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# **2027 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES**

## **BID PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Bid Procedures Manual has been separated into two sections: Introduction and the NAIG Bid Process. The first section introduces the document and the general practices of the NAIG Council. The second section summarizes the policies and procedures to bid for the North American Indigenous Games.

The appendices are reference documents that include.

- a. NAIG Hosting Standards
- b. Draft NAIG Contractual Milestones
- c. Draft NAIG Hosting Agreement
- d. 2023 NAIG Governing Rules
- e. 2023 NAIG Sport Technical Package

There are three distinct committees mentioned throughout the document, they are:

**NAIG Bid Committee:**

Comprised of NAIG Council representatives and members responsible for initiating, controlling, monitoring, and evaluating the NAIG Bid Procedures.

**Host Candidate Community:**

A committee mandated by its city/community/organization interested in hosting the North American Indigenous Games that will undertake the bid process on their behalf. The Host Candidate Community will transition into a Local Organizing Committee (LOC)/Host Society when awarded the NAIG.

**Site Evaluation Team (SET):**

A site evaluation team will be formed with two (2) US regions and two (2) Canadian regions representatives appointed by the NAIG Bid Committee to visit each city to assess their capacity to host Games. Excluding a NAIG Council representative from a bidding province or territory.

## 1.1 Purpose of the NAIG and NAIG Council

The purpose of the North American Indigenous Games is to improve the quality of life for Indigenous peoples by supporting self-determined sports and cultural activities which encourage equal access to participation in the social/cultural fabric of the community they reside in and which respects Indigenous distinctiveness.

The North American Indigenous Games is a celebration of Indigenous sport and culture, which features 16 sports competitions over 7 days and will draw participants from across North America. Each Host Community host a Cultural Village in the heart of the event, which shares the beautiful life of Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. NAIG features over 5000

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Indigenous youth, 26 delegation, 756 Indigenous nations and over 3000 volunteers in the nation's largest multi-sport competition in the country.

North American Indigenous Games is a key event in the development of Turtle Island's young indigenous athletes and represents the pinnacle of interprovincial/territorial sport and cultural celebration. The Games will leave a legacy of new and enhanced relationship, cultural awareness, volunteers, and leadership development that will benefit athletes and the broader Halifax community for years to come. This is our moment, and we invite you to be a part of this moment that will forever transform our community.

NAIG Council is the International Governing Body for the NAIG exercising exclusive jurisdiction, either directly or through its membership or committees, over all matters pertaining to the North American Indigenous Games. It ensures the purposes and philosophies are reflected in all aspects of the Games. The Council is the principal authority for policy development, rules and regulations for the North American Indigenous Games. The NAIG Council has federal incorporation as a non-profit organization in Canada. NAIG Council's membership is comprised of Regions from the US and Canada.

## **1.2 Responsibilities of the NAIG Council**

The NAIG Council works in a manner which is consistent with the cultural, spiritual, and traditional values of the peoples it represents. In their activities they promote and encourage holistic individual development that assures mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual growth. The Council's activities include the following areas of responsibility:

### **Governance**

- To have responsibility over the business, affairs, and activities of the NAIG and NAIG Council
- To control all marks, symbols and properties related to the NAIG and NAIG Council
- To establish general policies of the NAIG
- To establish standing and ad hoc committees as required and to receive and follow-up on reports concerning the activities of the NAIG and NAIG Council

### **Administration**

- To maintain the corporate records of the NAIG Council and the NAIG results
- To seek legal advice where necessary to support governance, management, and operations of the Council

### **Evaluation**

- To maintain the legacy of the NAIG from games to games
- To be responsible for technical, operational, and social evaluations of the Games in conjunction with the host city, province, territory, state, or Indigenous nation(s)

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**Sports Technical**

- To oversee the development, implementation and monitoring of the Governing Rules and Sport Technical Package

**Bidding and Hosting**

- To establish and implement a well-defined, transparent, and fair bid process
- To award the NAIG to a host city that has been approved through the bid process · To negotiate and sign a hosting agreement with the host society
- To monitor and guide host society progress as per the bid package, hosting agreement, and contractual milestones against the approved hosting standards.

**Culture**

- To ensure traditional protocols of a host community/territory are acknowledged, followed and respected.
- To ensure that host societies showcase the variety of Indigenous cultural and traditional teachings, arts, entertainment, etc. from throughout Canada and the United States of America.

**Ethical Practices**

- To ensure fair and equitable competition
- To prohibit and oppose any illegal or unethical practice to enhance performance
- Offer participants a safe and welcoming environment in which to compete and participate

### **1.3 Structure and Composition of NAIG Council**

The NAIG Council has been divided into twenty-six regions for the purpose of representation on the NAIG Council. Canada is represented by the thirteen mandated members consisting of Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies as defined by the Aboriginal Sport Circle in Canada. The United States is represented by thirteen mandated members as defined by the Indigenous Peoples Sport Circle Regions.

<b>CANADA</b>  <b>Region 1</b> Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council	<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>  <b>Region 1</b> Alaska, Hawaii, Washington <b>Region 2</b>
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<p><b>Region 2</b> Indigenous Sport Council Alberta</p> <p><b>Region 3</b> Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan</p> <p><b>Region 4</b> Manitoba Aboriginal Sport &amp; Recreation Council</p> <p><b>Region 5</b> Indigenous Sport &amp; Wellness Ontario</p> <p><b>Region 6</b> First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission</p> <p><b>Region 7</b> Aboriginal Sport and Recreation New Brunswick</p> <p><b>Region 8</b> Mik'maw Sport Council of Nova Scotia</p> <p><b>Region 9</b> Aboriginal Sport Circle of Prince Edward Island</p> <p><b>Region 10</b> Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle of Newfoundland and Labrador</p> <p><b>Region 11</b> Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle</p> <p><b>Region 12</b> Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Northwest Territories</p> <p><b>Region 13</b> Sport Nunavut</p>	<p>California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon</p> <p><b>Region 3</b> Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah</p> <p><b>Region 4</b> Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming</p> <p><b>Region 5</b> Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota</p> <p><b>Region 6</b> Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota</p> <p><b>Region 7</b> Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas</p> <p><b>Region 8</b> Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin</p> <p><b>Region 9</b> Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island</p> <p><b>Region 10</b> New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania</p> <p><b>Region 11</b> Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia</p> <p><b>Region 12</b> Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina</p> <p><b>Region 13</b> Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee</p>
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**1.4 Responsibilities of the NAIG Bid Committee**

The NAIG Bid Committee is responsible for the implementation, evaluation, and revision of the approved NAIG Bid Procedures through the following processes:

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- A. Review and evaluate each successive bid procedures on an ongoing basis and make recommendations for its update to the Council
- B. Initiate the NAIG Bid Process upon approval of the Council
- C. Monitor bid process throughout and take necessary steps to address concerns or issues arising from the Council or host candidate cities
- D. Draft and submit a complete itemized progress and final reports for NAIG Council at every meeting
- E. The responsibilities of the NAIG Bid Committee extend only to the awarding of the games. Thereafter, the Host Society will report to and be monitored by NAIG Council Executive Committee.

### **1.5 Responsibilities of the Site Evaluation Team**

The site evaluation team (SET) is a sub-committee of the NAIG Bid Committee that conducts the site evaluation tours. The (SET) visits each host candidate city to assess their capacity for hosting a NAIG following predetermined minimum standards.

- A. A site evaluation team will be formed with two (2) Regional representatives from the US and Canada, appointed by the NAIG Bid Committee. Technical and administrative support staff will accompany the team to assist.
- B. The site evaluation team members volunteer or are appointed based on their experience with major games and technical and operational knowledge of the NAIG.
- C. If equal representation between the US and Canadian representatives cannot be achieved, the Council and Bid Committee and NAIG Council must agree to allow the site evaluation team to proceed with available representatives from either country.
- D. A SET leader will be selected to speak on behalf of the site evaluation team only during the tours and will be limited to SET roles and responsibilities.
- E. The tours are coordinated by representatives of the NAIG Bid Committee and Host Candidate City.
- F. The SET will report their findings regarding their observations and collection of information but will not share scores (see section 2.5). The information shared will remain confidential until it is released to Council.
- G. The responsibilities of the SET end after presentation and approval of the final report to NAIG Council.

### **1.6 Communication of the NAIG Council and Host Candidate City**

The Host Candidate City must identify a chairperson with whom all official communication and correspondence will be coordinated.

For NAIG Council, all correspondence is to be addressed to the following:

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North American Indigenous Games Council Inc  
c/o: 2027 NAIG Bid Committee  
105 – 145 Pacific Ave  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3B 2Z6  
Email: Shannon Dunfield  
[iscadn1@gmail.com](mailto:iscadn1@gmail.com)  
Cell: 780-876-8560

- A. The bid fee (section 2.1) is payable to the North American Indigenous Games Council, sent to the address above.
- B. A copy of the letter of intent and confirmation of payment will be shared with the NAIG Bid Committee chairperson.
- C. The NAIG Council President will provide the Host Candidate City with the name and contact information of the NAIG Bid Committee Chairperson.
- D. The chairperson thereafter will begin official communication with the Host Candidate city as part of the committee's ongoing role and responsibility.
- E. Any questions of the Bid Procedures will be addressed by the NAIG Bid Committee.
- F. All official correspondence will be addressed to the NAIG Bid Committee chairperson. The chairperson will follow up all correspondence according to protocols and procedures and compile into a final report for NAIG Council.

## **2 NAIG BID POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **2.1 Agreement to Undertake**

The host candidate city must submit a signed letter of intent with background information that will serve as the agreement to undertake the 2027 NAIG Bid Procedures.

- A. The letter must be signed by two authorized members of the Host Candidate Community.
- B. The letter must be witnessed by the respective NAIG Council regional representative.
- C. Additional information on the organizations or representatives from the Indigenous nation(s), city, Provincial/Territorial, University, school boards, sponsors, and other supporters of the host candidate community bid with letters of support.
- D. Digital copies of the signed letter of intent and supporting documentation can be submitted via electronic mail any time before the respective deadline as per the bid timeline (section 2.5).
- E. The original signed documents must be couriered to the address identified. The package must be postmarked by the deadlines established in the bid timeline (section 2.5).
- F. The sample letter of intent is attached to be used as a template. Supplementary but relevant information can be included, and all must be on official letterhead.



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## **2.2 NAIG Bid Fees**

The NAIG Council has established a non-refundable bid fee in the amount of \$10,000 (currency of host country) payable to NAIG Council in two installments as per the bid timeline (section 2.5)

- A. The first bid fee payment of \$5000 is required with the letter of intent.
- B. A second fee payment of \$5000 is required from those host candidate cities that have met the bid book requirements (section 2.8)
- C. The bid committee will present a financial report following the completion of the bid procedures which will include site evaluation team expenses.

## **2.3 Financial Responsibility**

Financial responsibility for the preparation of a bid in response to this invitation to bid rests exclusively with the Host Candidate City. The Host Candidate City shall have no right to assert any claim or to commence any action against the North American Indigenous Games Council or its partners for any losses, costs or damages incurred by the Host Candidate City in the preparation of its bid. Further, in preparing its bid, the Host Candidate City shall not agree to or promise any duty or obligation, financial or otherwise, on behalf of NAIG Council or any of its partners. The decision to proceed with a bid is made on the understanding that all financial risk is assumed by the Host Candidate City solely, and the Host Candidate City hereby indemnifies and saves harmless NAIG Council and its partners for and against any claim, action, costs, expenses, legal fees on a solicitor-client basis, etc. for which they become liable for in respect of the Host Candidate City's bid and/or any matter related, directly or indirectly, thereto.

## **2.4 Accepting Bids**

NAIG Council has developed a new hosting cycle that will begin with the 2027 games. Games will be hosted every 4 years and cycle from the Canadian Western Region in 2027, Canadian Central Region in 2031, and Canadian Eastern Region in 2035. This cycle was developed in partnership with our funding partners at Sport Canada to see the celebration of Indigenous Sport and Culture happen across the country. In 2027 NAIG Council will only be accepting bid from the Canadian Western Region which includes the Provinces/Territories of: Yukon, NWT, BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The NAIG Council only accepts bids to host the NAIG from communities that:

- A. Submit a letter of intent and other documentation by the deadline
- B. Submit the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of the bid fee by the deadline

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- C. Is in a region in good standing on the NAIG Council. A region in good standing is defined as having paid the annual membership fee and submitted a letter of mandate for the representative.
- D. At present, bids for NAIG 2027 will only be accepted from Canadian cities/communities/organizations supported by the PTASB (Provincial Territory Aboriginal Sport Body) from Canadian Western Region as per NAIG Council federal funding agreement (Province/Territories: Yukon, NWT, BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan).

The Bid Fees covers administrative and logistical costs associated with coordinating the bid procedures including staff time, operational expenses and site evaluation tours. Any surplus will be allocated to monitoring and evaluating the successful bid.

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**2.5 2027 NAIG Bid Procedures Timeline**

The steps involved in the bid process and timeframe are described below:

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>2027 NAIG Milestone Dates</b>
Bid Process opened	July 1, 2022
Host Candidate City Orientation	September 6, 2022
Letter of Intent and 1st Installment Bid Fee (\$5000)	November 25, 2022
Bid Package submission & 65% of revenue secured	March 10, 2023
Bid Package(s) Evaluation	March 2023
Final Installment: Bid Fee (\$5000)	March 10, 2023
Site Evaluation Tour	March/April 2023
Site Evaluation Tour Report	April 2023
Reports, Presentation(s) & Selection	May, 2023
Host Society announcement	July 22, 2023
Planning Period	July 2023 - January 2024
Unencumbered cash (\$500K)	January 23, 2024
Board development	January 23, 2024
Host Society Incorporation	January 23, 2024
Signed Host Agreement	January 24, 2024
Multi-Party Agreement	January 24, 2024
Draft 1 business plan	January 24, 2024

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## **2.6 The Host Candidate City Orientation**

Those Host Candidate Communities that have met the letter of intent deadline and paid the fees will be invited to an orientation session that will assist them in moving forward in the bid procedures and drafting their bid book.

- A. Attendance at the orientation is mandatory.
- B. The NAIG Bid Procedures, NAIG Hosting Standards, Governing Rules, Sport Technical Package and Hosting Agreement will be reviewed
- C. The orientation will be delivered via web or teleconference with the notice and instructions forwarded to the host candidate cities.

