



**ABORIGINAL
SPORTS CIRCLE NWT**

ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024



MESSAGE FROM CHAIR

In the past year, The Aboriginal Sport Circle NWT (ASCNWT) has made significant strides in promoting sport, culture and fostering community engagement across the Northwest Territories. We are proud to report that 28 communities accessed or participated in our programming and funding initiatives, demonstrating our commitment to reaching every corner of our territory.

The highlight of our competitive achievements was our participation in the 2023 North American Indigenous Games held in Kijipuktuk (Halifax), NS. ASCNWT proudly sent 139 athletes to represent Team NT, contributing to our impressive 13th place finish in the medal standings. This success underscores the dedication and talent of our athletes and the support they receive from our communities.

ASCNWT continues to prioritize the development of Indigenous coaches, collaborating closely with Territorial Sport Organizations to achieve this goal. Over the year, we conducted 11 Aboriginal Coaching Modules in 8 communities, with 73 enthusiastic participants gaining valuable skills and knowledge. Additionally, 10 Territorial Sport Organizations accessed funding through our Indigenous Coach Development Program, furthering our commitment to building a strong Indigenous coaching network across the Northwest Territories.

Our commitment to cultural heritage remains strong. We hosted the 12th annual Traditional Games Championships, welcoming over 220 participants from 20 schools. This event not only celebrates our cultural traditions through Northern and Dene Games but also promotes healthy competition and community spirit.

Furthermore, ASCNWT continued its efforts in the development and promotion of Northern Games and Dene Games, preserving and sharing these important cultural activities with a wider audience. This year we held instructor training in Inuvik which saw 15 different instructors certified from 10 communities across the NT.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our staff, Board of Directors, instructors, coaches, and volunteers. Their commitment to our mission is truly commendable and serves as the foundation of our success.

As we reflect on the past year, we look forward to continuing our work in advancing sport, promoting cultural heritage, and fostering community connections throughout the Northwest Territories.

Mahsi Cho!



Angela Grandjambe
Chairperson, Aboriginal Sport Circle NWT



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Northwest Territories operates with a board structured around competency-based governance. Board members leverage their diverse skill sets to ensure effective strategic planning, financial oversight, and program evaluation, aligning all efforts with the organization's mission and vision.



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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2024	2024	2024	2023
	Budget (Unaudited)	Actual	Actual
REVENUES			
Canada - Sport for Social Development	\$ 367,705	510,188	367,705
GNWT MACA - Bilateral	175,000	175,000	175,000
GNWT MACA	60,000	75,000	60,000
GNWT MACA - ILP	169,799	169,800	169,800
GNWT MACA - Recreation and Sport	800,000	800,000	800,000
GNWT MACA - NAIG	-	583,040	662,980
GNWT Health and Social Services	52,484	72,500	-
Aboriginal Sports Circle	-	355,840	289,100
Contributions deferred - opening	346,090	1,159,834	1,010,937
Contributions deferred - closing	-	(633,862)	(1,159,834)
Other revenue	172,800	87,656	207,743
Registration fees	102,900	137,295	61,176
	2,246,778	3,492,291	2,644,607
EXPENSES			
Administration	109,855	112,496	137,537
Staff or instructor costs	904,892	869,365	1,026,684
Travel expenses	762,022	1,851,617	824,253
Grants	155,530	181,798	258,382
Rent and fees paid	119,600	128,809	119,625
Other	194,879	348,206	278,126
	2,246,778	3,492,291	2,644,607
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses before other	-	-	-

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2023/2024 AT A GLANCE

28

Number of communities that had residents access or participate in ASCNWT programming.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

15 Applications

14 Organizations

\$91,347

Given to organizations

Academy for Student Athlete Development, BNWT, CJBS, Chief Sunrise Education Centre, Fort Liard Archery, Fort Smith Hockey, Hay River Figure Skating, Inuvik Softball, NWT Softball, Table Tennis North, Tsiigehtchic Recreation, Volleyball NWT, Whati Volleyball



NWT ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fort Providence, NT • Oct 20-22, 2023

45 Archers

7 Communities Represented
Behchoko, Fort Good Hope, Fort Providence, Fort Smith, Hay River, Whati, Yellowknife



NORTHERN GAMES & DENE GAMES INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Inuvik, NT • April 17-21, 2023

15 New Instructors

10 Communities Represented
Behchoko, Deline, Fort Good Hope, Fort McPherson, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Gameti, Inuvik, Ulukhaktok, Yellowknife



