

**ABORIGINAL SPORTS AND RECREATION CIRCLE OF NL
NOTICE FOR MI'KMAQ ATHLETES 14-16 YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
TRYOUTS FOR A SPOT ON TEAM MI'KMAQ IN THE NL SUMMER GAMES–JULY, 2016**

This is to advise you that the Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Circle of NL have had a breakthrough in regard to the recognition of the Aboriginal athletes in each of our aboriginal nations. For several years the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle has been arguing that our athletes rarely get noticed or invited to become part of the NL Canada Games Teams as few of our youth ever get to compete in the Provincial Games from which Canada Games athletes are selected. This will now change.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Winter and Summer Games will now include Aboriginal Teams from each Aboriginal Nation beginning at the Summer Games, to be held in August, 2016, in CBS, NL. Therefore, in the 2016 NL Summer Games we have the opportunity to enter a Team Nunatsiavut, a Team Innu Nation, a Team Mi'kmaq Nation and a Team NunatuKavut (Labrador Metis). Also, the Province has agreed to have a representative from each Nation and an elder(s) from each nation participate in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the Games.

The Competition Sports in the 2016 NL Summer Games are: Swimming, Synchronized swimming, Fast Pitch Softball, Baseball, Athletics (track and field), soccer, field lacrosse, beach volleyball, tennis, and golf. To start with, we have agreed to field teams in the following sports: Swimming, Golf, Track and Field and beach volleyball. We will also be demonstrating some of the traditional aboriginal sports from the Labrador Winter Games. Athletes must be 14-16 years of age now, which will make them around 15-18 in 2017 and potentially eligible for the next Canada Games in 2017 and/or the North American Indigenous Games to held in Toronto in July, 2017 (<http://www.naigcouncil.com/>)

Each nation will be responsible for their own uniforms, banners, flags, and give away pins. The province is responsible for travel costs, accommodations, and meals for athletes and coaches at the Games. Each Nation will be responsible for getting their own leaders and officials (elders) to the Games. Also, each Nation and/or athlete will be responsible for meals or accommodations on the way to or from the Games. These are Provincial Government sponsored games and they will take care of the athletes and coaches at the Games.

So, what do you need? We need to know where your children are going to school, their names, age, grade they are in and which of the 4 sports for the 2016 Games they would like to try out for. Your child can try out for all 4 if they wish, but can only compete in one sport. The NL Summer Games will be very competitive. All athletes who compete will be trying to do their best and be noticed as a candidate for the 2017 NL Canada Games Team. We will be assessing the aboriginal athletes and coaches for the 2017 North American Indigenous Games to be held in Toronto.

The Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Circle stand ready to help you organize and train your athletes and get your coaches certified. Our office in Happy Valley/Goose Bay (Todd Winters) and Stephenville (Mike Alexander) will be organizing athlete tryout camps for your athletes and coaching clinics for Mi'kmaq/or aboriginal coaches.

Please fill out the attached questionnaire and send it to, or contact Mike if you have any questions.

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Affiliated Aboriginal Governments:

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Labrador Metis Association Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Government

SCHOOL YOUR CHILD ATTENDS _____

ASRCNL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FORM

PERSONAL

Name of your child _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact Phone #: _____ Fax: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Birth Date Year: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

Health Plan #: _____ Province: _____

Family Doctor's Name: _____ Doctor's Phone #: _____

Medical issues that we should be aware of in the case your child attends an athlete development/Tryout camp host should be aware of (*indicate "nil" if appropriate. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK!-if no issues, say "no medical issues"***)

EDUCATION

Grade Your Child is in _____

Check Sports Your Child is Interested in Trying Out For:

1) Track and Field ____ 2) Beach Volleyball ____ 3) Golf ____ 4) Swimming ____

Competition Experience: School ____ Regional ____ Provincial ____ Atlantic ____ National ____

Other Sports Your Child may be interested in Competing (for future tryouts for the North American Indigenous Games or the 2018 NL Winter Games)

Email Address: _____

Reference: Coaches your Child has had in the past, please indicate for which sport:

Coach's Name(s): _____	Phone #: _____
_____	Phone #: _____
_____	Phone #: _____
_____	Phone #: _____

Form must be received no later than April 15, 2016