## **2.7 Bid Procedures Scoring System**

The NAIG Council utilizes a scoring system that assists the bid committee and Council with awarding the games to the best prepared and most qualified host candidate city.

- A. Three areas are scored: bid books, site evaluation tours and bid presentations.
- B. Scores are not calculated by comparing the host candidate cities with each other. They are compared to a standard pre-approved list of requirements specific to each area.
- C. Scores are calculated for the bid book review through group consensus by the bid committee. Bid books scores are out of a possible 760 points.
- D. Scores are calculated for the site evaluation tour through group consensus by the site evaluation team. The score is out of a possible 675 points. Scores are released to Council following the bid presentations and ranking process.
- E. Host candidate cities make a final bid presentation to the entire Council. The host candidate cities are ranked, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, by each NAIG Council member in attendance. Each rank has a point scale (1<sup>st</sup>=50 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup>=30 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup>=20 pts, 4<sup>th</sup>= 10 pts, and so forth). The total ranking score can fluctuate based on the number of voting members in attendance. For example, 12 regions ranking, potential 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> place rankings, 12 x 50 pts = 600.
- F. All scores from the bid book review, site evaluation tour and bid presentation ranking are added together to give an overall score. The overall scores will be approved by Council before the announcement is made.
- G. The host candidate city with the highest overall score will be awarded the right to host the 2027 North American Indigenous Games.

## **2.8 Bid Book**

The bid book is the first major item to be studied by the NAIG Council 2027 NAIG Bid Committee. The attached NAIG Hosting Standards has a complete layout and description of each area that needs to be addressed in your bid book.

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- A. The bid book must be technically sound and convey an accurate assessment of the Host Candidate City's resources.
- B. Host Candidate City must present documentation for the following:

Financial guarantees totaling no less than 65% of the total estimated costs (i.e. \$6.5M of \$10M budget) to the Games along with plans to raise the remainder of the funding required to host the Games and can include:

- a. Letters of support and/or signed resolutions from Provincial PTASB to support the bid.
  - b. Letters of support and/or signed tribal resolutions to underwrite the hosting of the Games with amounts and schedules identified.
  - c. Irrevocable letters of credit or named corporate pledges.
  - d. A Marketing Plan outlining the processes followed to secure funding through fundraising events, Sponsorship plans, donations, etc.
- C. The bid book will be submitted electronically in a PDF format along with a predetermined number of hardcopies to the 2027 NAIG Bid Committee as per the bid timelines (section 2.5).
  - D. The bid book contents must follow:
    - a. Vision, Impact and Legacy
    - b. Community Information
      - i. Population and demographic overview
      - ii. Traditional Indigenous Nations
      - iii. Cultural background
      - iv. Hotels and restaurants
      - v. School, college, and university campuses in relation to major venue sites
      - vi. Attractions
      - vii. Transportation infrastructure - Airports, trains, public transportation, etc
      - viii. Meteorology for region at games time, including altitude considerations
      - ix. Previous hosting experience – annual and past major sporting events
    - c. Executive Management
      - i. CEO's office/Board Committees
      - ii. NAIG Council Relations
      - iii. Medical
      - iv. Mission Staff Services
    - d. Finance/Legal/Administration
      - i. Financial Services
      - ii. Office Administration
      - iii. Legal & Risk Management
      - iv. Procurement & Contracting
      - v. Local Organizing Committee Staff
    - e. Technology
    - f. Sport Delivery

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- i. Sport Program
  - ii. Technical Packages
  - iii. Sanctioning
  - iv. Facilities
  - v. Sport Schedules
  - vi. Sport Equipment and materials
  - vii. Sport Registration
  - viii. Sport Results
  - ix. Sport Technology
  - x. Sport Medals and Medal Presentations
  - xi. Awards
  - xii. Training
  - g. Venue Operations
    - i. Venue Agreements
    - ii. Sport Venues
    - iii. Venue Overlay
    - iv. Signage and Pageantry
  - h. Games Operations
    - i. Security
    - ii. Transportation
    - iii. Logistics
    - iv. Accreditation
    - v. Accommodation Planning
    - vi. Villages
    - vii. Food Services
  - i. Volunteers
  - j. Communication and Awareness
  - k. VIP Services and Protocol
  - l. Ceremonies and Culture
  - m. Revenue Generation & Cost of Sales
- E. Host Candidate Cities can submit a video to showcase the community, venues, attractions, and level of support. The video shall not exceed (15) minutes.

## **2.9 The Site Evaluation Tour**

The Site Evaluation Team will tour each Host Candidate City providing an opportunity to assess the strength and weakness of each bid through meetings, venue/facility tours and presentations. They measure the Host Candidate City's ability to host the event following the policies and standards as outlined in the NAIG Bid Procedures and NAIG Hosting Standards.

- A. The tour will be conducted over a five-day period, with three days for meetings, tours and presentations and two days set aside for travel.
- B. Tour dates must fall within the period identified in the bid timeline. Proposed dates outside of the period will require background information and approval by Council.

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- C. The Host Candidate City must address the major areas as per the NAIG Hosting Standards.
- D. An itinerary is required one month prior to the tour dates covering all major areas.
- E. Tours and presentations will occur between 8:00AM and 5:00PM local time.
- F. SET meetings will happen daily to review information presented and gathered to assess scores.
- G. During the tour, one evening can be used for a special event presented by the Host Candidate City, i.e., meet & greet, sponsored dinner, etc. Other special events can be identified but remain optional for SET members.
- H. The Host Candidate City will advise of any Indigenous cultural protocol about gifting.
- I. Presentation and receiving of gifts by the Site Evaluation Team will be restricted to small, non-capital gifts with the understanding and respect of local traditional protocol.
- J. All gifts shall be noted and reported including their value (if applicable) to the NAIG Bid Committee.
- K. Host Candidate City must submit the following within ten business days after the tour:
  - a. Digital copies of all presentation materials
  - b. Meeting minutes
  - c. Transcripts of major discussions, questions, and answers
- L. The host candidate city will be responsible for site evaluation team members' flight, ground transportation and special event expenses during the tour.
- M. The NAIG Council will be responsible for site evaluation teams' administration costs, accommodations and per diems.

## **2.10 Bid Presentations**

A final bid presentation is made to the NAIG Council at a predetermined date and time. The presentation is immediately followed by a question-and-answer period. The Host Candidate City will summarize information described in the bid book and presented at the site evaluation tours.

- A. Presentation time: Up to 60 minutes
- B. Question and answer period: Up to 30 minutes
- C. All Host Candidate City committee members must be present and ready to present on the day identified.
- D. The Host Candidate Cities are responsible for their own travel, meal, and accommodation costs.
- E. NAIG Council representatives from the bidding region can take part in the presentation
- F. NAIG Council representatives from regions where bid competitors are from can hear each other's presentation but cannot take part in the question-and-answer session nor can they take part in the scoring process.
- G. NAIG Council representatives from competing bid regions can remove themselves from any part of the meeting. All members are required to sign a confidentiality agreement, during the presentation process, which excludes them from sharing the discussions with the presenting team.

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- H. The NAIG Council will allocate a suitable amount of time at a meeting to complete the bid procedures.
- I. NAIG Council members will be introduced to the host candidate cities on the first day of meetings and NAIG Council board members will be given a bid book and other reference materials.
- J. NAIG Council will approve an agenda and presentation order for day two.
- K. Host candidate cities will make their final presentation on day two and distribute presentation materials.
- L. Exact dates for day one and two will be identified by Council and reported to the host candidate cities.

## **2.11 Awarding**

The right to host the 2027 North American Indigenous Games will be awarded to the Host Candidate City that has:

- A. Adhered to all policies and met all other requirements of the 2027 NAIG Bid Procedures
- B. Submitted all the necessary documentation within the timelines:
  - a. Documentation includes but not limited to; letter of intent, bid book, site evaluation report, any other report and all NAIG Council Presentations.
  - b. The information submitted/presented should follow guidelines where guidelines exist or have met all requirements found in the supporting reference documents, i.e., NAIG Hosting Standards
- C. Has received the highest overall score (2.7) when adding their bid book, site evaluation tour and presentation scores together. The overall scores are approved by the Council.

NAIG Council will formally announce the successful host candidate city for the 2027 North American Indigenous Games at the closing ceremony of the 2023 North American Indigenous Games.

## **2.12 Probationary Period**

Once a bid has been awarded, the Host Candidate City shall enter a probationary period lasting up to 1 year and must meet the following conditions in the time allowed. The NAIG Council Executive Committee is responsible for monitoring the probationary period.

Within 6 months of awarding:

- A. A Joint Agreement must be signed between the lead organization undertaking the bid, host city and province/territory/state government transferring authority and all obligations from the host candidate city's bid committee to the Host Society once incorporated.
- B. The Host Society should have clear and unencumbered cash reserves of not less than \$500,000 for initial planning efforts.
  - a. Shall be in the form of bank account, escrow account or irrevocable line of credit
  - b. NAIG Council shall be able to witness evidence of such an account.



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- C. Establish the Host Society, which includes:
  - a. Recruitment of the Host Society board of directors
  - b. Incorporation as a non-profit organization
- D. Written confirmation of funding of 65% of the total estimated costs of the Games (no less than \$6.5 million) is required, which may include:
  - a. An original signed multi-party agreement with the key funding partners
  - b. Original signed support from PTASB
  - c. Irrevocable letters of credit, or named corporate pledges
  - d. Contain provisions that the agreed to funding is forwarded upon meeting obligations as per the agreement
  - e. Will be forwarded in a manner supporting Host Society cash flow requirements
- E. Host Agreement negotiation and signing
- F. First draft of an itemized business plan with emphasis placed on obtaining balance of operating budget (35%)

Once all conditions have been met the host society will have met the probationary period and will continue planning for the 2027 NAIG.

### **2.13 Host Society Monitoring**

The NAIG Council's Executive Committee and official representatives named to the host society board of directors are responsible for monitoring the progress of a host society during the hosting standards timeline. The hosting standards, hosting agreement, contractual milestones and bid documents will be used as the baseline for monitoring progress. Reporting requirements are set out in the hosting agreement.

### **2.14 Retraction of Hosting Rights**

The North American Indigenous Games Council will immediately retract hosting rights of the NAIG from a Bid Committee or Host Society after it has been awarded if:

- I. It fails to meet the obligations of the probationary period
  - II. It fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the Host Agreement
  - III. It fails to comply with or meet the obligations of the Hosting Standards
- A. The Host Society will be required to present progress reports to the NAIG Council as per hosting agreement and provide all necessary documentation the Council needs to determine their readiness.
  - B. The NAIG Council representatives on the Host Society Board of Directors are required to monitor the progress of the Host Society and report any challenges.
  - C. NAIG Council reserves the right to conduct at its own cost and with sufficient notice an audit or review of financial and operational progress of the Host Society.

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- D. The NAIG Council will formally request that any allegations of illegal or unethical activities shall be put in writing and presented to Council. The Council will follow up accordingly.
- E. The NAIG Council will seek legal counsel to determine any liability with retraction or any other course of legal action that may be taken by Council against the Host Society or vice versa.
- F. NAIG Council will formally correspond with the Host Society if retraction is being considered either directly or through legal counsel.

## **2.15 Transfer of Hosting Rights**

A transfer of hosting rights will only be considered when:

- A. Unsuccessful bidders for that hosting year are available and interested in taking over hosting obligations.
  - a. Bidders will be contacted by order of their overall score following the scoring system
  - b. If there were no other bid competitors, the Council will consider re-opening the bid process
- B. If there is sufficient time between retraction and hosting year to deliver minimum NAIG Hosting Standards the Council may elect to keep the original hosting year or postpone the NAIG to allow time for the contingency plan to be initiated.

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# APPENDIX A

## NAIG MASTER STANDARDS

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## **Pre-Amble**

These NAIG Standards represent the Hosting Standards required to deliver the Games by the Host Society. They may be amended, altered, and deleted on as required basis - HOWEVER - the Host Society shall not be required to implement any changes to these Hosting Standards after it has been awarded the Games, if as a result of the changes, the Host Society would incur material cost impacts, revenue loses, or logistical or operational impacts. No changes shall be introduced to the Hosting Standards unless both the Host Society and NAIG Council agree in writing.

The standards are organized on a functional area basis and carry the coding of the Functional area plus a unique identifying number. The Host Society shall not change this coding and NAIG Council and the Host Society shall use this coding for reference in correspondence, project updates etc.

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## Definitions

### **Business Plan**

A document that summarizes the strategic, operational and financial objectives of the Host Society through assumptions, plans and budgets. It provides a planning roadmap and a methodology to measure progress and an analysis of risks and uncertainties.

### **Critical Success Factors**

Measurements and indicators of elements that the LOC can judge whether or not they have met or are meeting these objectives as part of the planning process.

### **Deliverable**

A deliverable is a tangible outcome produced by a series of tasks and activities undertaken within the overall project.

### **Functional Area (FA)**

A grouping of duties, activities and deliverables that involve a high degree of commonality in terms of the skills and work involved. Transportation, Security, Doping, and Legal are examples of functional units. The functional unit is the core organizational component and as such is central to the planning, organizing, monitoring and controlling of the event.

### **Games Operations Center (GOC)**

During the Games period the GOC acts as the “nerve centre” for the Games where all issues can be channelled and recorded. The GOC is responsible for coordinating responses to issues with local authorities and Host Society staff and senior volunteers as required, and as detailed in the Issues Response plan.

### **Governing Rules**

Establishes the eligible teams for each NAIG, the code of conduct, the Sports, Age Categories, and Participation fee deadlines.

### **Hosting Agreement**

An agreement between the NAIG Council and a successful NAIG bidder that details the basis upon which the Games have been awarded and the obligations and standards that the Host must meet.

### **Host Society**

Interchangeable with LOC. Organization charged with responsibility of delivering the games.

### **Interfaces**

Activities/interactions that need to take place between Functional Areas in order for that Functional Area to deliver services or ensure that its own needs are met by a FA that is charged with the responsibility of delivering that service.

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## **Issues Response Plan (IRP)**

The IRP is developed to provide a general guideline of how various and severities of issues are dealt with during the Games period. The IRP guides the GOC (Games Operation Center) in their responses to issues.

