

ONENESS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

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With the grace of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj the 2019 Oneness Cricket Event was held in Long Island, New York on Saturday August 31st, 2019. **NY-CT Branch indeed had** the great fortune to host the event. From innocent little children of the Bal Sangat to youth members of the Branch to all the way the gemlike veteran devotees took part in preparation for the event with exceeding zeal. The fact this was an all day event starting from 7:30am until its conclusion until 7:30pm, the host branch took note of every minute detail while organizing the event. Visiting participants were greatly accommodated with every necessities. Meals were freshly prepared and served with ample love.



A First-Aid booth was setup as well. The event possessed a unique facet as it was of a competitive nature, nonetheless the underlying theme of Oneness was quite evident and simply oozed at every point. In total 8 Branches combined from US and Canada took part in the event.

Participating devotees travelled far and wide from various places as Toronto , Atlanta, Boston, California, Chicago, New Jersey and Washington D.C. As per initially

established agreement, each team was assigned a particular color for its uniform while all displaying the SNM logo on the top left polo style shirt.

As 100s of players representing different teams descended on the field in their designated uniform, a mosaic view came into being. Different colors dictated the field, yet a soft serene hue of bliss perforated across. Unity in diversity was in action. As planned, the event kicked off exactly at 7:30am under the guidance of the senior members of the Branch.



The core agenda of embarking, maintaining and extending the much needed sentiment of Oneness, truly achieved great success. **When team Boston fell short of players and came close to forfeiting the match against Toronto**, something quite unnatural, that is unusual to the worldly realm, happened. Team Toronto volunteered players from its own team to Boston! In an another match, where NY was facing Washington D.C., when a **NY team member began experiencing exhaustion, member from the opposite team, that is the Washington D.C., came forward and helped alleviate the player employing the physiotherapy skills!** And the acts of selflessness did not halt there, rather continued throughout the event. Honoring the protocols of the game, team Toronto and team California played the final game and team California lifted the winner's trophy. Throughout the event, the core aim of Oneness could be witnessed and felt in the

atmosphere. Young devotees born and raised in modern world where strong and brutal sense of competition is induced from very tender age onwards, it is indeed a breath of fresh air to witness that these devotees have maintained to not only escape such futile race, rather inculcate unparalleled sentiments of sharing, offering preferences to others and keeping humans and humanity first and foremost at the forefront of their heart.



Icing on the cake came into being when members of the visiting teams attended the Sunday congregation and drew blessings from the entire Sangat. NY-CT Branch humbly expresses immense gratitude towards Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj for blessing such platform as the Oneness Cricket Event to help echo the message of humanity.