

2020 North American Indigenous Games

Team Manitoba Contingent

December Newsletter



The 2020 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) will be held July 12-18, 2020 (travelling July 11-20th) in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Games will take place in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

The Canadian teams competing in the 2020 NAIG are: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Eastern Door and the North (Quebec), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland & Labrador, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut – for a total of 14 Provinces and Territories.

The American teams competing in the 2020 NAIG are: Region 1 (Washington, Alaska, Hawaii), Region 2 (California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon), Region 3 (Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah), Region 6 (Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri), Region 8 (Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana), Regions 9 (Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island), Region 10 (Haudenosaunee, New Jersey, Pennsylvania), and Region 12 (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina) with a total of 32 States represented.

Flight Information

Team MB departure date is July 11th, 2020. The flights will take off from Winnipeg International Airport and are booked with Air Canada. There will be 8 departing flights throughout the day that the athletes will be on. They have been booked as “group bookings” and cannot be modified.

Athletes will receive their flight itineraries in May 2020. ALL athletes must arrive in Winnipeg BEFORE the 11th and be at the Staging Event by their designated time. Teams will be travelling together on the same flight.

The earliest flight departs at 6:20 am. The athletes on this flight will arrive at the airport from the Staging Event at 4:20 am, as it takes that long to get everyone through security and boarded. The last flight departs at 2:30 pm.

Your designated flight time will depend on team size and plane capacity. We cannot guarantee what time your team will fly out until you receive your itinerary in May. Your itinerary will contain flight and baggage information as well as a packing list.

All athletes, coaches, and managers fly back to Winnipeg on Monday July 20th, 2020. There will be 8 return flights.

It is mandatory that ALL Team Manitoba Members MUST travel to and from the games as a team. If any special requests for travel AFTER THE GAMES have to be made, you must contact Mel Whitesell in writing, mel.whitesell@sportmanitoba.ca , **prior to Dec 15, 2019**. The only athlete travel home requests that will be accepted must be with the parent/legal guardian. If submissions or inquires are sent after December 15th, it will not be accepted due to Airline Ticketing! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Note: Our organization will be unable to help with any personal travel plans for our supporters wanting to fly and travel to the games. Please use the above information to make all travel arrangements.

There will be a staging event at a community centre in Winnipeg prior to all flights. At this event athletes will be given their team clothing and bags, information about airport security and will board a bus to the airport as a team.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

The 2020 NAIG will begin with the Opening Ceremonies on Sunday July 12, 2020 at Scotia Bank Centre. There will be no competition this day. All athletes will be encouraged to carry their own community flag during the ceremonies! More details and event schedules can be found on the official 2020 NAIG website at www.naig2020.com when they are available. Online broadcast for the 2020 NAIG is to be determined.

A Cultural Village will be set up at the Halifax Commons for the duration of the Games. There will be many free events at the Village such as performances by artists and dance groups, concerts, cultural teachings, campus information and more! All will be open and available to the public.

The Closing Ceremonies will be held Saturday July 18th, 2020 at the Garrison Grounds following the final soccer and lacrosse games. The 2017 NAIG Closing Ceremonies presented an opportunity for athletes to celebrate their achievements through cultural performances, remarks from leadership, activities, and a Much Music Dance Party! We look forward to seeing what this years' closing ceremonies will bring.

Sports and Competition Schedule

The following sports will be showcased at the games: 3D Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Baseball, Box Lacrosse, Canoe/Kayak, Golf, Softball, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball Wrestling, and Rifle.

Team Manitoba will be competing in all sports with the exception of: Rifle, Baseball and Beach Volleyball.

A schedule overview is available on the NAIG 2020 website (www.naig2020.com) or, see image below.

The competition schedule is not finalized nor is it available at this time. The final schedule will not be available until 2 months prior to the games, after it has been developed by the Host Society and approved by NAIG Council.

Reminder: Practices and training will differ between teams. Please contact your coaches for any questions regarding practicing and training.

Transportation in Halifax

On ground transportation for the teams will be provided by the Host Society in Halifax.

This includes pick-up and drop-off from the airport and travel to/from the athlete accommodations to their respective competitions.

Athletes will travel with their teams at all times.

