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## Team Manitoba / 2008 NAIG



The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) is North America's largest Aboriginal sporting event which will be taking place this year in Cowichan, BC in August of 2008. The Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council with help from the sport managers and coaches, has organized try outs to select the 500 Team Manitoba athletes who will have the honour to represent Manitoba at this most prestigious event. In total, there will be over 5000 athletes competing in the games along with 3000 cultural participants gathering for support. Team Manitoba, which is made up of 12 sports in the bantam, midget and juvenile age categories will be sending a delegation of over 500 athletes and coaches to the games. These sports include athletics, archery, badminton, baseball (male only), basketball, canoe, golf, lacrosse (male only), soccer, softball, swimming and volleyball. Team Manitoba is currently in the final stages of completing the rosters for the 2008 NAIG. A total of 1000 athletes attended the try outs and I.D. camps across the province to represent Team Manitoba going to NAIG.

## Senior Sports for NAIG

Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council have recently announced that Team Manitoba will be including the senior category to compete in the 2008 North American Indigenous Games. Teams are in the process of being selected and practices are underway. MASRC will endorse the participation of 8 senior sports, male and female. Sports that are included are Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Golf, Canoeing, Volleyball, Basketball and Swimming. Senior athletes are responsible for their own organization, travel, meals and accommodations to and from Cowichan, BC for NAIG 2008. MASRC is willing to provide fundraising and planning tips for those who are interested. Senior teams are dependant on the amount of interest and competition from other provinces.

For more information, contact Darryl Bauer, Senior Sport Liaison by email [darrylbauer@sport.mb.ca](mailto:darrylbauer@sport.mb.ca).

**Do you have an upcoming event in your community and would like it included in our Newsletter? If so, contact Dana Riccio by phone 925.5655 or email [danariccio@sport.mb.ca](mailto:danariccio@sport.mb.ca).**

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## 2008 NAHC



The 2008 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) will be held this year in Sault St. Marie, Ontario. The NAHC provides a forum for elite Aboriginal hockey players throughout Canada. Team Manitoba is represented by two teams, one male and one female which are both comprised of the bantam and midget age athletes from across Manitoba. Darryl Bauer, the NAHC Team

Manager seems confident about the 2008 Female Team, "this year we held try-outs in the summer, allowing the girls to come together and build team chemistry early, because of this, our team is looking strong and we definitely have an advantage over the other teams." The team is expected to do well in the championships; they are a strong favourite and have great talent. Tara Lacquette, this year's Team Manitoba goalie is already making history, she is playing for Both the Aboriginal Provincial team and the Team Manitoba Program of excellence. "Lacquette is the starting goalie for both programs, which is probably the first time a player has ever played and started for both teams." – Peter Symchuck, Team Manager. The games will be held from April 27 to May 3, 2008. Watch out for more information and updates on both the Male & Female Team Manitoba!

### **The National Aboriginal Female Team Manitoba 2008**

Head Coach, Bev Drobot; Asst. Coach, Alice Swampy; Athletic Therapist, Carla Taylor; Manager, Peter Symchuk.

### **Roster:**

Sara Roncinm, McCreary; Samantha Mackay, Winnipeg Beach; Jasmine Levesque, Winnipeg; Dee-Ann Marion, Winnipeg; Nikita Didychuk, Winnipeg; Robyn Goodwin, Winnipeg; Darion Bruyere, Pinefalls; Tori Williams, The Pas; Kayla Chomokovski, Great Falls; Brittany Charette, Winnipeg; Lynn Larson, Blumenort; Karen Larson, Blumenort; Rachelle Bosc, Dufresne; Felicia Prise, Gimli; Ashley Potvin, St. Laurant; Brigett Lacquette, Waterhen; Tara Lacquette, Waterhen; Leslie St-Godard, Winnipeg; Tessa Joy Monias, Cross Lake; *Bronte Charette, Winnipeg; Alix Fenner, The Pas.*

\*\*\*\**Alternates*

For more information, contact Darryl Bauer at 925.5637. For online details go to [www.masrc.com](http://www.masrc.com)