DEMONSTRATIONS/CAMPS

42 Days of Teaching
Deh Cho Tour, Deline, Ecole l'tlo, Samba K'e, St. Pats, MRA Rec Leaders Camp, Hay River Summer Heat Camp, Multicultural Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, CFNA, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Whati, YESS Program, Female Hockey, William Mac, Fort McPherson, Tsiigehtchic, Fort Providence, Tuktoyaktuk

14 Communities Visited
Deline, Fort Liard, Fort McPherson, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Hay River, Inuvik, Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Saamba K'e, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk, Whati, Yellowknife

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

Halifax, NS • July 15-23, 2023



139 Athletes

8 Sports
Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball

6 Youth Cultural Performers
Tlicho Drummers

13 Mission Staff

16 Communities Represented

Aklavik, Behchoko, Colville Lake, Deline, Fort Liard, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Gameti, Hay River, Inuvik, Lutsel K'e, Norman Wells, Tulita, Yellowknife



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Ethan Boucher - Hay River
Greyson Catholique - Yellowknife
Kyren Poitras - Fort Smith
Kohl McDonald - Inuvik



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Swimming 200m Individual Medley 19U
Swimming 100m Backstroke 19U
Jacob Mitchener - Yellowknife

Swimming 50m Freestyle
Kole Lizotte - Yellowknife

Badminton Singles 16U
Andrew Kay-Grenier - Fort Smith

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

Mat-Su, Alaska • March 10-16, 2024

AWG

40 Athletes

8 Coaches

3 Sports
Archery, Arctic Sports and Dene Games

12 Communities Represented
Aklavik, Behchoko, Deline, Fort McPherson, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Hay River, Inuvik, Lutsel K'e, Tuktoyaktuk, Yellowknife



Dene Games All Around Open Female
Dene Games Stick Pull Open Female
Shawna McLeod - Fort Providence

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Dene Games Snow Snake Open Female
Theresa Lynn - Dettah

Dene Games Pole Push Jr Male
Hans Arey - Aklavik
Jarmaine Betsina - Dettah
Marlin King - Fort Resolution
Canan Joe Olvera - Fort Smith



8

Arctic Sports Triple Jump Open Male
James Williams - Yellowknife

Arctic Sports Airplane Open Male
Byron Kotokak - Tuktoyaktuk

Arctic Sports Sledge Jump Open Male
Chris Stipdonk - Yellowknife

Dene Games All Around Jr Male
Dene Games Stick Pull Jr Male
Canan Joe Olvera - Fort Smith

Dene Games Stick Pull Open Male
Robin Catholique - Lutsel K'e

Dene Games Finger Pull Open Female
Shawna McLeod - Fort Providence

Dene Games Hand Games Jr Male
Hans Arey - Aklavik
Jarmaine Betsina - Dettah
Marlin King - Fort Resolution



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Arctic Sports One Hand Reach Open Male
Arctic Sports Airplane Open Male
Chris Stipdonk - Yellowknife

Arctic Sports One Foot High Kick Open Male
Underwood Day - Inuvik

Dene Games Finger Pull Jr Male
Marlin King - Fort Resolution

Dene Games Pole Push Open Female
Theresa Lynn - Dettah
Shawna McLeod - Fort Providence
Lydia K'aagnaeonka Nelner - Fort Simpson
Ariana Sundberg-Koyina - Yellowknife

ABORIGINAL COACHING MODULES

11 Delivered

8 Communities
Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Norman Wells, Paulatuk, Tulita, Yellowknife, Inuvik

80 Participants

INDIGENOUS COACH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

10 TSO Applications
Archery NWT, Basketball NWT, Canoe/Kayak NT, Hockey NWT, Judo NWT, NWT Wrestling, Soccer NWT, Table Tennis NWT, Volleyball NWT, NWT Softball

INDIGENOUS LONG TERM PARTICIPANT DEVELOPMENT

1 Workshop Delivered
with Soccer NWT

12 Participants

TRADITIONAL GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yellowknife, NT • February 1-4, 2024

216 Participants

20 Schools

17 Communities Represented

Aklavik, Behchoko, Colville Lake, Deline, Dettah, Fort Good Hope, Fort McPherson, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, N'Dilo, Paulatuk, Sambaa K'e, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk, Tulita, Ulukhaktok, Yellowknife