## **Local Organizing Committee (LOC)**

This is also commonly referred to as the Host Society. The organization charged with responsibility of delivering the games.

## **Multi-Party Agreement**

An agreement when NAIG is hosted in Canada between the levels of Government contributing funding to the Games and the obligations and standards that the Host Society must meet in order to receive such funding.

## **NAIG Council Approved Policies**

NAIG Council Policies that impact a Host Society and must be implemented.

## **NAIG Council Approved Procedures**

Procedures approved by the NAIG Council that clarify and guide the relationship of the NAIG Council and the Host Society in relation to authority, the approval of specified plans, and how certain Games time elements are to be conducted.

**NAIG Family - Defined as Athletes, Coaches, Team Officials, Chaperones, Team Cultural members (as allowed in rules), Mission Staff , Team VIPS, NAIG Council members**

## **NAIG Hosting Standard**

The levels of service, reporting requirements, payments or other specific steps approved by the NAIG Council that must be undertaken and/or delivered by the Host Society.

## **National Sport Organization (NSO)**

The national organization which represents a specific sport.

## **Operating Plans**

Such plans identify the what, the why, the when, the who, and the where of appropriate functional units. Each operating plan should provide a comprehensive description of the applicable functional unit deliverable, the financial and human resources required, groups to be served, the service levels to be provided, dependencies and interdependencies, policies and processes to be enacted, and a critical path that details major elements such as tenders/purchase orders/contracts together with budget approvals and any timeline for updates and/or deliverables. Operating Plans also provide the various functional units with opportunities to discuss, negotiate, and agree on the inter-relationship and dependencies inherent in organizing events.

## **Provincial Sport Organization**

The Provincial organization which represents a specific sport.



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## **Risk**

The possibility that an activity may not proceed as planned and impacts the successful completion of the project.

## **Sport Competition Manager – also known as Sport Commissioner**

Key individual for each sport nominated to deliver the Technical Package requirements.

## **Sport Technical Plan**

Document that details the rules and competition format for all the sports of NAIG. This will include the events for each sport, the format of competition, sanctioning requirements.

## **State Sport Organizations**

The State organization which represents a specific sport.

## **Venue Plans**

A process by which the unique nature and the challenges of each sport and non-sport venue operated and controlled by the Host Society are aligned with the approved operating plans, policies and procedures.

## **Teams or Venue Teams**

The group that consists of the venue representatives from all the relevant Functional Areas who will manage the Venue operations during Games time. This typically would consist of representatives of:

- Sports
- Technology
- Transport
- Venue Owner/Operator
- Venue Operations
- Venue Overlay
- Volunteers

## **Work Packages**

A process whereby like-work is estimated, refined through planning, approved by the appropriate authority, and ultimately undertaken. Work package costs are supported by an initial narrative description and are expanded to include an execution strategy, risk mitigation etc. as the Host Society moves through the various stages of budget and planning development.

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# HOSTING STANDARDS

## 101 Executive Office

### 101-A Board Corporate Authority

The Host Society shall function by virtue of the powers delegated to it by the NAIG Council. The Board of Directors of the Host Society assumes full responsibility for all financial and organizational commitments entered into relating to the staging of the North American Indigenous Games.

### 101-B Incorporation

The Host Society must incorporate as a non-profit organization within 6 months of the award of the Games.

The announcement of the Host Society and initial Board of Directors shall be carried out by the Executive Committee of the NAIG Council within 12 months following the date on which the site of the Games was granted, following the conclusion of Hosting Agreement.

### 101-C Board Remuneration

No voting member of the Board of Directors of the organization will be employed by contract or salaried by the Host Society. Members of the Host Society Board of Directors shall be allowed to receive a reasonable remuneration.

### 101-D Hosting Agreement

The Host Society must sign a Hosting Agreement with NAIG Council within 12 months of being awarded the Games, and in no case less than 30 months from the start of the Games.

### 101-E NAIG Council Appointments

The Host Society shall accept the appointments of two representatives from the NAIG Council to the Host Society Board of Directors. These representatives will be appointed by the NAIG Council Board of Directors and serve on the Host Society Board in an ex-officio capacity. The Host Society shall pay for travel, accommodation, and meals for the representatives to attend any required meetings and where possible in conjunction with other local events. The NAIG Representatives will participate in all other meetings via conference call. In the case that the appointed representative cannot attend meetings, the NAIG Council will appoint an alternate representative. The Host Society shall provide the NAIG Representatives notice in writing at least (four) weeks prior to a meeting. The Host Society shall provide the NAIG Representatives with copies of all business reports and other such written material for the meeting at least two weeks in advance of each meeting via mail, electronic copies or fax.

### 101-F Board Corporate Representation

The Host Society's Board of Directors must seek representation from stakeholder groups to reflect the hosting partnership such as:

- Host Indigenous Community
- Provincial/Territorial/State Government representatives
- Municipal/County Government representatives
- Two (2) NAIG Council appointed representatives as nonvoting members
- Indigenous communities of the region

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### **101-G Multi-Party Funding Agreement**

The Multi-Party/Funding agreement must be signed within 30 months of the start of the Games with the major funding partners of the Host Society and establish the following

- Identification of legal entity for each party
- Responsibilities of Each Party
- Funding guarantees and conditions of such
- Key Milestones and Payment Triggers

### **101-H Host Society Dissolution**

As early as reasonably possible, but no later than the end of the calendar year in the year the games are hosted following the Games, the Host Society in consultation with funding partners and the NAIG Council, will have in place a comprehensive plan to manage the post-Games wind up of the Host Society. In addition, the plan will include provisions for the assignment or disposition of any other rights, responsibilities, obligations or assets of the Host Society and will identify the appropriate authority(ies) and potential resources to execute the plan. Attention will be paid to the collection and organization of archival material and to the transfer of such material to the agreed upon beneficiaries. The Host Society will dispose of all real and personal property, meet all legal obligations and pay all of its debts within one year of the completion of the Games unless agreed to otherwise by the NAIG Council.

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## 102 NAIG Council Relations

### 102-A Reporting and Monitoring

The following reporting and monitoring system will be put in place to ensure that the LOC is providing timely and accurate information on the progress of the Games.

- 1.0 Status Report - at all NAIG Council meetings, and not to be less than every 4 months for a period starting 3 years from the Games until 4 months prior to the Games the Host Society will provide a summary report to NAIG Council that will provide the following:
  - Summary of Major Accomplishments for the Period
  - The accomplishments shall reference the status as it relates to the following:
  - Major Milestones (as per Milestone listing)
  - Staffing Plan (hires and any major changes in responsibilities)
  - Contract/Execution Plan – major contracts that have been let or status of RFP's
  - Critical meetings/strategies developed
  - Budget Updates

NAIG Council Review – the NAIG Council reserves the right to conduct at its own cost onsite reviews of the progress of the LOC. The NAIG Council shall provide a minimum of 20 working days notice of such visits and agendas of those elements that they wish to review.
- 2.0 The Primary reporting mechanism on progress shall be the M1/M2/M3 meetings. The LOC shall issue reports and follow-ups/meeting notes to NAIG Council for all these meetings. These reports shall form action lists that the LOC (and Teams) shall be held accountable to.
- 3.0 NAIG Council shall set with the LOC the deadlines for the following:
  - Registration by Numbers
  - Registration by Name
  - Fees and Fee Payment Schedule

The NAIG Council and LOC shall also jointly agree on the penalties for missed deadlines.

Details will be held in the Governing Rules.

### 102-B Transfer of Knowledge

The LOC shall initiate and ensure that there is adequate funding and resources available to facilitate a Transfer of Knowledge program. This shall consist at a minimum the following:

Reports from each functional area that provide detail on:

- Medals
- Meals
- Bus
- Hours
- Vehicles
- Athletes by Team/Sport etc

Copies of all Official  
Programs/Publications  
Copies of Videos produced  
Copies of Sport Schedules and Sport Technical Guides

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### **102-C Archival Access**

The NAIG Council will be entitled to use free of charge, before, during and after the Games period, copies of any material prepared for or by the Host Society for purposes of developing and distributing sport promotional literature, films, photographs and video material for presentations in any other appropriate medium and for the preparation of such education materials as the NAIG Council, may from time to time determine but not for the purposes of marketing, licensing or any other form of fundraising. The Host Society will provide, without cost, such consents in writing as maybe necessary or desirable for such purposes.

### **102-D Intellectual Property Legacy**

Upon its winding up, the Host Society will transfer, to the extent possible, all the intellectual property that it develops or acquires to an organization as agreed by funding partners and the NAIG Council.

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## **103 Medical**

### **103-A Chief Medical Officer**

The Host Society shall appoint a suitably qualified Games Chief Medical Officer.

### **103-B Medical Staff and Services**

Under the direction of the Games Chief Medical Officer, the Host Society must assemble a medical team and support personnel able to meet the service schedule for the medical clinic and to provide the venue medical services.

The Host Society shall ensure that proper medical teams are available at all venues hosting NAIG events.

### **103-C 103- C Support Services**

The Host Society must establish a working relationship and, if necessary, secure signed agreements for special services with local health board, medical services providers and the local hospitals.

### **103-D POLYCLINIC**

The LOC must plan and deliver a Polyclinic. The Polyclinic must:

- Be open for a minimum of 12 hours a day for the complete duration of the Games. At a minimum this will be 1 hour before start of all competitions and 2 hours after all competitions.
- Be available for all accredited Athletes and Team Officials on a no charge basis
- Be accessible by the Games bus service
- Provide the following services at a minimum:
  - Basic triage and first aid
  - Assessment and referral – on call services and outpatient access must be available for:
    - Emergency Dentistry
    - Counselling
    - Medical Specialists
    - Hospitals
  - Medical taping – for injuries only
  - Incident Reporting (for both Polyclinics as well as Venue Incidents)
  - Telephone Support to Teams on medical. The Polyclinic needs to have 24 hour answer capabilities through the GOC.
  - Coordination with hospital/ambulance and third party medical providers - this includes expediting of intake procedures at hospitals and third party
  - Coordination with transport where required for hospital/third party transfers
  - Monitoring of infectious disease and implementation of containment/information update in the event of such outbreaks.

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### **103-E MEDICAL INCIDENT REPORTING**

The LOC must institute a Medical Incident Reporting system. The incident reporting needs to capture the various types of incidents including:

- Gastro Intestinal
- Injuries-bytype
- Sun and Heat Related
- Insects

The incident reporting must capture all incidents at Sport Venues, Villages and other official Games venues.

The incident reporting needs to be developed in such as fashion as to support the needs of the Chief Medical Officer of the Games for overall interface with Health Authorities.

The incidents must be reported in summary fashion to the daily Chef de Mission meeting and a comprehensive document within 8 weeks following the completion of the Games needs to be prepared for each participating team, one copy for NAIG Council and one copy to the host of the next NAIG Games.

### **103-F SPORT VENUE MEDICAL SYSTEM**

The Host Society must institute the following minimum standards for NAIG Games:

- There must be a medical space at all sport venues. This space is to be staffed at all times by qualified first aid trained person. This person must also be either on radio or phone for venues where there is not a direct line of sight from competition area to medical space.
- The medical space must have a fully stocked first aid kit available at all times
- Ice or "Ice Packs" must be available
- The Medical responder must have access to phone or radio to call for emergency services
- Where doctors are required on site for sport competition as per NAIG Technical Package, then these personnel shall be in addition to the First Aid responders.

### **103-G DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The Host Society shall be obliged to ensure that the Governing Rule policies on Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance abuse are able to be enforced and monitored at all times during the Games. The Host Society shall use best efforts to provide educational and awareness opportunities during the Games for Athletes on these topics. The Host Society shall not be required to establish any testing regimes for Athletes but shall use best efforts to monitor and report any use of performance enhancing substances by Athletes.

### **103-H MEDICAL INSURANCE**

All Teams shall be responsible for obtaining and demonstrating to the HOST Society the proof of valid medical insurance for coverage in the country in which the Games will be held. SEE GOVERNING RULES

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## **104 Mission Staff Services (See Governing Rules)**

### **104-A Chef de Mission Meetings**

The Mission Staff meetings are referred to as M1, M2, and M3. There are three mandatory meetings to be held during the course of planning.

These mission staff meetings are critical to the planning of Athlete Services for the Games and attendance at the meetings is recommended for all teams planning to attend the Games.

- The Host Society will facilitate the planning of the Mission meetings by setting the dates at least 3 months in advance of each meeting.
- Each team may bring up to 3 people to the Meetings. At least one of the representatives must have the delegated authority to make decisions for their teams at these meetings.
- Meetings will be a maximum of 3 days
- The Host Society shall cover the costs of the meeting including conference room costs, 2 meals and social functions for not more than 3 days.
- The Host Society shall be responsible for reserving meeting space for each Chef de Mission Meeting but shall not be responsible for Chef de Mission travel to and/or from such meetings, or for payment of hotel accommodations for individual Chef de Mission and other attendees.
- All Team Chef-de-Missions and staff will cover their own costs of hotel and travel to and from location of the meetings.
- The Host Society must convene at its expense, monthly Mission teleconferences in the last twelve months prior to the Games.

The timing of the meetings shall generally as follows (dates to be confirmed with NAIG COUNCIL):

- M1- 16-18 months prior to the Games
- M2 -6-8 months prior to the Games
- M3 - 2 months prior to the Games

The LOC will create 1 binder for each Team for each meeting that will contain the backup material/reports/plans associated with each agenda item. The information, where possible, shall also be made available electronically.

The LOC will take notes at all sessions and create an action and issues list that shall be agreed upon at each session and then made available to all teams following the meeting.

