



## Team BC and the 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)



The Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (I-SPARC) is responsible for managing the Team BC Program for the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). Through the support and oversight of its Team BC Work Group and Provincial Sport Committees, I-SPARC has established a comprehensive Team BC program that includes provincial development programs and selection processes for athletes and coaches that will compete on behalf of British Columbia in national and international competitions.

For the 2017 NAIG, 545 Indigenous athletes and coaches were selected to represent British Columbia in the following 13 sports: 3D Archery, Athletics (Track & Field, Cross-Country), Badminton, Basketball, Canoe/Kayak, Golf, Lacrosse (Box), Rifle Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Volleyball, Wrestling. Approximately 5,000 Indigenous coaches and athletes from across North America will gather in Toronto, Ontario to participate in the 14 youth-sport competitions from July 16-23, 2017.

At the 2014 NAIG, Team BC made NAIG history becoming the first contingent in NAIG history to win both the Overall Contingent Title and the John Fletcher Spirit Award (awarded to the contingent that best demonstrates the spirit of teamwork, fair play, respect and integrity throughout NAIG as decided through a voting process).

### TEAM BC QUICK FACTS

Contingent Size	545
Team BC Athletes	419
Sports Entered	13
Medals won in 2014	160
Communities Represented	150+

**Logo:** The Soaring Raven

**Theme Song:** Yehalilaiyha  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RcFBIJj13NY&feature=youtu.be>

### Team #88 Ambassadors

Hunter Lang – Team #88  
16U Female Softball  
Keegan Charlie – Team #88  
19U Male Soccer  
Kiana Point – Team #88  
19U Female Lacrosse  
“94 Calls” – Team #88  
16U Male Soccer Team

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