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics John Furlong spoke. It was interesting to hear about the status of the games and where they were heading. This was a great experience to have.

I feel that the Canada Games Council is a good place to start learning about the future of working for a sport agency. I aspire to work in sports, festival or special event management one day. For the next month I plan to continue learning something new every day to gain even more from this experience.