The following agenda items are mandatory for each meeting:

#### **M1 - Presentations:**

- Preliminary Venue Plan including Venue Tour - including a review of Venue facilities and services
- Preliminary Villages and Food and Service Plan including venue tour
- Sport Delivery Plan
- Sport Registrations Plan
- Review of Sport Technical Plan



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- Status of Organizational Plan
  - Accommodation Plan
  - Level 1 Sports Schedule
  - Customs Regulations and Procedures
  - Confirmation of Participate fees

#### **M2 - Presentations:**

- Venue Plan-Venue Tour
- Sport Delivery Plan
- Villages Plan
- Food Service
- Athletes Village Plan-Venue Tour
- Transport Plan
- Ceremonies Preliminary Plan
- Accommodation Plan
- Registration by Name System
- Review of Entry by Numbers
- Medical Plan
- Level 2 Sports Schedule Presentation
- Update on customs regulations and procedures

#### **M3 - Presentations and Updates:**

- Venue Plan
- Sport Delivery Plan
- Villages Plan
- Food Services Plan
- Arrivals and Departures Plan
- Ceremonies
- Updates on Accommodation Plan
- Festivals Plan
- Transport Plan
- Level 3 Sports Schedule Presentation
- Accreditation Plan
- Medals Ceremonies Plan
- Medical Plan

#### **104-B Mission Staff Offices (see Governing Rules)**

The LOC must provide Mission Staff offices as per the following minimum standards:

- Offices must be available a minimum of 3 days prior to start of Games and available until the day after Closing Ceremonies
- Offices must be in a secure area
- High Speed Internet (wireless at a minimum and cabled as additional option) must be available
- Offices must be available to be open at least 12 hours a day coinciding with Polyclinic and Food Service hours
- Each team is to be given a space with Table/Desk with four chairs
- Each Team shall have shared access to photocopiers at no cost

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- Fax (long distance at Teams cost)
  - Printers
  - Shared Computers with access to Internet and Printers

#### **104-C Daily Chef Meetings (see Governing Rules)**

During the Games period, beginning 3 days from the start of the Games, until the end of the Games, daily Chef meetings will be held each morning (or at agreed to times), which may be attended by the Chef and a maximum of 2 additional Team members. The Host Society shall provide information and receive and answer questions as required. The information/updates provided shall include at a minimum:

- Sports Update—schedule changes, updates on results, protests, Coaches meetings.
- Operations Update- accommodation, villages, food services, transport, accreditation, security
- Medical- incident reporting
- Ceremonies Updates (prior to Opening and Closing Ceremonies)

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## 151 Financial Services

### 151-A Business Plan

The Host Society must create a Business Plan based on the requirements as set out by the NAIG Council no later than 30 months prior to the start of the Games.

The Business Plan which will guide the organization, financing and operation of the Games shall be presented to the NAIG Council for approval and shall include the following components:

- Values, vision, mission, goals and objectives statement
- Organizational plan and structure
- Operating budget which includes all sources of funding, a complete set of financial projections and cash flow projections. The budget shall include the scopes of work for all work packages set out in the NAIG Planning framework.
- Marketing Plan for achieving sponsorship revenue and value-in-kind support targets
- Deficit avoidance plan that will include the requirement for the Host Society to immediately implement remedial measures to eliminate a Deficit and to establish acceptable levels of risk. This involves the establishment of contingency funds and management of such contingency for both revenue shortfalls and unforeseen expenditure variances
- Financial investment policy and risk management policy
- Execution strategy for acquiring services required by the Host Society and for identifying how those services will be provided (for example, by the Host Society, third-party sponsorship, volunteer support, or by other means).
- Human resources plan regarding paid staff and volunteers
- Venue Plan – including identification of facility use agreements required

### 151-B Reporting & Review

The Business Plan shall be updated and presented to NAIG Council at the following intervals (and where possible linked to NAIG Council).

- 30 Months prior
- 18 months prior
- 12 months prior
- 4 months prior

By way of the updates the Host Society must keep the NAIG Council Executive Committee informed regularly of everything relating to the Games, must be in compliance with the provisions of the NAIG governing rules, and to comply with any recommendations and decisions of the NAIG Council Executive Committee.

The NAIG Council must approve any significant modifications to the Business Plan. Significant modifications shall be defined as changes in plans that will result in a variance to hosting standards, or where increased risk to the delivery a component of the Games will result from this change including material cost or revenue variances.

The Host Society must provide the NAIG Council with audited financial fiscal year end statements within 180 days of the end of each financial year during the period of preparation for the Games.

Within one year of the Closing Ceremonies the Host Society must submit to NAIG a set of audited financial statements covering the entire period of the Host Society's operations.

The Host Society will provide the NAIG Council authorized auditors or accountants with reasonable access during normal business hours for examination and audit of books accounts and records of the Host Society. The NAIG Council reserves the right to have the Host Society

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financial records audited at a cost to be borne by the NAIG Council. The Host Society will ensure that all audited financial statements of the Host Society will be in accordance with Canadian/USA or Provincial/State accepted accounting principles.

If the Host Society financial forecast projects a Deficit, the Host Society shall provide written notice within (5) five working days to the NAIG Council and all funding partners of the financial forecast and will also specify the measures that it proposes to take to remedy the projected Deficit.

### **151-C Financial Guarantees**

The Financial guarantee for the funding for the NAIG Games must consist of the following elements:

- The Host Society must provide a guarantee of not less than 65% of the total estimated costs of the Games (not to be less than \$6.0 million) no later than 30 months prior to the start of the Games. The guarantee will may take the form of a signed multi-party agreement with the key funding partners, irrevocable letters of credit, or named corporate pledges. The guarantee(s) must contain provisions that the agreed to funding will be forwarded in consideration of meeting obligations as specified in the agreement, and will be forwarded in a manner that supports cash flow requirements of the Host Society.
- Any budget shortfall that is shown on the Business plan shall be required to be covered by a guarantee of this amount in the event of the Games incurring a deficit. The shortfall shall be defined as the difference between the guaranteed funding, the projected participant fees (based on agreed to rates) and the projected amount of marketing revenues. Additionally the NAIG Council shall be entitled to independently review the marketing revenue forecasts, and based on this review shall be allowed to demand that up to 50% of the forecasted marketing revenues to be covered by this deficit guarantee. The guarantee must be from a legal entity that is a party to the multi-party agreement.
- At a minimum the Host Society must have established, no later than 6 months after the award of the Games or 30 months from the start of the Games, clear and unencumbered cash reserves of not less than \$500,000 to meet the initial planning efforts of the Host Society. The reserves shall be in the form of bank account, or escrow account or irrevocable line of credit that the Host Society shall be able to access. NAIG Council shall be able to witness evidence of such account.

### **151-D Policies**

The Host Society shall establish policies to govern and manage the organization. The Host Society shall develop and implement the policies and procedures to guide the management and organization of the Games. These policies shall consist at a minimum of:

- Purchasing and Tendering Policy Conflict of Interest
- Financial Investment Policy Risk Management Policy
- Management and Staffing Policies and Procedures

## **152 Office Administration**

None

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## **153 Legal and Risk Management**

### **153-A Indemnification**

In obtaining liability insurance, the Host Society must save harmless and indemnify the NAIG Council in relation to the operation and associated operation of the Games.

### **153-B Insurance Policies**

The Host Society will, upon its incorporation and at its expense, obtain and maintain mandatory Comprehensive General Liability insurance in an amount not to be less than \$10 million or whatever figure is required by subsequent funding or contracting requirements. CGL will be in place no later than 30 months from start of Games, and shall be in place when hosting agreement and multi-party agreement is in place.

See Governing Rules for Participant Insurance Needs

Other insurance coverage deemed necessary by the Host Society will be submitted by the Host Society to the NAIG Council for information purposes.

## **154 Procurement and Contracting**

None

## **155 LOC Staffing**

None

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## **201 TECHNOLOGY**

### **Web Site**

The Host Society must develop a web site that is live a minimum of 24 months prior to the Games.

### **Telecommunications**

The Host Society must provide an efficient telephone and radio system that will connect all Games operations. The communications system must include all sport and non-sport venues, the Games Village, Mission Centre, Games Operations Centre, Results Centre, Media Centre, dispatch headquarters and venue sites as well as mobile radios for Games/vehicles.

The Host Society must provide the technology requirements specified in the Sport Technical Package for the delivery of the Sports Program.

### **Venue and Sport Technology**

See 104 Mission Staff Services for required standards

See 451- Communications and Awareness for Media Centre Standards  
See 251- Sports

## **251 SPORT DELIVERY**

### **Sport Program**

Refer to Sport Technical Package and Governing Rules

### **Technical Packages**

The NAIG Council is responsible for the creation and distribution of the NAIG Sport Technical Package.

Following the approval of Technical Packages by the NAIG Council, the Host Society will publish the Technical Package for each sport, at least one year in advance of the games, and will distribute to each participating region/teams of NAIG.

### **Sport Sanctioning**

Refer to Sport Technical Package

### **Sport Facilities**

The Host Society must provide sports facilities that meet all of the minimum standards for Games sports and must recognize the authority of the Sport Competition Manager to approve the field of play.

### **Sport Schedule**

Also Refer to Sport Technical Package

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There will be three levels of Sport Schedule that must be issued by the LOC.

- Level 1- Sport by Sport showing proposed days – Must be produced by M1
- Level 2- Sport by Sport showing proposed events per day—to the Age Category level – i.e. Bantam Baseball, Midget Female Volleyball. If possible the event listing for individual sports i.e. Bantam 100 M – Midget 800 Freestyle with allocation per days would be presented. First Version due by M2. Final due by April 01.
- Level 3- Sport by Sport with Games and events shown on a venue by venue basis. Due by M3.
- Level 4-Sport by Sport with Events- will also show Allocation of teams to each Game and finalization of each event within the sport (by age category). Due 15 days from start of Games.

## **Sport Programs**

See Governing Rules

### **251-G Sport Equipment and Materials**

The Host Society must provide all the material and the equipment required for competition and practice in all sports. Sport venues must also have the necessary equipment and supplies to ensure competition occurs. The purchase of new sporting equipment, i.e. game balls, etc. must also conform to the sport technical package.

### **251-H Sport Registration System**

The LOC must provide for a sport registration that provides for the following:

- Initial registration by number as per the Technical Package
- Registration by Name as per the Technical Package
- The registration by name must be online.
- It must allow at least one member of each team to act as a group organizer to register athletes and officials.
- Entry must allow registration by Age Category and to eligible sport and events within that Age Category
- The system must provide the ability for at least one member of the team to act as a group organizer to edit records
- The system ideally will allow photos to be uploaded on line
- System must be able to record at a minimum the following information per each Sport Registrant:
  - Name
  - Age/Birth date
  - Address
  - Contacts including Emergency Contacts
  - Medical Information- allergies/disabilities/prescriptions. Optional information would include Biographical information on each participant.
  - Role (i.e. Athlete/Coach etc)
  - Events competing in—i.e. 100M, 200M
- The system must allow the use of the information in the Sport Registration system to be used for accreditation purposes.
- The system ideally will provide reports on numbers of entries by Team/Sport/Event/Gender and Roles (i.e. Athletes/Mission Staff/Coaches etc)
- The registration system must be able to be identified and must be demonstrated at the First Mission Staff meeting.

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## **251-I Sport Results**

The Host Society must develop a Results plan to be approved by the NAIG Council.

The LOC must provide a centralized results system that will have the following functionality:

- Allow capture of all results for each sport and event. This will include names of athletes (and or Teams for each Game/Match) the score/time or result and ranking—including the allocation of medals to team and/or individuals.
- The results system will allow search and reporting of results by Name, Team, and Sport at a minimum. Other searching and reporting that would be beneficial would be by City, Medal type, Event date.
- Local results system for each sport may also be made available on the Internet, but an overall results system must be available to report results regardless of sport.
- Results system must be capable of producing hard copy final results on a sport by sport basis, and a “Team Specific “results book that will provide a summary for a Team on a sport by sport basis. (These hard copy results may be produced by Local results systems).
- A daily summary of medals and associated points shall be made available to the Mission Staff.
- If centralized results are batched (i.e. entered after the event has taken place), then batch results must be posted within 48 hours of the event taken place, and all results should be finalized within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Games.
- Hard Copy results books must be made available – 1 master copies to NAIG Council, 1 Team and 1 Master copy for each Team participating in the Games, and 1 Master Copy for the Next host of the Games- within 8 weeks following the conclusion of the Games.
- The Main Results Centre will make available through various means the results and Team Standings to the media, team chef de missions, participants, spectators and general public. In addition, local results must be displayed for viewing by coaches, athletes and spectators in an established at each sport venue.

## **251-J Sports Technology**

The Host Society shall provide the necessary sport technology including copiers/faxes/computers and timing and scoring systems for each Sport in order to support sport competition.

## **251-K Sport Medals and Medal Presentation**

The Host Society is responsible for planning the sport medal presentations and sport award ceremonies and of the Games and the said plans to the NAIG Council Executive for approval.

The Host Society must design and produce medals and ribbons based on the technical program approved by the NAIG Council and provide for the expense of design and production within its operations budget.

Medals will be awarded as per Sport Technical Package and Governing Rules.

The Host Society shall present a set of medals to the NAIG Council for archival purposes.

Sport medal presentations shall be held in the venue of each sport on the program at the close of the finals of each event. Any changes must be approved by NAIG Council through the Medal Ceremonies Plan

The Host Society shall select the sport medal presenters from the host community, games sponsors, political leaders, and athlete role models. The Host Society will be given full discretion to select presenters.



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No Team Flags are required to be flown/shown at Medal Ceremonies.

**251-L Sport Awards**

***See Governing Rules- for Cost and Coverage.***

**251-M Training Venues**

The Host Society shall not be required to provide access to Training Venues for teams to practice during the Games. Where training can be facilitated within existing Competition venues without added financial or logistical burden to the Host Society, and with no adverse impact to the Sports Schedule, the Host Society shall use best efforts to schedule time for access.

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## **301 Venue Operations**

### **301-A Venue Agreements**

The Host Society must secure access agreements for the competition venues for the duration of the sport specific training and competition schedule.

### **301-B Sport Venues**

As per Sport Technical Package

## **302 Venue Overlay**

### **302-A Temporary Facilities**

For outdoor competitions, the Host Society must provide all required temporary ancillary facilities such as tents, fencing, shade structures, stands and other utilities.

## **303 Signage and Pageantry**

### **303-A Venue Signage**

The Host Society must provide field of play signage at every venue.

The Host Society must produce all informational, directional and sponsor signage for sport (including field of play) and non-sport venues

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## **351 Security**

### **351-A Security Plan**

The Host Society must develop a plan for overall security of all constituents will be ensured at the Games. This includes access control, perimeter control, security checks at all Villages and Venues and while travelling on Games vehicles. Also describes asset protection.