Mangilaluk School
Tuktoyaktuk



Ecole William MacDonald School
Yellowknife



Weledah School
Yellowknife

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



COMMUNITIES THAT ACCESSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

7

*Behchoko
Fort Providence
Fort Smith
Hay River
Kat'odeeche First Nation Reserve
Tsiigehtchic
Whati*

The Community Development Program was designed to assist communities with sport, recreation and cultural activities that are meaningful and beneficial to the community and its participants. Our goal is to work with organizations and/or communities to build capacity in their programming to get residents active. We strive to remove as many barriers as possible to ensure everyone has access to sport and recreation. The Aboriginal Sports Circle of the NWT (ASCNWT) is working to create strong partnerships with volunteers, recreation leaders, schools, and Territorial Sport Organizations (TSO's).

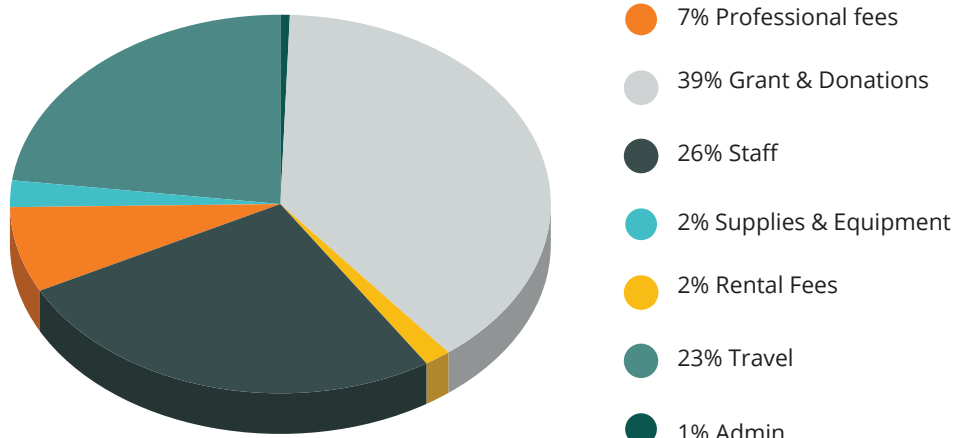
We have partnered with several TSO's to support their sport initiatives. This includes running workshops, building capacity and equipment assistance. Together we aim to provide sport and recreation to communities and deliver quality programming.

TSO PARTNERSHIPS

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*Basketball NWT
Softball NWT
Table Tennis NWT
Volleyball NWT*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOTAL COST \$215,288





ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTED

Organization

Basketball NWT
 Chief Jimmy Bruno School
 Chief Sunrise Education Centre
 Community of Tsiigehtchic
 Community of Whati
 Fort Smith Metis
 Hay River Figure Skating Club
 Physical Literacy NWT/Northern Loco
 Softball NWT
 Table Tennis NWT
 Volleyball NWT
 Makeway Charitable Society

What the Funding Was Used For

- Basketball equipment to support programs in several NWT communities
- Support students to attend Lutsel K'e Hide Camp / archery equipment
- Support to attend and deliver cultural programming at Sandy Creek
- To continue delivering community recreation programming
- The Therese Nitsiza Volleyball Tournament
- Support 20 families to participate in Fort Smith Minor Hockey & Skating Club
- 2023 Figure Skating Carnival
- The Academy of Student Athlete Development Program
- Delivering a softball training event in Fort Simpson
- Table Tennis Festival / officials development
- Player & coach development camps throughout the NWT
- NWT Youth Gathering in Yellowknife

TERRITORIAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS



The Northern Games NT and the Dene Games NT (NG/ DG) Territorial Sport Organizations are designed to promote cultural pride and understanding through participation in the traditional survival and social games. Both TSO's are operated and organized by working groups established by ASCNWT. The working groups meet 4 times a year to discuss ways to grow the games. We provide training opportunities for instructors, organize demonstrations for large events and work at developing the sports across the North.