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						Travel Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Cultural Village	Baseball	Archery (3D)	Archery (3D)	Archery (3D)	Badminton	Basketball - SMU
Opening Ceremony	Basketball - Citadel Community Centre	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Basketball - Citadel Community Centre	Cultural Village
	Basketball - Halifax Grammar	Baseball	Badminton	Badminton	Basketball - Halifax Grammar	Lacrosse - SMU Arena
	Basketball - Halifax West	Basketball - Citadel Community Centre	Baseball	Baseball	Basketball - Halifax Grammar	Soccer - SMU
	Basketball - SMU	Basketball - Halifax Grammar	Basketball - Citadel Community Centre	Basketball - Citadel Community Centre	Basketball - Halifax West	6 pm Closing Ceremony
	Cultural Village	Basketball - Halifax West	Basketball - Halifax Grammar	Basketball - Halifax Grammar	Basketball - SMU	
	Golf	Basketball - SMU	Basketball - Halifax West	Basketball - Halifax West	Cross Country	
	Lacrosse - RBC 4Pad	Beach Volleyball	Basketball - SMU	Basketball - SMU	Cultural Village	
	Soccer - Mainland & Soccer NS	Canoe Kayak	Beach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball	Lacrosse - RBC 4Pad	
	Softball	Cultural Village	Canoe Kayak	Canoe Kayak	Soccer - Mainland & Soccer NS	
	Volleyball	Golf	Cultural Village	Cultural Village	Softball	
		Lacrosse - RBC 4Pad	Golf	Lacrosse - RBC 4Pad	Volleyball	
		Rifle	Lacrosse - RBC 4Pad	Rifle		
		Soccer - Mainland & Soccer NS	Rifle	Soccer - Mainland & Soccer NS		
		Softball	Soccer - Mainland & Soccer NS	Softball		
		Swimming	Softball	Swimming		
		Volleyball	Swimming	Volleyball		
		Wrestling	Volleyball	Wrestling		
			Wrestling			



Sport Venues

3D Archery – Millbrook Archery Facility, Millbrook

Athletics – Beazley Field, Dartmouth

Cross Country- Point Pleasant Park

Badminton – Citadel High Community Centre

Baseball – Beazley Field, Dartmouth

Basketball – Halifax Grammar, Citadel Community Centre, Saint Mary's University,
Halifax West High School

Canoe/Kayak – Lake Banook, Dartmouth

Golf – The Links at Brunello, Timberlea

Box Lacrosse – RBC Centre

Rifle Shooting – Bedford Rifle Range, Bedford

Soccer – BMO Soccer Field

Softball – Halifax Commons

Swimming – Dalhousie Pool

Volleyball – Canada Games Centre

Beach Volleyball- Harbour East Sands, Dartmouth

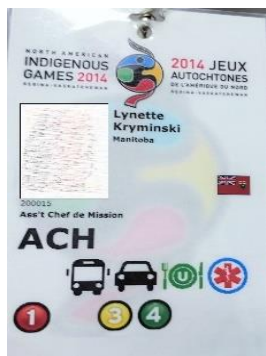
Wrestling – Saint Mary's University Arena

Athlete Villages (Accommodation)

The main campuses for the athlete's accommodations are Dalhousie, Saint Mary's University, Mount St. Vincent College, and Kings College. It is not confirmed where each contingency will be staying but we should have confirmation in May.

Athlete Accreditation

See picture for a sample of the 2014 Games accreditation badge.



Important Note: All athletes **MUST** be wearing their **OWN** badge **AT ALL TIMES**. The badges are used for entry into the following venues: sport venues, athlete villages, meal rooms, busses, etc. Without this, the security at the doors **WILL NOT** let you in, even if you are wearing your team Manitoba apparel. Security is and will be taken seriously at the 2020 Games.

Fee Information

Athlete's fees are now due!

Total fees are \$1,600 per athlete - \$200 was due on October 31st, 2019. A payment plan has been conveniently set up for families. Further instalments of \$700.00 are due: **January 15/2020 and February 15/2020**. If no arrangements are made with the MASRC office and no payments have been received, consequences such as athlete removal from Team Manitoba may be given. The methods of payment are: Money Order, Certified Cheque, Cash in person, E-transfer or Branch to Branch.