### **351-B Emergency Services Plan**

The Host Society must develop in conjunction with local fire, police and emergency measures organizations an emergency plan that includes scenarios for evacuation, bomb alert, fire and other emergencies for all sport and non-sport venues.

### **351-C Incident Management Plan**

The Host Society must establish an incident management plan that is approved by the NAIG Council. The incident plan will be incorporated as part of the GOC (Games Operations Centre) procedures.

## **352 Transportation**

### **352-A Transportation Scope of Service**

The Host Society is responsible for providing, at a minimum, ground transportation to all accredited team members, the NAIG Council, VIPs as designated by NAIG Council upon their arrival in the host community for the Games until their departure. Ground transportation service will encompass official Games venues and villages and commence the day before opening ceremonies and continue until the day after closing ceremonies. This shall include transfers from Host Society designated airports.

The ground transportation of all sport equipment and materials for delegations from arrival to departure will also be provided.

The Host Society is also responsible for providing the type of ground transportation to staff, volunteers, officials, medical personnel etc commensurate with their Games duties and responsibilities.

The ground transportation system offered by the Host Society for participants, and mission staff to and from competition venues must be appropriate to the sport schedules.

The NAIG Council must approve the plan for ground transportation of Games participants. Such plan to be submitted and presented at M2 and finalized by M3.

### **352-B Shuttle System**

The bus transport system is one of the most important components of the Games. It must tie together the villages, venues and athletes centre in a way that supports the sports, food services, and athlete services schedule.

The bus transport system must:

- Provide access to all accredited participants (including coaches and support staff) at no charge.
- Must service all sport venues, villages and the cultural venues.

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- Meet all safety standards
  - Frequency must allow for movement of team members back and forth from venue throughout the day to the Athletes Centre and/or other venues. Competing athletes must have priority access to the shuttles. (Note this does not include Villages)
  - Village shuttles must run at a minimum for 1 hour following the conclusion of the dinner meal and be available to deliver teams for breakfasts to allow the 30 minute breakfast and 45 minute scheduling window at the Venues.
  - Schedule must allow Teams to arrive at a minimum 45 minutes before the start of a game/event and to allow a team to depart no later than 45 minutes following a game.
  - Bus transport must provide a minimum of 30 minutes for each meal period prior to transport leaving for a game/village.

### **352-C Parking**

The LOC is required to provide the following parking services and standards:

- Team buses will be provided free parking at the venues and villages. If parking is not available on site, suitable parking nearby will be offered.
- Each mission staff will be provided a minimum of two (2) all access parking passes that will enable free parking at all venues and villages at all times during the period of the Games on a first come first serve basis (understanding that parking might not be available for all Mission staff vehicles at a venue.
- The LOC shall ensure that there is some monitoring and policing of parking areas at all venues to ensure access to designated parking.

### **352-D Motor Pool**

The LOC is required to provide the following Motor Pool services and standards:

- A motor pool that will be available to supplement the Athlete Bus System when an Athlete/Coach accidentally misses the scheduled bus system and will miss competition if the shuttle schedule will not get them to competition in time. The deployment of vehicles for this purpose is at the sole discretion of the LOC and it should not be used as a replacement to the shuttle system.
- Support for Athletes/Teams who have missed meal periods because of late competitions where the bus shuttle system is not able to support these needs
- Support for Athletes needing to be transported to the hospital or polyclinic for health/safety reasons
- For a limited number of VIPS and at the sole discretion of the LOC to provide transport to venues from central designated locations.
- For NAIG Council members to be provided transport to venues and airports from designated locations.
- To support lost or late luggage transport requirements

## **353 Logistics**

None

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## **354 Accreditation**

### **354-A Accreditation Scope**

The Host Society will provide an accreditation centre three days prior to the Games opening ceremonies to accommodate the needs of the NAIG Family.

The Host Society must manage the registration system for all teams. The Host Society must provide photo accreditation according to the accreditation categories and the respective levels of access for each category as defined in the NAIG Council policy.

The Host Society must ensure it has sufficient material, equipment, staff, hours of operation and space to provide all accreditations –including day pass needs.

The Host Society shall consult with the NAIG Council and Local Tribal groups in developing a policy on ceremonial procedures, protocol and accreditation.

The Host Society will treat representatives and guests of North America and local Elders, Tribal Councils in a manner befitting their prestige, office or level of government.

The Host Society agrees that it will provide appropriate accreditation to all persons identified as belonging to the NAIG Family including athletes, coaches, managers, chaperones, Chef-de-Missions, cultural performers, volunteers, VIP's and security

The Host Society shall provide “Games Observer” status to the 2023 NAIG Host Society and any communities interested in bidding on a future NAIG as identified to the Host Society by NAIG.

### **354-B Accreditation System**

The Host Society shall obtain an accreditation system that will provide the ability to produce accreditation (identity cards) for all Games Family- which would include:

- Teams—athletes/officials/coaches/chaperones/mission staff
- Volunteers and Staff of Host Society
- Sponsors, Suppliers
- Contractors VIPS
- NAIG Family as defined

The accreditation system must be in place a minimum of 4 months prior to start of Games in order to load information and testing. It is recommended that the accreditation system be integrated with the team registration and volunteer management systems.

NAIG Council must approve the specifications and capabilities of the system and approve badge layouts.

- The accreditation passes for Teams must meet these minimum standards:
- Pass must contain the following
  - Photograph
  - First Name/Last Name Gender
  - Team (Province/State)
  - Village Code
  - Food /Transport Privileges
  - Access Rights
- Passes must be weatherproof and be provided with a lanyard
- Passes must be available to be handed out to the Chef de Mission upon their arrival at the

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Games as long as the information has been submitted to the Host Society in accordance with Host Society time lines and standards.

- Passes must be available to be reprinted in accordance with Host Society rules and guidelines.

## **355 Accommodation Planning**

### **355-A Accommodation Coordination**

The Host Society shall be responsible for booking of a minimum 500 rooms over a period of 15 days (i.e. 7500 room nights) or a number that is set out in the bid guidelines within 24 months of the Games dates. All rooms shall be within 1 hour driving distance from the Athletes Centre. The rooms shall be where possible the same general standard. The Host Society shall not be responsible for the cost of these rooms but will secure the best possible rates, and negotiate contracts that will enable the rooms to be held as long as possible without penalty either to the Host Society or the final room user.

At M2 or before, and upon payment of registration fees as per the NAIG guidelines, the Host Society shall provide allocation of these rooms to the various teams based on team need.

Teams may at their own discretion and expense secure rooms on their own.

## **356 Villages**

### **356-A Village Clients**

The Host Society is responsible for providing and paying for accommodations and feeding for the following groups (in accordance with fee and payment schedules):

- All participants (Yob for 19 and Under) who have paid registration fees
- All Cultural Performers that are participants from Teams registered with NAIG as per Governing Rules
- The officials and other personnel of the Teams lodged at the NAIG Village

### **356-B Villages Services**

A secure residence area(s) must be provided to all participants. The following are the minimum standards:

- The Village will be open at least 1 (one) days before the opening ceremonies and closed the day after the closing ceremony.
- All athletes must be housed by team with a separate split where required by Gender.
- Genders need to be split in such a way as to control access into the male/female area
- Female coaches/chaperones/mission staff or male coaches/chaperones/mission staff are not allowed to stay in same dorm area with athletes of the opposite sex.
- Only accredited team members are allowed to entry the dorms.
- No family members will be allowed access to the dorms.
- Each participant shall be provided a bed complete with a mattress.
- Dorm rooms may not house any more than 30 people per room, and must provide a minimum of 50 sq feet per person in each room.
- All dorms and facilities must meet all fire and safety codes.
- Toilet and sink ratios must be a minimum of 15 to 1 or as required to meet local health standards.

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- Access to hot showers must be available to all participants on a daily basis but do not have to be provided at the Villages. Access to shower system must be supported by the bus transport system. Showers must be available a minimum of 12 hours a day when not available at the villages. Shower ratios 15 to 1 or as required to meet local health standards.
  - A minimum ratio of 5 to 1 for chaperones to athletes must be maintained by all teams while in the dorms. The chaperones must be a minimum of 21 years of age.
  - All villages will be non smoking and drug and alcohol free.
  - The following sports equipment will not be allowed in any part of the “sleeping areas” of the villages.
    - Sports equipment - including balls/bats/
    - Weapons - including firearms and archery equipmentThe Host Society shall be responsible for providing secure storage of these items.
  - Each participant is responsible for their own security of personal items.
  - Twice Daily janitorial to clean all common areas and washrooms/showers must be in place.
  - The HOST SOCIETY is required to provide adequate security and operational manpower for each dormitory to always ensure safety of occupants and to prevent unauthorized access to the dorms.
  - The Chef’s will determine allocation of people to available beds/rooms
  - The Host Society shall determine the rooms /village locations where teams will stay.
  - The HOST SOCIETY’s may set their own rules for:
    - Curfews
    - Rules for food/beverage
    - Day time closures of the dorms

## **357 Food Services**

### **357-A Team Food Services**

The LOC is required to provide participants and team officials who have paid their registration fees 3 meals a day – breakfast, lunch and evening meal. The meal services shall be to the following minimum standards:

- All food and preparations to be controlled and monitored as per local food safety standards
- All menus and food preparation to be in accordance with the national/local food and dietary standards and input from qualified experts.
- All menus must include options for vegetarians.
- Food Service plan to be submitted at M2 meeting.
- Menus to be submitted at M2 and finalized by M3.
- Food service shall be sampled at M3 where feasible.
- Breakfasts, lunch and dinners to be offered for a minimum 3 hour window- a minimum of 1 hours before competition starts for breakfast and a minimum of 1 hours after competition closes each day. All food services must be accessible for Teams to meet the sports and transport schedule.
- Breakfasts must consist of both hot and cold entrees with unlimited portions. Fruit and snacks must be available for takeaway.
- Water – either in bulk/tap or bottled fashion must be available at all times in the food centers. If bulk/tap water is supplied, the LOC must supply one reusable water bottle for each participant.

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- Dinner and lunch must consist of a minimum of two hot entrees, vegetables, salads, pastas, and rice/potatoes and deserts with unlimited portions. Snacks and fruit must be available for takeaway. Traditional food may also be served-at Host Societies discretion- in addition to these menu items. Fruit and snacks must be available for takeaway.
  - Safe clean drinking water must be available for the Athletes at all Venues including villages.
  - Food Services shall commence no later than an evening meal the day the villages open (1 day before Opening Ceremonies), and finish with meal following Closing Ceremonies. It will be at the Host Societies discretion to provide any meals outside of this period, particularly breakfast/lunch of the Village opening date, and breakfast/lunch on the day the Villages close.



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## **401 VOLUNTEERS**

### **401-A Security and Screening Checks**

The Host Society must implement screening for every volunteer that is matched to the level of risk for each specific position.

## **451 COMMUNICATIONS AND AWARENESS**

### **Games Marks**

The Host Society must develop in partnership with the NAIG Council an event mark that matches the NAIG Council corporate look and brand. The Host Society must use the NAIG LOGO, word marks and pictograms as approved by NAIG Council

The Host Society must ensure that all publications, material and signage follows a Host Society create Games-specific Graphics Standard Manual to be approved by the NAIG Council.

### **Community Relations Program**

The Host Society must develop a community relations program targeted to the host and surrounding communities to generate awareness of the Games and makes it possible to recruit the required number of volunteers, educate corporate community about Games sponsorship opportunities and encourage ticket sales and media interest.

### **Publications & Archives**

The Host Society must produce the following information for distribution (electronically and/or hard copy)

- Athletes Handbook - including venue information, transport schedules, village and meal times, and Sports Schedule
- Media Services Handbook
- Technical Officials Handbook
- VIP Handbook
- Volunteer Handbook

The Host Society must produce a telecommunications directory that includes all assigned and rental cell phone numbers.

All material of archival value produced by the Host Society will be collected and organized by the Host Society and transferred to an organization approved by NAIG Council.

### **Medal Design**

Host Society is responsible for the design of the NAIG Medal as approved by the NAIG Council at least 6 months in advance of the games. For first place, gold, second place, silver and third place, bronze.

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### **Mascot Program/Relay**

Where the Host Society chooses to include a Mascot Program or Relay, the plan for this (these) program(s) must be approved by the NAIG Council.

### **Marketing and Communications Plan**

The Host Society must develop an integrated plan a minimum of 18 months prior to the Games and submit to the NAIG Council for approval.

### **Research**

The NAIG Council reserves the right to enter into contracts at their sole cost with organizations to perform market research and property valuation.

### **Main Media Centre**

The Host Society must provide a Media Centre suitably fitted out with tables, chairs and administrative infrastructure including internet access. Ideally the area will also be able to accommodate press conferences and media briefings.

### **Media Access Guidelines**

The Host Society must ensure that all media are made aware of and observe the NAIG 2023 Media Access Guidelines (created by Host Society).

### **Team Promotional Material**

The Host Society shall make available at no cost to all participating Teams access to promotional materials to support awareness programs in their own regions. Access shall include access to completed design elements- posters, video, and other promotional elements. The incremental costs of producing the materials and shipping such materials shall be at the teams expense at the discretion of the Host Society.

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## **501 VIP Services & Protocol**

### **VIP Hotel Accommodations**

In anticipation of the VIPs who will attend, the Host Society must reserve a minimum of 100 rooms (1000 room nights) during the Games. Host Society shall book but not be responsible for payment of rooms. Room allocations will be presented at M2. The NAIG Council must approve the type of accommodation selected by the Host Society before reservations are confirmed. Hotel blocks must be presented at M1.

### **Host Society Protocol Policy**

The Host Society will consult with the NAIG Council and Local Tribal groups in developing a policy protocol.

## **551 CEREMONIES & CULTURE**

### **Scope**

The Host Society must incorporate as an integral element of its organization of the Games the required protocol and approvals for Opening and Closing Ceremonies as defined by the NAIG Council.

The Host Society must implement a significant Cultural festival to the NAIG Games of interest to all participating units in Canada and the USA that will complement and support the sport program.

The Host must engage a suitably qualified producer/director and supply all technical support for the entertainment to be included in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Cultural Festival

### **RE SPORT PROGRAM**

### **Ceremonies and Cultural Festival Plan**

The Host Society will consult with the NAIG Council and Local Tribal groups in developing ceremonial procedures for incorporation into the various plans.