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

Team NT Dene Games

16 Athletes

4 Coaches

11 Communities Represented
Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, Fort Simpson, Deline, Lutsel K'e, Fort McPherson, Dettah, Yellowknife, Aklavik

Team NT Arctic Sports

16 Athletes

2 Coaches

4 Communities Represented
Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, Yellowknife, Inuvik



Dene Games All Around Open Female
Dene Games Stick Pull Open Female
Shawna McLeod - Fort Providence

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Dene Games Snow Snake Open Female
Theresa Lynn - Dettah

Dene Games Pole Push Jr Male
Hans Arey - Aklavik
Jarmaine Betsina - Dettah
Marlin King - Fort Resolution
Canan Joe Olvera - Fort Smith



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Chris Stipdonk - Yellowknife

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Canan Joe Olvera - Fort Smith

Dene Games Stick Pull Open Male
Robin Catholique - Lutsel K'e

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Shawna McLeod - Fort Providence

Dene Games Hand Games Jr Male
Hans Arey - Aklavik
Jarmaine Betsina - Dettah
Marlin King - Fort Resolution



Arctic Sports One Hand Reach Open Male
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Chris Stipdonk - Yellowknife

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Arctic Sports One Foot High Kick Open Male
Underwood Day - Inuvik

Dene Games Finger Pull Jr Male
Marlin King - Fort Resolution

Dene Games Pole Push Open Female
Theresa Lynn - Dettah
Shawna McLeod - Fort Providence
Lydia K'aagnaeonka Nelner - Fort Simpson
Ariana Sundberg-Koyina - Yellowknife



INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

In April 2023, a Northern Games & Dene Games instructor training workshop was held in Inuvik, NT. 15 participants from 10 different communities went on to become certified to run demonstrations for ASCNWT.

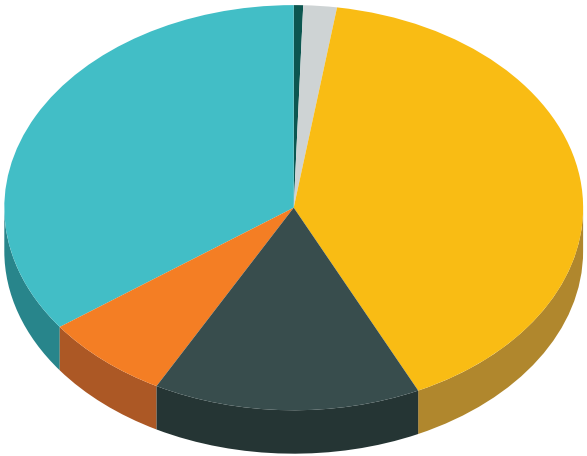
COMMUNITIES VISITED

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- Deline
- Fort Liard
- Fort McPherson
- Fort Providence
- Fort Simpson
- Hay River
- Inuvik
- Jean Marie River
- Nahanni Butte
- Saamba K'e
- Tsiigehtchic
- Tuktoyaktuk
- Whati
- Yellowknife

NG/DG TOTAL COST \$281,662

- 1% Admin
- 40% Staff
- 7% Professional Fees
- 2% Rental Fees
- 15% Supplies & Equipment
- 35% Travel



TERRITORIAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS



COMMUNITIES VISITED

6

*Behchoko
Fort Simpson
Gameti
Hay River
Nahanni Butte
Yellowknife*



Archery NT is a TSO operated and organized by a working group established by ASCNWT. Its purpose is to advise ASCNWT on ways to build the sport in the NT and how to best provide support to athletes, coaches and officials

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

We brought our programming to four communities this past season. Our programs not only consists of teaching individuals how to shoot a bow safely, we also teach community leaders ways to continue programming after we leave.

Weekly programming was continued at The Arcan Sport Facility in Yellowknife.

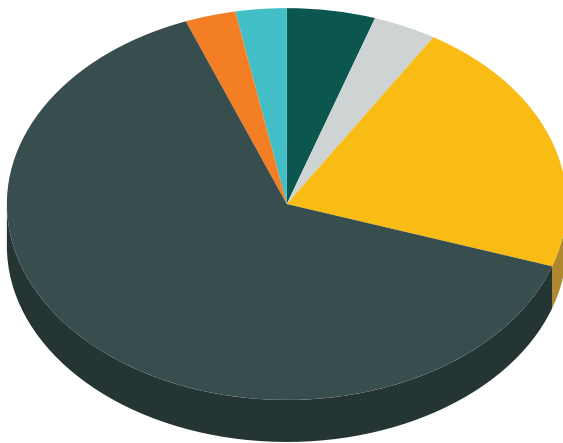




ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

Archery NT organized and delivered the territorial trials for the 2024 AWG at the ARCAN Sport Facility in Yellowknife. The top two from each category, Male Barebow, Female Barebow, Male Compound, Femal Compound, were selected for Team NT.

Team NT Archery consisted 8 athletes and 2 coaches from Yellowknife, Hay River, and Behchoko.