Cheques can be made out to: Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council or MASRC and sent to the mail address at the end of the newsletter

E-transfer: to mel.whitesell@sportmanitoba.ca, in the message box put athletes name and sport

Security question: What is this for?

Answer: NAIG2020

The total cost covers the following: Team Uniforms, Athlete Apparel including a Team Manitoba Jacket, T-shirt, Shorts, Hoodie, Baseball Cap, Travel Bag and sandals, Administration, all Meals, Accommodations, Flights to/from Halifax, on-ground transportation at the games and NAIG Host Fees. The only extra money needed for athletes would be for extracurricular and shopping.

Reminder from a 2017 NAIG parent: Look into nationwide calling plans for your athletes prior to leaving for the games. Last games some athletes ended up with 700\$-800\$ phone bills.

Apparel

All participants have sent in their sizes for their apparel and the Team MB gear is ordered! Gear will be given to athletes the day they leave for the games at the Staging Event (July 11, 2020).

Fan Store

The Fan store will be reopening in the New Year! Hoodies and t-shirts will be available for sale.

Due Dates

The following athlete info are due on the following dates:

- Indigenous Ancestry (Copy of Metis/Treaty Card or Genealogy) needs to be valid (not expired) – **PAST DUE - PLEASE SEND ASAP**
- Deadline for requests for athlete return travel arrangements -**December 15, 2019**
- Payment Installments of \$ 700.00 x 2– **January 15, 2020 and February 15, 2020**
- Travel Consent Forms: **Dec 15 (Only needed if you have NOT already sent it in)**

Reminder: Being a part of Team MB and attending the games is an amazing opportunity for our youth. They get a chance to build significant friendship with new communities over the 7 days they are there. We appreciate all the parents that are planning to come out to watch and support! Visiting with your child during the games will be dependant on team activities, sport schedule and other variables that will not be known until we arrive at the games. We are excited for all the fan support and really want to provide a meaningful sport and cultural experience for all Team MB participants.

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If you know someone that would like to make a financial donation to Team Manitoba for the 2020 NAIG, donations can be made to the above address. When submitting the donation please include the athlete's name or team you would like it credited to.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Reminder: NAIG Council has a Zero Tolerance Policy. If athletes are caught breaking the below policy, the athlete will be sent home at the expense of the parent.

I.1. Zero Tolerance Policy

In its promotion of a drug and alcohol free event, the NAIG Council is opposed to the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, cannabis, non-traditional use of tobacco, e-cigarettes and solvents within the NAIG. The NAIG Council is also opposed to the use by athletes, coaches and officials, any banned and restricted substances for the purpose of performance enhancement. Zero tolerance means that behavior contrary to the above will not be tolerated and will result in the immediate loss of all privileges associated with participation in the Games. Incidents that involve the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, cannabis, non-traditional use of tobacco, e-cigarettes and solvents are normally dealt with on an individual team basis through their own disciplinary procedures. These procedures could result in the individual(s) being removed from the Games and reported to the Host Society. Teams are responsible for making the appropriate arrangements to remove team members from the Games.

Websites

Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council (MASRC) Website

www.masrc.com

2020 North American Indigenous Games Official Website

www.naig2020.com

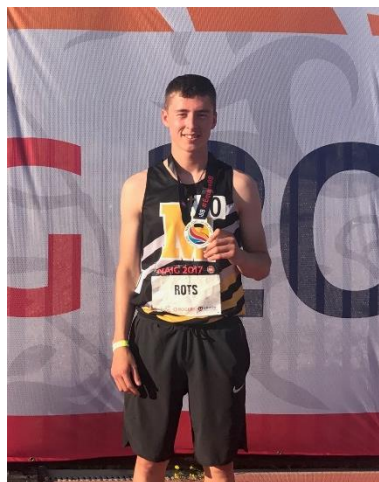
North American Indigenous Council Website

<http://www.naigcouncil.com>

Social Media

MASRC Twitter - @_MASRC

NAIG Council Twitter - @naigcouncil



Your NAIG story!

Our province has a rich history of NAIG and we want to inspire the NAIG 2020 team with YOUR story!

Have you attended any of the previous North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)?

Which ones, LIST Games:

The MASRC would like your exciting story and experiences from past NAIG to share!

Pictures welcome! Email:

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