Plans for opening, closing, awards ceremonies and the cultural festival must be presented to the NAIG Council for approval at M2 with final approval at M3.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

Whenever First Nation, Métis, Inuit and Native Americans come together in celebration, their dances, songs and traditions bring forth the color and beauty of their rich cultures. The North American Indigenous Games will be a celebration featuring Indigenous cultural performers from North America expressing themselves in their traditional dance, music, dress and language. The Opening Ceremony sets the tone for the entire Games and must be inspiring.

The rich cultural heritages will be showcased at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and at the Cultural Village, which will provide a unique opportunity to experience the different Indigenous cultures of Turtle Island (North America).

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- The Official Program including the cultural component and athlete procession should not be longer than two and half hours. The Host Society will be given the discretion on the Cultural performers and acts for the Opening Ceremony. The Host Society has the option of lighting an official games torch to officially open the NAIG. The torch will burn throughout the games and will be officially extinguished at the conclusion of the games.
  - There must be four flagpoles: one for the flag of Canada, one for the flag of the USA, one for the Host Province/State and one for the NAIG Council flag which will be hoisted during the opening ceremonies.
  - . The NAIG Flag will be hoisted at the end of the opening ceremonies to declare the games officially opened.
  - The Stage will include dignitaries including the NAIG Council President, the Host Society President, the state or province mayor, the state or province Political Leader, a Government of Canada representative, a USA Government Representative. The state or province Indian/First Nations/Métis or Inuit Leader, Elders as selected by the Host Society.
  - Before the national anthem of each country, the parade of the participants occurs. Each delegation in its official uniform is preceded by a name-board bearing the name of the country, The delegations parade in alphabetical order except for the delegation from the past host society who enters the stadium first, and the delegation of the host society, which is the last delegation to enter the stadium.
  - Each Team at their discretion can include cultural performers, Elders, participants, Coaches and Mission Staff as part of their parade of athletes. Teams can carry traditional flags and symbols of their respective nations. All athletes must be dressed in their Team uniforms or regalia.
  - The parade will also include all the officials of the games. They will march in as a group following the athletes.
  - The flags of the participating units, as well as the name boards, shall be of equal size, and these and their bearers shall be furnished by the Host Society. Each delegation, after completing its march around the Stadium, will be providing seating in the stadium at the end of their March.
  - Upon termination of the parade, after all the delegations are in place the flags of the USA, Canada and the host province/state are raised. The official anthems of both the USA and Canada will be played. The host country anthem will be last.
  - The NAIG Council Flag will be raised prior to the announcement of the official opening of the North American Indigenous Games. An honor guard (American Indian, First Nations, Métis or Inuit) will parade in the flag and have the honor of raising the flag.

The following individuals will be given no more than 2-3 minutes to speak:

Federal/State/Provincial/Local Representatives – USA and Canada

Note - the country, which is hosting the games, has precedence to speak first. Indian, First Nations/Inuit or Métis leaders as selected by Host Society

NAIG Council President

Host Society President – declares the games open.

The Host Society will deem the order of speakers according to the protocol in their country and traditional territory.

#### NAIG Official Oath Ceremony

- Athlete Oath – selected by Host Society
- Officials Oath – selected by Host Society
- Environmental Oath – selected by Host Society (honoring Mother Earth)
- Elder's ceremony to honor participants – (prayer and traditional ceremony) selected by the Host Society

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## **Closing Ceremony**

The Closing Ceremony takes place in a location identified by the Host Society after the last event. The Closing Ceremony should celebrate the accomplishments of athletes and volunteers.

NAIG Closing Ceremony Speakers:

Each speaker is allowed no more than 2-3 minutes to speak.

- Host Society President
- Government Representatives from USA and Canada
- City Host Representative
- Elder Representative
- NAIG Council President – will officially close the games and pass the flag onto the next Host Society representative.

Format:

- No formal grand entry required of athletes
- NAIG Award Presentations
  - Team Award Presentation
  - John Fletcher Spirit Award
- Cultural Gala of entertainment to celebrate the success of the games
- Official Closing of the Games – Announcement of Next Host Society

## **Cultural Village**

The Host Society is responsible for ensuring that a Cultural Village is organized as a component of the North American Indigenous Games. The Cultural Village will include and provide the following:

- Each participating Unit/Team shall be responsible for paying the travel costs of between 1-10 cultural delegates to each set of games. The Host Society and each contingent will jointly make a decision on the final number of delegates with the above parameters. The Host Society will make the final decision on the type of entertainers utilized. The Host Society shall have the latitude, at their own cost, to increase cultural representation from the host jurisdiction.
- The Host Society shall provide accommodation and meal services to cultural delegates similar to that provided for athletes.
- The cultural program shall be consistent with the founding principles of NAIG those being:
  - To promote indigenous cultural activities and exhibitions
  - To promote local indigenous history and culture
  - To ensure a traditional ceremonies that are utilized by the Host Territory are provided for NAIG participants
  - To ensure that traditional foods are for sale throughout the village
  - To ensure that indigenous people are showcased to sell, demonstrate and promote their crafts and artwork. To ensure that indigenous people showcase knowledge and information pertaining to aboriginal youth programs.
  - To ensure that the Cultural Village has met all environmental and health code standards as designated by the City in which the games are held

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- To ensure that an Elders Program is designed to promote cultural and historical sharing through storytelling, ceremonies and interchange
  - To showcase a cultural gala of performers from all participating units at the opening of the Cultural Village
  - The Host Society shall provide transportation to and from the Cultural Village for all participating contingents
  - The Host Society shall provide security, environmental cleanliness and a safe environment at the Cultural Village
  - The cultural program shall be generally available and appealing to the general public in the host community and jurisdiction and all participants and visitors of the NAIG

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## **801 Revenue Generation and Cost of Sales**

### **Rights and Benefits**

The Host Society must develop rights and benefits packages for their sponsors. The Host Society must develop a sponsor servicing plan and provide for implementation of the plan within the Host Society budget.

### **Council Properties**

The Host Society must integrate any NAIG Council sponsor program in place at the time that Games are awarded into the Games sponsor program. After the award of the Games, the Host Society will continue to work in collaboration with the NAIG Council in development of national multi-year partners.

NAIG LOGO

### **Sponsor Restrictions**

The NAIG is a drug and alcohol free event. For this reason, Host Societies are strictly forbidden from acquiring sponsorship from alcohol and tobacco companies.

### **Ticketing**

The Host Society must develop a ticketing strategy for the Opening Ceremonies that is presented to and approved by NAIG Council at M3

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## 950 Legacy

### Legacy Assets

If the preliminary measure of expenses and revenues after the Games indicates that the Host Society's final audited financial statements are likely to show a Surplus and where the Host Society, in consultation with the NAIG Council and funding partners concludes that the donation of its personal property (in addition to the sports equipment) would be greater value to the sport community than the sale of such personal property converted to cash, this option will be considered. In the event that this option is selected, the Host Society, in consultation with other Parties and the NAIG Council, will develop a plan for the donation of sports equipment purchased for the Games to amateur sport organizations throughout the Province/State and organizations associated with the Games facilities which form part of the physical legacy such as local community centers and Tribal Councils.

### Legacy Plan

The Host Society must produce a Legacy Plan that enhances support for Indigenous Sport and Culture and promotes the NAIG movement. The Legacy Plan must address the distribution of:

- All moveable property such as sports equipment and materials
- Medical equipment, office equipment and consumable supplies
- Computer hardware and software, with the exception of the Games- specific software provided by external organizations
- Budget surplus and financial legacy
- Intellectual property, if applicable

The Legacy Plan must address partnership opportunities and efforts to leverage additional and sustainable dollars to enhance the legacies. The Plan is subject to the approval of the NAIG Council.

In the event of a surplus in the Operating Budget, the Host Society will allocate the surplus to a "trust" fund as identified by the Host Society and funding partners. The surplus will be divided as follows:

- 10% to the Indigenous Peoples Sports Council or 10% to the Aboriginal Sport Circle of Canada depending on the host nation
- 20% to the North American Indigenous Games Council;
- 70% to the North American Indigenous Games Host Society for distribution to local, state or tribal authorities for distribution to execute the legacy plan in support indigenous sport.



# APPENDIX B

## NAIG CONTRACTUAL MILESTONES Sample

The milestones establish dates for key deliverables for the Host Society. The Host Society shall complete the deliverables and submit the documents as per these milestones, or as otherwise agreed to from time to time with NAIG Council.

The status of the milestones shall be reported on a quarterly basis as part of the NAIG Council status reports as set out in NAIG Hosting Standard 102-A.

Contractual Milestones by Date and Functional Area follow the hosting standards document.

<b>CONTRACTUAL MILESTONES – By Date</b>			
<b>FUNCTIONAL AREA</b>	<b>Reference To Hosting Standard</b>	<b>MILESTONE</b>	<b>DATE DUE BY</b>
101 – CEO	101 - M2	Hosting Agreement	Jan 24, 2024
101 – CEO	101 - M1	Establishment of Host Society	Jan 24, 2024
151 - Financial Services	151 - M1	Business Plan - Rev 1	Jan 24, 2024
151 - Financial Services	151 - M3	Multi Party Agreements	Jan 24, 2024
451 - Communications and Awareness	451 - M1	Creation of Logo and Look	TBA
451 - Communications and Awareness	451 - M2	Creation of Public Website	TBA
101 – CEO	101 - M3	Sponsorship Plan	TBA
451 - Communications and Awareness	451 - M3	Community Promotion Plan	TBA
300 – Operations	300 - M1	Initiate "room bookings"	TBA
451 - Communications and Awareness	451 - M4	Licensing and Merchandising Plan	TBA
151 - Financial Services	151 - M5	Updated Business Plan - Rev 2	TBA

151 - Financial Services	151 - M4	Risk Management Plan	TBA
104 - Mission Services	104 - M1	Mission Staff Meeting 2 (M2)	14 days before M1
103 – Medical	103 - M1	Medical Plan	14 days before M1
251 – Sports	251 - M12	Sport Delivery Plan - Rev 1	14 days before M1
251 – Sports	251 - M4	Sports Schedule - Level 1	14 days before M1
251 – Sports	251 - M8	Sport Registration Plan - Rev 1	14 days before M1
300 – Operations	300 - M2	Preliminary Accommodation Plan	14 days before M1
300 – Operations	300 - M3	Villages Plan - Rev 1	14 days before M1
300 – Operations	300 - M6	Food Services Plan - Rev 1	14 days before M1
301 - Venue Operations	301 - M1	Venues Plan – Rev 1	14 days before M1
251 – Sports	251 - M1	Venues Plan – Rev 1	14 days before M1
151 - Financial Services	151 - M6	Legacy Plan	9 months out
401 - Volunteer	401 - M1	Volunteer Org Chart and Needs Listings	12 months out
401 - Volunteer	401 - M2	Volunteer Recruitment Plan	12 months out
201 – Technology	201 - M1	Implement Participant Registration System	12 months out
151 - Financial Services	151 - M7	Updated Business Plan - Rev 3	9 months out
104 - Mission Services	104 - M2	Mission Staff Meeting 2 (M2)	14 days before M2
103 – Medical	103 - M2	Medical Plan - Rev 2	14 days before M2
251 – Sports	251 - M13	Sport Delivery Plan - Rev 2	14 days before M2
251 – Sports	251 - M15	Results Plan - Rev 1	14 days before M2
251 – Sports	251 - M5	Sports Schedule - Level 2	14 days before M2

251 – Sports	251 - M9	Sport Registration Plan - Rev 2	14 days before M2
300 – Operations	300 - M10	Preliminary Transportation Plan	14 days before M2
300 – Operations	300 - M11	Preliminary Accreditation Plan	14 days before M2
300 - Operations	300 - M14	Motor Pool Plan - Rev 1	14 days before M2
300 - Operations	300 - M4	Village Plan - Rev 2	14 days before M2
300 - Operations	300 - M5	Villages Plan Final	14 days before M2
300 - Operations	300 - M7	Food Services Plan - Rev 2	14 days before M2
300 - Operations	300 - M9	Accommodation Plan and Team Allocations	14 days before M2
301 - Venue Operations	301 - M2	Venues Plan - Rev 2	14 days before M2
551 - Ceremonies and Culture	551 - M2	Preliminary Ceremonies Plan	14 days before M2
251 - Sports	251 - M2	Venues Plan - Rev2	14 days before M2
300 - Operations	300 - M12	Shuttle Bus Plan	14 days before M2
151 - Financial Services	151 - M8	Updated Business Plan - Rev 4	6 months out
301 - Venue Operations	301 - M3	Venue Operations Agreements	5 months out
201 - Technology	201 - M2	Select and Contract Accreditation System	5 months out
301 - Venue Operations	301 - M4	Venue Overlay Plan	5 months out
301 - Venue Operations	301 - M5	Signage and Pageantry Plan	5 months out
251 - Sports	251 - M11	Implement Registration by Name	4 months out
551 - Ceremonies and Culture	551 - M1	Medal Design	4 months out
251 - Sports	251 - M19	Mission Staff Meeting 3 (M3)	14 days before M3
103 - Medical	103 - M3	Medical Plan Final	14 days before M3

251 - Sports	251 - M14	Sport Delivery Plan - Rev 3	14 days before M3
251 - Sports	251 - M16	Results Plan - Rev 2	14 days before M3
251 - Sports	251 - M20	Medal Ceremonies/Celebration Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M13	Shuttle Bus Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M15	Final Motor Pool Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M17	Arrival and Departure Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M18	Parking Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M19	Security Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M20	Final Transportation Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M21	Final Accreditation Plan	14 days before M3
300 - Operations	300 - M8	Food Services Plan Final	14 days before M3
301 - Venue Operations	301 - M6	Final Venue Plan- complete with Operating Hours	14 days before M3
551 - Ceremonies and Culture	551 - M3	Final Ceremonies Plan	14 days before M3
551 - Ceremonies and Culture	551 - M4	Medal Ceremonies Plan	14 days before M3
251 - Sports	251 - M3	Venues Plan – Rev 3	14 days before M3
251 - Sports	251 - M6	Sports Schedule-Level 3	14 days before M3
151 - Financial Services	151 - M9	Disaster Recovery Plan	14 days before M3
104 - Mission Services	104 - M3	M3- Chef de Mission Meetings	14 days before M3
151 - Financial Services	151 - M10	Updated Business Plan	14 days before M3
251 - Sports	251 - M7	Sports Schedule-Level 4	1 month out