ARCHERY NT TOTAL COST \$89,979

- 5% Registration
- 21% Supplies & Equipment
- 4% Professional Fees
- 64% Staff
- 3% Travel
- 3% Selection Funding

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NUMBER OF TSO PARTNERS

12

Archery NT

Basketball NWT

Dene Games NT

Hockey NWT

NWT Judo Association

NWT Kayak

NWT Snowboard

NWT Soccer

NWT Swimming

NWT Wrestling Association

Northern Games NT

Table Tennis North

Volleyball NT

INDIGENOUS COACH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ICDP)

The ICDP has been designed to help TSO's fund, mentor, identify and develop Indigenous coaches from communities across the NT. The ICDP was developed in 2019 and is available to the public and TSO's as a form of funding for recruiting, supporting, and training Indigenous coaches from communities across the NT. TSO's can apply for our assistance to:

- Fund training or workshops.
- Identify, recruit, and support Indigenous coaches from communities.
- Provide mentorship opportunities for Indigenous coaches.

ABORIGINAL COACHING MODULES (ACM)

The ACM workshop is a professional development training tool for Indigenous and non-Indigenous coaches who coach Indigenous athletes, as they become certified through the National Coaching Certification Program.

ASCNWT was able to offer the ACM in Norman Wells, Fort Smith, Yellowknife, Fort Providence, Tulita, Paulatuk Fort Simpson, Inuvik.

We are in the midst of training Learning Facilitators. In April 2023, five participants went for training in Vancouver. In addition, we had one participant partake in the Master Learning Facilitator training.

ASCNWT is committed to having qualified Learning Facilitators ready to offer the ACM within the Territory, aiming to have a facilitator in each region.

ABORIGINAL APPRENTICESHIP COACHING PROGRAM (AACP)

The AACP is a partnership between the Aboriginal Sport Circle, ASCNWT, the Canada Games Council, and the Coaching Association of Canada. It provides the opportunity for each province and territory to send two (2) coaches of Indigenous ancestry to the Canada Games as an apprentice coach.

Soccer and Swimming have been selected to have Aboriginal Apprentice Coaches for the 2025 Canada Summer Games.



INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES: ACTIVE FOR LIFE

This full-day workshop with its accompanying resources was created with guidance from Indigenous leaders throughout the country, with the purpose of inspiring community leaders looking for culturally tailored resources that act as a vehicle toward individual and community holistic development.

We are targeting to offer four Indigenous Communities: Active for Life workshops in the following year. One in Ulukhaktok, one in either the South Slave or Dehcho, and two in Yellowknife.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY COACH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ICCAP)

The goal of this program is to attract and support underrepresented populations in coaching, such as female and Indigenous coaches. The program provides up to two Indigenous coaches per Games from each Province and Territory the opportunity to develop their coaching skills through the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) experience.

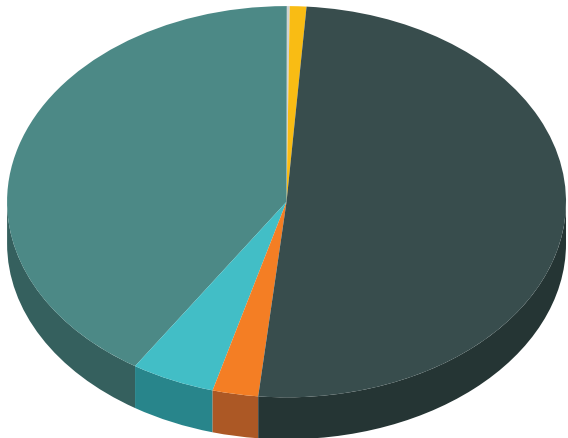
Bronwyn Rutherford-Simon (soccer) and John Roche (basketball) were coaches at NAIG 2023 through the ICCAP.

