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## **6th annual *24hrs Inline Montreal* rolls into town June 6 and 7, 2009**

*Close to 1,000 inline skaters expected to come out and support the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.*

Montreal, QC, February 2009 – Hundreds of inline skaters will converge on Parc Jean-Drapeau on June 6 and 7, 2009, for the sixth edition of *24hrs Inline Montreal*. Teams of participants from Quebec and beyond will skate in relay format around Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in their bid to chalk up the most laps during a 24-hour period.

### **24 hours of fun and challenge**

Over an entire 24-hour period, a physically demanding contest held on Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve will see inline skating enthusiasts compete against one another in teams ranging from 2 to 10 participants.

This year, some 1,000 skaters aged 14 and up are expected to take part in the *24hrs Inline Montreal* competition. Of these, it is estimated that 5% will be elite athletes from Canada, the U.S., France, and elsewhere. However, the vast majority of participants will skate for fun, and there is even a category for the bravest of souls who choose to skate solo.

### **Skaters' village**

During the event, the area behind the Circuit's pits becomes the skaters' village, a haven for participants looking to relax and socialize between laps. A covered terrace provides skaters with room to nap, rest or even enjoy a massage. Showers are also made available to the competitors, and the roofs over the pit garages are transformed into a campground for teams wishing to set up tents. The result is an atmosphere unlike any other.

Saturday evening, a caterer will be on site to offer a pasta dinner to participants. Those wishing to bring their own food may do so, and a number of vendor kiosks will also offer a variety of foods and beverages.

### **Recap:**

The challenge: Over a 24-hour period, inline skating relay teams complete the highest number of laps possible along a 4.3 km route.

The venue: Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve at Parc Jean-Drapeau on l'Île Notre-Dame.

The dates: From 1 pm on Saturday, June 6, to 1 pm on Sunday, June 7. Computer chips automatically register each lap completed by the teams.

Average time of one lap: 10 minutes.

Cost: \$700 per team prio to April 1st. \$800 after.

Beneficiary of the event: For the second year, *24hrs Inline Montreal* is being held to benefit the Quebec Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

For more information or to enter: [www.24inline.com](http://www.24inline.com).

### **About the Quebec Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada**

The Quebec Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada (<http://www.scleroseenplaques.ca/qc/>) is the principal resource in the province for information about multiple sclerosis. It offers services to its some 8,000 members and their families through its network of more than 25 local chapters, which serve communities across Quebec.

### **About *24hrs Inline Montreal***

*24hrs Inline Montreal* aims to promote inline skating, physical fitness and the pleasure of team sports. It is the only group inline skating event of its type in North America. In Europe, this type of challenge is much more common. Most notable among the European events is the 24H Rollers competition in Le Mans, France.

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