North American Indigenous Games xxxx

HOSTING AGREEMENT

Dated March 4, 2022



**THE SPIRIT**  
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## **NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is made this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 between the North American Indigenous Games Council, (the “NAIG COUNCIL”) located in Winnipeg, Manitoba and the NAIG 2020 Host Society Inc. (the “HOST SOCIETY”), located in (location), Canada (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”);

WHEREAS the North American Indigenous Games (the “Games”) are a high profile International Indigenous multi- sport competition for youth from Provinces and Territories in Canada and States from the USA as outlined in the NAIG Council’s constitution;

AND WHEREAS the NAIG Council has announced that the next Games (the “NAIG xxxx”) will be held in the (City), Canada from (Date);

AND WHEREAS the Host Society has been established for the purpose of organizing, managing, promoting and conducting the NAIG xxxx;

AND WHEREAS there is strong evidence of support for the NAIG xxxx throughout the community, amongst neighboring tribal councils, school districts and other institutions throughout (location) Canada;

AND WHEREAS the NAIG Council is the determining authority on all Games’ matters and is responsible for establishing all technical aspects of the Games in consultation with the appropriate International and national sport organizations;

AND WHEREAS the Games provide an opportunity to identify, highlight, profile and promote the best developing Indigenous athletes in North America;

AND WHEREAS the Games promotes the value of sport and demonstrates its important role in North American Indigenous cultures;

AND WHEREAS the Games promote fair play in all aspects of sport and cultural activities;

AND WHEREAS the Games promote and encourage holistic individual growth that assures mental, physical, emotional and spiritual growth;

AND WHEREAS the Games foster a racism-free environment, as well as an alcohol/drug/solvent-free sport and Indigenous cultural activities;

AND WHEREAS athlete development needs and optimal care and comfort conditions are central to all decisions pertaining to planning the Games;

AND WHEREAS the principle of gender equity pervades all aspects of the Games and in pursuit of this principle the NAIG Council has achieved gender parity in the selection of sports and participants for the NAIG xxxx;

AND WHEREAS the inclusion of sport for athletes with a disability is desired;

AND WHEREAS the NAIG Council desires to grant consent to the Host Society to use the official marks “North American Indigenous Games”, “NAIG”, “NAIG xxxx,” and all related and derivative logo marks, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “NAIG Rights and Properties”) pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the NAIG Council, as the legal owner of the NAIG Rights and Properties, desires to assign or licence those rights and properties to the Host Society in accordance with terms and provisions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Host Society is agreeable to organizing, planning, financing, staging, managing, promoting, delivering and conducting the NAIG xxxx in accordance with terms and provisions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS all appendixes referenced in this Agreement shall be incorporated and considered part of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties hereto in consideration of good, sufficient and valuable consideration mutually acknowledge to have been paid and received, covenant and agree as follows:

**THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH THAT:**

**1. INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1. This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws in the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply to this Agreement:

- 2.1. "Agreement," refers to this Hosting Agreement between the Parties;
- 2.2. "Archival Material," refers to the collection of public, corporate or institutional documents or records relating to the Games;
- 2.3. "Aboriginal," and "Indigenous," means a person who includes, but is not limited to, First Nations, Native American, Inuit, or Métis;
- 2.4. "Basic Operating Budget," refers to the Host Society's approved budget as set out in a written business plan;
- 2.5. "Business Plan," is the Host Society's formal written business plan detailing the organization, financing and operation of the NAIG xxxx;
- 2.6. "Nova Scotia," means the Province of Nova Scotia;
- 2.7. "Council," or "NAIG Council," means the North American Indigenous Games Council;
- 2.8. "Currencies" means the currency of trade in the country where the Host Society is incorporated;
- 2.9. "Deficit," means the excess of expenses over revenues (operating) related to the organizing and staging of the NAIG 2020, calculated on the basis of final audited statements of the Host Society;
- 2.10. "(City)," means the Corporation of the (City) and "(City)" means (City);
- 2.11. "Enhanced Gifts," refers to those in-kind goods and services, which do not offset budgeted expenditures in the Basic Operating Budget;
- 2.12. "Ex-officio," means a representative who is provided with observer status to an organization with no voting or privileges of a director of that organization;
- 2.13. "Financial Forecasting," means a financial status or update required to be provided by the Host Society to the NAIG Council at required intervals in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement;
- 2.14. "NAIG xxxx." means the North American Indigenous Games xxxx which are to be held in



(location) ~~Canada~~ and surrounding communities (dates), in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement;

- 2.15. "Games," means the North American Indigenous Games;
- 2.16. "Governing Rules," means Appendix "C" to this Agreement and means the NAIG xxxx Governing Rules which establishes the rules by which participating contingents shall participate in the NAIG xxxx;
- 2.17. "Host Society," means the NAIG xxxx Host Society a corporate body incorporated pursuant to the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporation Act* on (date) which is registered as Corporation Number (insert number);
- 2.18. "Legacy," refers to facilities, financial surplus, materials and equipment, information, intellectual property, management systems and archives created or generated through the course of the NAIG xxxx planning and implementation, which can be used to benefit future games and on-going Indigenous sport and cultural activities in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement ;
- 2.19. "NAIG Hosting Standards," means Appendix "A" to this Agreement which lists the standards governing the staging of the Games, including the NAIG xxxx. The NAIG Hosting Standards may be amended from time to time as deemed reasonably necessary by NAIG Council where such changes do not pose in the NAIG Council's unfettered opinion, a significant financial or logistical impact to the Host Society.
- 2.20. "NAIG Contractual Milestones," means Appendix "B" to this Agreement and sets forth the timetable for the delivery of contractual deliverables related to Host Society's management and delivery of the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- 2.21. "North America," means the traditional Indigenous territories encompassing the countries of Canada and the United States;
- 2.22. "Operating Expenses," refers to costs incurred by the Host Society in organizing, managing, promoting and conducting, the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- 2.23. "Parties," means jointly, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Host Society and the NAIG Council;
- 2.24. "Region," means a certain grouping of States in the United States of America and the Provincial/Territorial Boundaries in Canada;
- 2.25. "Surplus," means the excess of revenues over expenses (operating) related to organizing and staging the NAIG xxxx, calculated on the basis of final audited statements of the Host Society;

- 2.27. "Sport Technical Package," means the document established and approved by the NAIG Council that outlines the competition rules and regulations by which the sports comprising the NAIG xxxx will be delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and which document is attached to this Agreement as Appendix D;
- 2.28. "Venues," means any land, buildings or facilities, leased, occupied, developed and/or used by the Host Society for the purpose of operating, delivering and hosting the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the Sport Technical Package, excluding the Host Society's office and warehouse space;
- 2.29. "NAIG Rights and Properties," means the official marks "North American Indigenous Games", "NAIG", "NAIG xxxx" and any and all related, associated and derivative logo marks of same;
- 2.30. "Licensing Fee," means the license fee payable by the Host Society to the NAIG Council in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 7 of this Agreement;
- 2.31. "Party," means one of either the NAIG Council or the Host Society; and
- 2.32. "The Award," means the date that the NAIG Council publicly announced that the NAIG xxxx will be held in the (City) from (Date).

### **3. GOVERNANCE**

- 3.1. The Host Society shall be governed in accordance with the Host Society's bylaws which shall, where applicable, respect NAIG Hosting Standards 101-A through 101-H.

### **4. BUSINESS PLAN**

- 4.1. The Host Society shall prepare a comprehensive Business Plan, which will guide the organization, financing, and operation of the NAIG xxxx and fulfill the obligations imposed on the Host Society as provided for in this Agreement. The Business Plan shall be developed and submitted in accordance with NAIG Hosting Standard 151-A, and the NAIG Contractual Milestones.
- 4.2. The Host Society will provide the NAIG Council with updates to the Business Plan in accordance with NAIG Hosting Standard 151- B.
- 4.3. The NAIG Council must approve any significant modifications to the Business Plan in accordance with NAIG Hosting Standard 151-A which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld provided that such modifications shall not materially affect or lessen the Host Society's obligations to plan, organize and deliver the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

## **5. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- 5.1. The Host Society shall develop and implement the policies and procedures to guide the management and organization of the Games, and submit them to the NAIG Council for review. The policies are set out in NAIG Hosting Standards 151-D.

## **6. MILESTONES**

- 6.1. The Host Society shall be required to meet the deadlines and deliverables as outlined in the NAIG Contractual Milestones attached to this Agreement as Appendix B;

## **7. LICENSING AGREEMENT**

- 7.1. In recognition of the award of the right to host the NAIG xxxx, and of the NAIG Council's role in supporting the Host Society's planning and operational efforts, the Host Society agrees to pay the Council the Licensing Fee.
- 7.2. The Licensing Fee shall be determined as an amount that is equal to the greater of \$50,000 (CDN) or 5% of the participation fees which shall be payable to the Host Society by all NAIG Family, except Mission Staff
- 7.3. The fees will be paid in two cash payments
  - 7.3.1. 50% due 30 days after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Registration deadline as per the NAIG Governing Rules.
  - 7.3.2. 50% due 90 days after the NAIG's xxxx closing ceremonies, reflecting any changes in final registrations as per NAIG Governing Rules.

## **8. HOST SOCIETY REVENUE GENERATION**

In addition to the funding provided through government, including Tribal governments/organizations, the Host Society may secure funding, including, but not limited to, the following sources of non-governmental revenues:

- 8.1. Corporate sponsorship and donations provided that the Host Society shall not solicit or accept any sponsorship monies or funds or any other benefits from any third party entity or person who is engaged in the direct or indirect production, manufacturing, marketing, sale or distribution, whether wholesale or retail, of any form of tobacco, alcohol, cannabis or derivative of same or of any other product, substance or item that is illegal to be sold or distributed in Canada;
- 8.2. Other donations;
- 8.3. Ticket sales derived from the opening ceremonies and special events only it being specifically agreed that the Host Society nor any agency of the Host Society shall derive any revenue from the sale of tickets to or for any sporting events that form part of NAIG xxxx;

- 8.4. Licensing & Merchandising; from date of execution of this Agreement until twelve (12) months following the conclusion of the NAIG xxxx with the understanding that the NAIG logo shall be used in accordance with NAIG graphics standards then in force at all times;
- 8.5. Sale of assets after the NAIG xxxx;
- 8.6. Rights fees charged to third parties;
- 8.7. Interest; and
- 8.8. Participation fees for athletes, coaches, assistant coaches and chaperones but not participating contingents' mission staff; which such participation fees shall be determined by the NAIG Council after a consultative process has been entered into by the Parties with the final participation fee for the NAIGxxxx being approved by the NAIG Council no later than the M2 Mission Staff Meeting. (see Hosting Standard 104-A).

## **9. DELIVERY AND PLANNING OF THE GAMES**

- 9.1. The Host Society shall comply at all times with all aspects of the NAIG Hosting Standards. Any deviations from the standards shall be reported to NAIG Council.
- 9.2. If a Hosting Standard is altered or requested to be altered by NAIG Council after the award of the Games, the Host Society shall, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 21 of this Agreement, have the rights to refuse to comply with the new standard and may use existing standards if the change shall result in a significant logistical or financial impact to the Host Society.
- 9.3. The Host Society shall at all times be bound by the Governing Rules, the Hosting Standards and the Sport Technical Package in the Host Society's ongoing efforts to manage, operate and deliver the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

## **10. APPROVALS BY NAIG COUNCIL**

- 10.1. On those matters and issues that require the NAIG Council's approval or consent the NAIG Council shall review and provide decisions and approvals on a reasonably timely basis. NAIG Council recognizes that any undue delay in approvals and decisions may negatively impact the ability of the Host Society to deliver the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

## **11. ARCHIVAL MATERIAL AND TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE**

- 11.1. All material of archival value produced by the Host Society will be collected and organized by the Host Society, and preserved and maintained by the Host Society in accordance with NAIG Hosting Standards 102-B, 102-C, 102-D and, at the request of the NAIG Council, the Host Society shall transfer copies of such materials in electronic format to the control and possession of the NAIG Council.

## **12. REPORTING**

- 12.1. All financial reporting required to be completed by the Host Society pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the NAIG Hosting Standards shall be done and completed by the Host Society in accordance with NAIG Hosting Standards 102–A and 151-B.

## **13. AUDITS**

- 13.1. Subject to sub-Section 13.2 of this Agreement, the Host Society will provide the NAIG Council's authorized auditors or accountants with reasonable access during normal business hours for examination and audit of the books, accounts and records of the Host Society.
- 13.2. The NAIG Council reserves the right to have the Host Society financial records audited at a cost to be borne solely by the NAIG Council.
- 13.3. The Host Society will ensure that all audited financial statements of the Host Society will be in accordance with GAAP and as per the laws of Canada.

## **14. EVALUATIONS**

- 14.1. The Host Society agrees to provide to the NAIG Council all environmental, economic and social impact studies, operational audits and reviews, and evaluation studies on the programs and activities of the Host Society that are conducted by the Host Society or on the Host Society's behalf. The Host Society agrees that it will utilize the STEAM 2.0 or STEER Model which is used by the Sport Tourism Canada and partners to measure economic impact and provide data analytics post NAIG xxxx.

## **15. DISSOLUTION OF HOST SOCIETY**

- 15.1. The Host Society shall be dissolved in accordance NAIG Hosting Standard 101-H.

## **16. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

- 16.1. After the completion of the NAIG xxxx and prior to winding up, the Host Society will dispose of all its real or personal property. Any monetary funds derived or recovered, by the Host Society through the sale of its assets will be added to its operating revenues as earned income. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Parties agree that the Host Society shall have right to transfer any property, entitlement, process, asset or right, in any form or format, whether real or personal, that was purchased, developed, acquired, used or owned by the Host Society in the Host Society's operation and delivery of the NAIG xxxx in pursuance and fulfillment of the Host Society's obligations under this Agreement to any third party or multiple third parties, who the Host Society in its sole discretion determines can use such property for the betterment and advancement of a specific Indigenous community in North America or the Indigenous community at large.