INDIGENOUS LONG-TERM PARTICIPANT DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY (ILTPD)

This workshop and accompanying resource is designed to help sport and physical activity leaders and organizations across Canada enhance their understanding on how to support Indigenous participants and athletes in their programming.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TOTAL COST \$340,327

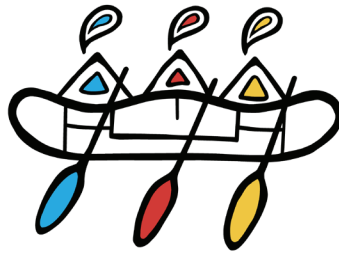
- 41% Travel
- 50% Staff
- 3% Professional Fees
- 5% Supplies & Equipment
- 1% Rental



EVENTS

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

**2023 JEUX
AUTOCHTONES**
de l'Amérique du Nord
HALIFAX • NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE



North American
**INDIGENOUS
GAMES 2023**
HALIFAX • NOVA SCOTIA

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

197

NT COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

16

Aklavik
Behchoko
Colville Lake
Deline
Fort Liard
Fort Providence
Fort Resolution
Fort Simpson
Fort Smith
Gameti
Hay River
Inuvik
Lutselk'e
Norman Wells
Tulita
Yellowknife

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) took place from July 15 to 23, 2023 in Kijipuktuk (Halifax, NS) and Millbrook First Nation. These games were originally set to take place the summer of 2020, but had been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event became the largest multi-sport and cultural event ever held in Atlantic Canada. More than 5,000 athletes, coaches and team staff from 756 Indigenous nations took part in cultural celebrations, competed in 16 sports

139 Athletes

8 Sports
Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball,
Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball

6 Youth Cultural Performers
Tlicho Drummers

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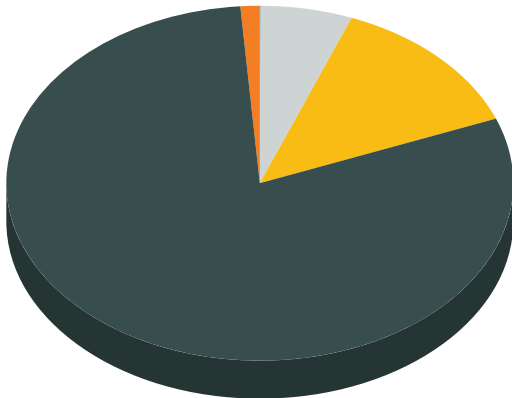
7 VIPs

Out of 23 contingents, Team NT finished 13th in the overall medal standings.



NAIG TOTAL COST \$1,504,247

- 2% Admin
- 6% Grants
- 1% Rental
- 13% Supplies & Equipment
- 80% Travel



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Athletics 4x400m Relay 14U
 Ethan Boucher - Hay River
 Greyson Catholique - Yellowknife
 Kyren Poitras - Fort Smith
 Kohl McDonald - Inuvik



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Athletics 1200m 14U
 Kohl McDonald - Inuvik

Badminton Doubles 16U
 Andrew Kay-Grenier - Fort Smith
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 Kohl McDonald - Inuvik

Athletics 300m 16U
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Swimming 200m Individual Medley 19U
Swimming 100m Backstroke 19U
 Jacob Mitchener - Yellowknife

Swimming 50m Freestyle
 Kole Lizotte - Yellowknife

Badminton Singles 16U
 Andrew Kay-Grenier - Fort Smith

NWT ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS



ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP TOTAL COST \$59,204

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

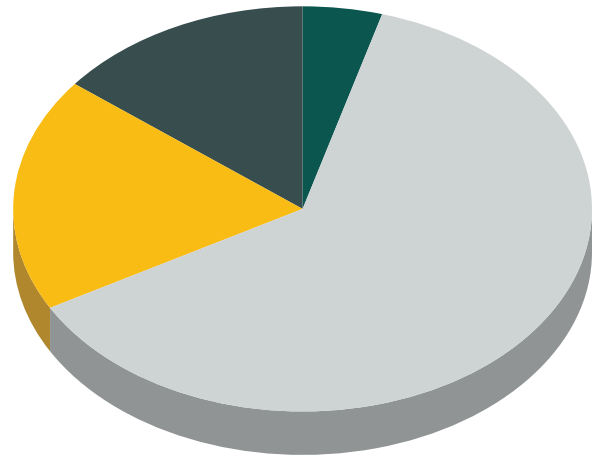
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COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

7

- Behchoko
- Fort Good Hope
- Fort Providence
- Fort Smith
- Hay River
- Whati
- Yellowknife

- 4% Rental Fees
- 19% Supplies & Equipment
- 62% Staff
- 15% Travel





The NWT Archery Championships were held in Fort Providence, NT, from October 20-22, 2023. Moving forward, our goal is to rotate these territorial championships among smaller communities to promote cultural exchange and introduce participants to new 3D archery trails.

ASCNWT improved logistical support with the purchase of a new enclosed cargo trailer for archery gear and acquired additional equipment to accommodate all participants, especially newcomers. Feedback from athletes, officials, parents, and volunteers was positive, reflecting a well-organized event.