## Team Manitoba Sponsorship Committee

The Manitoba Aboriginal Sport & Recreation Council (MASRC) has implemented a sponsorship and fundraising strategy to help raise funds to cover the overall costs of the 50 athletes representing Team Manitoba in the 2008 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Sault St. Marie, and the 500 athletes that will represent Team Manitoba for the 2008 National Aboriginal Indigenous Games in Cowichan, BC. The goal of the sponsorship and fundraising committee is to immediately develop strategies that will limit the amount of costs for each athlete that will be representing team Manitoba in the 2008 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and the North American Indigenous Games.

## Category of Links

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Aboriginal Sport Circle

***Click here for the Tom  
Longboat Award or  
Aboriginal Coaching  
Award Nomination Forms.***

## Annual Awards

Each year, the top male and female Aboriginal athletes and coaches from each Province and Territory are selected for the Tom Longboat and Aboriginal Coaching Regional Awards. Manitoba's recipients of the 2007 Tom Longboat Award will be invited to receive their award at Sport Manitoba's Sport Awards ceremony, which will be held in March 2008. Manitoba's recipients for the 2007 Aboriginal Coach Award will be invited to receive their award at the 21st Annual Coaching Manitoba Excellence Awards Brunch, which will be held on April 12, 2008 at the Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2008. Nomination forms are available on the MASRC website or online at the Aboriginal Sport Circle website at [www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca](http://www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca). All regional recipients of these awards will automatically advance as nominees for the Aboriginal Sport Circle's prestigious National Award that is presented to the most outstanding male and female Aboriginal Athlete and Coach in Canada.

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## Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is made up of various community members whose overall goal is to help raise money and awareness for Team Manitoba going to NAIG 2008. Currently, the committee is working on two Special Events. The first is preparing to announce an upcoming event, a tentative fundraising dinner on Thursday March 28, 2008. The final details will be announced in the near future. The second in-progress event is the idea of hosting a Golf Tournament in the early spring. All events will promote the NAIG 2008 Athletes.

*Stay tuned for special releases of our newsletter and email updates.*

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## New to the MASRC Team

Kurt Kelly, Executive Director. Winnipeg Sub Office.

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George Lammers, Special Events Coordinator. MMF Winnipeg Region

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*Watch for updated employee biographies on [www.masrc.com](http://www.masrc.com).*

Did you know?

- MASRC is currently in the final stages of revamping the website, stay tuned for the upcoming announcements of the improved [www.masrc.com](http://www.masrc.com)!

**Do you know of an  
outstanding athlete  
or coach?**

**Nominate them for  
the "Athlete" of  
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## **Athlete of the Month**

At 12 years of age, Joseph (Joey) Sutherland has already made a name for himself in the athletic world of Manitoba. His endless efforts as an athlete have earned him the attendance in three National Lacrosse tournaments and 2 Provincial Tournaments, as well as a spot on the 2008 North American Indigenous Games Manitoba Lacrosse Team which will compete in Cowichan B.C. in August 2008. Joey's credentials are growing as he is also a member of the North West AA Stars Major Pee-Wee team in the Winnipeg AA Minor Hockey association, and a key player for the Provincial Lacrosse team in both 2006 and 2007. Joey not only excels on the ice, he is also involved in playing baseball. This past summer, Joseph had the opportunity to play in the Western Canadian Fast pitch championships and for the Peguis Braves. As a strong and courageous defenseman, Joey is a powerful force on the ice and field. Joey's accomplishments continually make his family, friends and

community proud. Joey is a positive young Role model for our Aboriginal youth and communities. Keep up all of your hard work, and congratulations on being the MASRC's January News-letter Athlete of the Month!



Joey with Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief.

Look forward to a full edition of Joey's accomplishments in an upcoming edition of the Grassroots News.

MASRC currently sends out mass emails to a list of 600+ organizations and individuals. If you would like to be added to this list and receive information on MASRC's programs and events, give us a call or send us an email.