The championships attracted 45 archers from communities including Yellowknife, Whati, Behchoko, Hay River, Fort Good Hope, Fort Smith, and Fort Providence. Local volunteers and community members provided essential support. ASCNWT offered a 50% travel reimbursement and two-night accommodations at the Snowshoe Inn Hotel to encourage participation, though some archers still faced financial barriers.

Future plans include hosting the championships in Hay River and aiming to increase involvement from the Sahtu and Beaufort Delta regions by expanding local archery programs.

TRADITIONAL GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS



TRADITIONAL GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

216

COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

17

Aklavik
Behchoko
Colville Lake
Deline
Dettah
Fort Good Hope
Fort McPherson
Fort Providence

Fort Simpson
N'Dilo
Paulatuk
Sambaa K'e
Tsiigehtchic
Tuktoyaktuk
Tulita
Ulukhaktok
Yellowknife



The Traditional Games Championships were launched to boost participation and raise awareness of Northern and Dene Games across the Northwest Territories. This initiative builds upon ASCNWT's existing programs in schools and communities throughout the region.

This year was a notable success, with 20 schools participating from across the territory. Records were broken, and a new game was introduced, highlighting exceptional talent and community engagement. Gerry Kisoun served as emcee, bringing his extensive knowledge of Indigenous Games to the event. Special thanks to Hovak Johnston and the Yellowknives Dene Drummers for their role in the opening ceremonies. The event was supported by 20 officials from across the NWT, including one apprentice coach from Fort Good Hope.



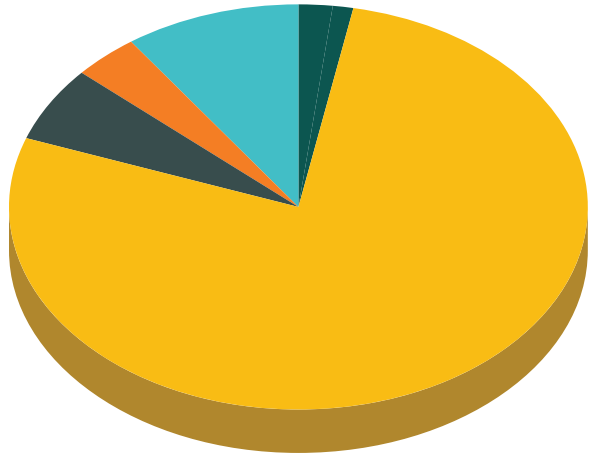
RESULTS

- 1st Place: Mangilaluk School
- 2nd Place: William MacDonald School
- 3rd Place: Weledeh School

Key achievements included Malkin Kudlak of Mangilaluk School setting new records in the male one-foot high kick (7'3") and male two-foot high kick (5'6"). Lucy MacKay from Ecole William MacDonald tied the Female One-Foot High Kick record at 6'3".

The 2024 TGC also marked the inclusion of the Triple Jump as a new event, with Malia Williams of Weledeh and Malkin Kudlak setting inaugural records of 20'7" and 23'2" respectively.

TGC TOTAL COST \$402,481



- 9% Staff
- 2% Food & Rental
- 5% Professional Fees
- 5% Supplies & Equipment
- 78% Travel

ASCNWT AWARDS DINNER

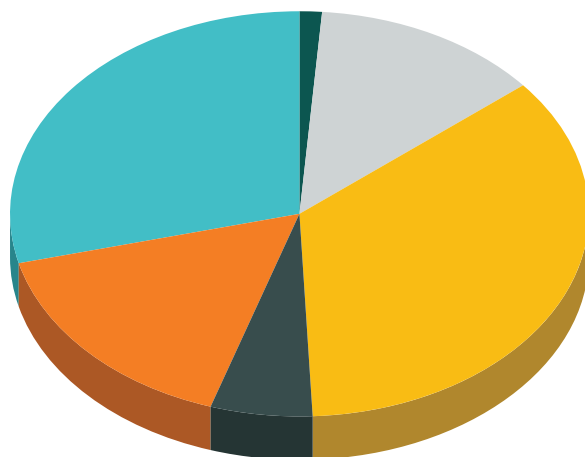


The 2023 Awards Dinner was held at the Explorer Hotel on December 6, 2023, marking a significant milestone with 26 applications received—the highest number in over 5 years. Lawrence Neyally, our emcee, unified the evening with his deep commitment to Indigenous culture and northern sports. Special guest speakers of the night were:

- Jonas Sangris - Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) Representative
- Alan Harman Jr. - North Slave Metis Alliance Vice President
- Chief Danny Gaudet - Chief of Deline

The ASCNWT Awards Dinner commenced with an Indigenous ceremonies led by the Yellowknives Dene Drummers and Hovak Johnston. During the cocktail hour Byron Kotokak and James Williams showcased Northern Games. They were followed by a Dene hand games demonstration by the YKDFN drummers.

AWARDS DINNER TOTAL COST \$104,980



- 1% Admin
- 13% Food
- 3% Staff
- 5% Rental & Supplies
- 16% Professional Fees
- 30% Travel

2023 AWARD WINNERS



SPORT AWARD
JACOB MITCHENER
YELLOWKNIFE



COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD
MICHAEL SQUIRREL
FORT SIMPSON



LANGUAGE & CULTURE AWARD
BETTY BARNABY
FORT GOOD HOPE



COACH AWARD
JACOB KLENGENBERG
ULUKHAKTOK



NWTTA TEACHER AWARD
PHILIPPE GOUGUEN
HAY RIVER



Awards Artist Spotlight

Richard Adam Kolouhok Kudlak, born in Ulukhaktok, NWT, inherits a legacy of craftsmanship from his father, Jimmy, renowned for Inuit copperwork, or Kannuyak. Adam's hands-on apprenticeship under his father hones his skill in crafting ulus, knives, and carvings. His creations—over 1800 ulus and 500 knives—traverse the globe, repurposed from animal parts or recycled materials.

ASCNWT SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the ASCNWT Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to Indigenous NT students who are pursuing a post-secondary education related to sport, recreation, culture or specifically surrounding Indigenous people. A large part of ASCNWT's vision is to develop and support community leaders. It is our belief that, by helping students reach their academic goals, they will give back to their community as leaders and role models



Danica Taylor
Yellowknife, NT

Danica Taylor, originally from Arviat, Nunavut, is a 2nd-year Anthropology student at the University of Calgary and a respected athlete. Known for her leadership, she won gold in the open women's one-foot high kick at the 2023 Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games. Inspired by her first ASCNWT Awards dinner at 11, she aims to help others overcome educational challenges and establish a non-profit promoting sports, education, and culture.



Kyra McDonald
Inuvik, NT

Kyra McDonald, an Inuvialuit from Inuvik, NT, is in her 3rd year of Human Kinetics at Trinity Western University. Her passion for sports and the human body drives her achievements, including leading her team to gold at the 2018 Arctic Winter Games and securing the first NWT canoe racing medal at the 2017 NAIG. Kyra aspires to pursue a master's in physiotherapy or occupational therapy to aid Indigenous communities in Northern Canada.



Akesha Hardisty-Norwegian
Fort Simpson, NT

Akesha Hardisty-Norwegian, a Jean Marie River First Nations descendant, is pursuing a Bachelor's in Education at the University of Alberta to transform education and sports for Indigenous youth. She worked with the Mackenzie Recreation Association, infusing Indigenous culture into programs. A dedicated soccer coach, she supports the Paul Stipdonk Memorial Tournament and cherishes her culture, sewing and learning Slavey. Akesha is committed to educating others about Indigenous culture.

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

\$6,000.00

ARCAN SPORT FACILITY



The ARCAN Sport Facility, formerly known as the Multi-Sport Training Facility, recently underwent a name change following a multi-year title sponsorship agreement with ARCAN Construction. This state-of-the-art complex has become a central hub for athletic excellence, hosting Arctic Winter Game Trials, Northern and Dene Games practices, archery training, and professional development courses and workshops. Achieved through a joint partnership with Hockey NWT and Softball NWT, the Arcan Sport Facility continues to support a wide range of sports and activities, fostering community engagement and athletic development across the region.

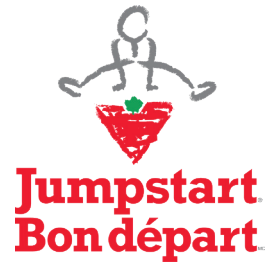
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Behchoko
Deline
Dettah
Fort Good Hope
Fort McPherson
Fort Providence
Fort Resolution
Fort Simpson
Fort Smith
Hay River
Inuvik
Lutsel K'e
Tsiigehtchic
Tuktoyaktuk
Ulukhaktok
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