## **17. SURPLUS FROM THE GAMES – AMATEUR SPORT LEGACY FUND**

- 17.1. The NAIG xxxx Legacy Committee consisting of funding partners and the Host Society will develop the Legacy Fund plan.
- 17.2. In the event of a Surplus, the Host Society will develop a plan for the allocation of the Surplus through a “trust” fund as managed and identified by the Host Society and the Host Society’s funding partners.
- 17.3. Subject to the terms and provisions of Section 16 of this Agreement, any Surplus will be divided and distributed as follows:
  - 10% of the Surplus to the Aboriginal Sport Circle of Canada;
  - 20% of the Surplus to the North American Indigenous Games Council;
  - 70% of the Surplus to the Host Society for distribution to local or provincial authorities for the development of amateur sport development as the Host Society in its sole discretion shall determine.

## **18. NAIG COUNCIL INDEMNIFICATION**

- 18.1. The Host Society, upon incorporation, has agreed to assume all commitments, liabilities, obligations or undertakings in relation to the NAIG xxxx, and shall indemnify the NAIG Council against any claim from, or liability to, a third party for all losses and expenses of whatever nature or kind which may be incurred in relation to the organization and staging of the NAIG xxxx save and except such liability to third party that solely arises from or is as a result of a breach of this Agreement by the NAIG Council.

## **19. FORCE MAJUERE**

- 19.1. If a Party is wholly or partially precluded from complying with its obligations under this Agreement by terrorism, government order (Force Majeure Event), then that Party's obligations under this Agreement will be suspended for the duration of the delay arising out of the Force Majeure Event.
- 19.2. As soon as possible after a Force Majeure Event arises, the Party affected by it must notify the other party of the nature of the Force Majeure Event and the extent to which the said notifying Party is unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- 19.3. If a Party is prevented by a Force Majeure Event from performing its obligations in accordance with this Agreement:
  - 19.3.1. The Host Society may request to NAIG Council to make alternative arrangements for the delivery of aspects of the Games; or

- 19.3.2. If both Parties are so prevented for more than 90 days of performing their obligations due to a Force Majeure, then either of the Parties may terminate this Agreement with immediate effect by giving notice to either Party.

## **20. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

- 20.1. Except as expressly set out in this Agreement or as otherwise agreed to in writing, the NAIG Council does not assume any responsibility for:
- 20.1.1. any aspect of the organization, planning management, staging or financing of the NAIG xxxx; or
  - 20.1.2. any deficit of the Host Society related to the organization, planning management, staging or financing of the NAIG xxxx or otherwise;
- 20.2. The Host Society shall obtain and maintain in place at all material times all required insurances in accordance with NAIG Hosting Standards 154-B.

The Parties agree that the relationship among the Parties is not a partnership and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Party has any authority to act for or assume any obligation or responsibility on behalf of the other Party. No Party shall at any time make any representation to any person, corporation, or other entity that it has the power to bind the other Party nor shall any Party make any attempt to so bind the other Party. Nothing contained in this Agreement is to be construed as constituting one Party the agent of the other Party.

## **21. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The Parties will, acting reasonably and diligently, attempt to resolve all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, or in respect of any legal relationship associated with this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the determination of whether an Event of Default as described in Section 22 of this Agreement occurred or whether a modification to the Business Plan materially affects or lessens the Host Society's obligations to plan, organize and deliver the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement or whether a Hosting Standard that is altered or is requested to be altered by NAIG Council after the award of the Games will result in a significant logistical or financial impact to the Host Society. To this end the Parties agree:

- 21.1. Before December 31, xxxx, the Parties will, acting reasonably and diligently, attempt to resolve all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, or in respect of any legal relationship associated with it or from it, by mediated negotiation with assistance of a neutral person appointed by both Parties. The mediation will be held in (City), Canada.

- 21.3. After December 31, xxxx, or in the event the Parties are unable through mediation to resolve any dispute arising out of or in connection with any aspect of this Agreement, the Parties will agree upon an arbitration process that will give due consideration to the limited time available to organize an event such as the NAIG xxxx. Any arbitration contemplated by this Agreement will be held in (city), Canada. The Parties further agree that in the event they are unable to agree upon an arbitration process or an arbitrator to resolve the dispute, the arbitration process and, if applicable, the appointment of an arbitrator to resolve the dispute in question shall be governed by the provisions of the Nova Scotia Arbitration Act.

## **22. DEFAULT BY THE HOST SOCIETY**

- 22.1. In this Section of this Agreement the following words and phrases have the following meaning:

- 22.1.1. "Event of Default" means or occurs when the first of the following events occurs:

The Host Society becomes bankrupt or insolvent or is placed in receivership or takes the benefit of any statute relating to bankrupt and insolvent debtors; or

An order is made which is not being contested or appealed by the Host Society or a resolution, by the Board of Directors, is passed for the winding-up of the Host Society or if the Host Society is wound-up other than as contemplated by this Agreement;

The Host Society has knowingly submitted or provided materially false or misleading information to the NAIG Council or Funding Partners or intentionally made a false or misleading representation; or

The Host Society has failed or refused to correct the alleged breaches set out in the delivered NAIG Council's Notice of Default within the prescribed thirty (30) day period as provided for in Section 9 of this Agreement or has failed to commence actions that would result in the correction of the breaches within a reasonable time period after the lapse of the prescribed thirty (30) day period;

- 22.1.2. "NAIG Council's Notice of Default" means a written notice delivered by the NAIG Council to the Host Society describing an alleged breach by the Host Society of a term, condition or commitment provided for in this Agreement and putting the Host Society on notice that unless the described alleged breach is corrected within thirty (30) days of the delivery of the NAIG Council's Notice of Default or the Host Society fails to commence actions that would result in the correction of the breaches within a reasonable time period after the lapse of the prescribed thirty (30) day period, the NAIG Council may elect to deliver the Termination Notice to the Host Society terminating this Agreement.

- 22.1.3. "Termination Notice" means a written notice delivered or given by the NAIG Council to the Host Society terminating the Agreement.



- 22.2. The Parties agree that, subject to the terms and provisions of Section 21 of this Agreement, upon an Event of Default, the NAIG Council may, at its sole option, deliver the Termination Notice to the Host Society terminating this Agreement and withdrawing the right of the Host Society to host NAIG xxxx. The Parties further agree that upon an Event of Default occurring the NAIG Council has the sole authority to withdraw the right of the Host Society to host the NAIG xxxx in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

### **23. CANCELLATION OR WITHDRAWAL**

- 23.1. In the event that in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement the NAIG xxxx is cancelled or withdrawn by the NAIG Council, the Host Society will be under no further obligation under this Agreement.
- 23.2. In the event that the NAIG Council terminates this Agreement pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement the Host Society will, subject to the terms of its agreements with third party funders, forthwith return to any funding partners all of its financial assistance paid to the Host Society that has not been expended or made subject to legally binding obligations to a third party unless otherwise agreed to in writing by that third Party.

### **24. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 24.1. This Agreement, including all attachments, appendixes and schedules hereto, including: Hosting Standards, Appendix "A,"; Sport Technical Package, Appendix "B" and Governing Rules, Appendix "C" and any additional requirements made known by the NAIG Council to the Host Society and which additional requirements have been acknowledged by the Host Society to have been received and agreed to by the Host Society at the time of the Award and any amendments to them constitute the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter addressed herein. This Agreement takes precedence over, cancels, and replaces any other agreement, undertaking, contract, quasi-contract or obligation that may have been concluded or may exist among the Parties with respect to the issues addressed herein.

### **25. NOTICE**

- 25.1. Any confirmation, report, notice, consent, approval, instruction, authorization, direction, waiver, statement or other document that a Party may be required or may desire to give or deliver to another Party will be in writing, effective, and deemed received by the Party;
- 25.2. if delivered personally, on the date of delivery;
- 25.3. if mailed to the NAIG Council at (address to be added here) and if mailed to the Host Society at (address to be added here), or such other addresses as one Party advise the other Party in writing on the third business day after mailing;
- 25.4. if transmitted by facsimile transmission, to the NAIG Council at 905-412-0325 and if transmitted by facsimile transmission to the Host Society at (no current fax #), or such other facsimile address as one Party advise the other Party in writing on the date the transmission is confirmed received through the transmission report; and

- 25.4.1. If sent by electronic mail, then when capable of being retrieved by the Party, and
- 25.4.2. At the electronic mail address set for that Party or at such other addresses as a Party may, from time to time, notify the other Parties in writing.

## **26. REVISIONS**

- 26.1. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement of the Parties.

## **27. EXECUTION**

- 27.1. The Parties represent and warrant to each other that they have respectively taken all legal action, corporate or otherwise, to enter into this Agreement and to authorize their officers and officials to executethis Agreement.

## **28. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 28.1. All information obtained during the course of this Agreement are confidential and of a nature whose disclosure would interfere with the Parties ability to plan, organize, stage and finance the Games, and as such the Parties will not, save as maybe be required by law, disclose such information without the prior consent of the concerned Party.

## **29. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS**

- 29.1. The Host Society agrees to comply with applicable federal, provincial, state or local laws, regulations and bylaws. In addition, the Host Society undertakes to obtain all necessary licenses, permits, consents and or/approvals that may be required by law to carry out its activities.
- 29.2. Furthermore, the Host Society agrees to comply with:
  - 29.2.1. The provisions of its Bylaws, any other corporate governance document subscribed to by the HostSociety or any resolution of the Host Society; and
  - 29.2.2. Any judgment, decree, order or award of any court, regulatory authority or arbitrator made in respect of the Host Society.

## **30. TERMINATION**

- 30.1. This Agreement will terminate if:
  - 30.1.1. NAIG Council or Host Society ceases to legally exist.
  - 30.1.2. Subject to their respective rights of appeal, at the written notice to the other Party in the event either the NAIG Council or the Host Society fails to abide by rulings of an adjudicator as provided for in Section Clause 21 of this Agreement.
  - 30.1.3. The NAIG Council delivers the Termination Notice on the Host Society in accordance with the provisions of Section 22 of this Agreement.

### **31. COUNTERPARTS**

- 31.1. This Agreement may be entered into by each Party signing a separate copy of this Agreement (including a photocopy or faxed copy) and delivering it to the other Parties.

### **32. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**

- 32.1. Time is of the essence in all aspects of this Agreement.

### **33. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES REQUIREMENTS**

- 33.1. The Host Society in the planning and delivery of the NAIG xxxx shall use reasonable efforts to acknowledge both of Canada's Official Languages (English and French) which reasonable efforts shall include:
  - 33.1.1. Adopting personnel policies that promotes the hiring of employees and the recruitment of volunteers acknowledgeable and versed in both of Canada's Official Languages in sufficient numbers giving due recognition to the magnitude of NAIG xxxx and the minority official language capacity available in the host community;
  - 33.1.2. Inviting and encouraging members and organizations of the Canada's Official Languages minority community to be actively involved in NAIG xxxx;
  - 33.1.3. Appointing or designating a language services coordinator to manage the implementation of the Host Society's efforts to acknowledge both of Canada's Official Languages
  - 33.1.4. Ensuring that all promotional and NAIG xxxx material that is provided, distributed or authorized to inform the general public, the participants or media prior to, during and after NAIG xxxx is available simultaneously in Canada's Official Languages with neither the French nor English versions being treated with prominence;
  - 33.1.5. Ensuring that all permanent (if applicable) and temporary signage at all NAIG xxxx venues and sites is in Canada's Official Languages with neither French nor English versions being treated with prominence;
  - 33.1.6. Ensuring that all written documentation designed to provide administrative and operational information about or related to NAIG xxxx to the athletes, coaches, technical officials and other delegation members (guides, manuals, schedules, instructions, etc.) is disseminated simultaneously in Canada's Official Languages;
  - 33.1.7. Ensuring that all information on the NAIG xxxx's website, social media, or any electronic media released by the Host Society or on behalf of the Host Society is made available and updated simultaneously in Canada's Official Languages;

- 33.1.8. Staging the NAIG xxxx's opening and closing ceremonies in a manner that both of Canada's Official Languages communities are included and represented in the development, the production and the use of talents and ensuring that if the national anthem is sung, it will be in its bilingual version;
- 33.1.9. Ensuring that all public address announcements related to NAIG xxxx are made consecutively in Canada's Official Languages;
- 33.1.10. Ensuring that all security, emergency and medical services, and services provided by the Host Society or on behalf of the Host Society to the athletes, coaches, technical officials, other delegation members and public participating in or attending at NAIG xxxx are available at all times in both of Canada's Official Languages; and
- 33.1.11. Reasonably ensuring that any projects, cultural festivals or displays occurring before, during or after NAIG xxxx and sponsored or promoted as part of NAIG xxxx include the presence of both of Canada's Official Languages in the development, the production and the use of talent.

#### **34. MISSION CENTRE**

- 34.1. The Host Society agrees that during NAIG xxxx it maintain and provide a Mission Centre as a rallying point for all Chefs de Mission and as a communication center for all contingent Mission Staff in accordance and compliance with sub-Section 6.2.4 of the NAIG Governing Rules and sub-Sections 104-B and 104-C of the NAIG Hosting Standards.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**

The Parties have executed this Agreement on the day **as indicated below**.

SIGNED on behalf of the **NAIG COUNCIL** by:

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

President, North American Indigenous Games Council

SIGNED on behalf of the **NAIG COUNCIL** by:

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Director, North American Indigenous Games Council

SIGNED on behalf of the **HOST SOCIETY** by:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, NAIG xxxx Host Society Inc.

# APPENDIX D



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### **GOVERNING RULES MANUAL**

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# 2023 North American Indigenous Games

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## GOVERNING RULES MANUAL

### INTRODUCTION

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The Governing Rules set forth the policies, procedures and rules by which all participating contingents, as well as the Host Society, will abide by in their preparation and participation in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG).

These Governing Rules have been established by the NAIG Council to maintain the integrity of the Games and ensure the professional operation of the one week-long event.

The Governing Rules ensure the continuity of the event by outlining processes to be utilized by the NAIG Council, its committees, the Host Society, partners and participating contingents during the planning, delivery and wrap-up of the NAIG.

It is the responsibility of all parties involved in the NAIG to be knowledgeable of and adhere to these policies and procedures. The NAIG Sport and Technical Committee is responsible for the regular review of this manual and will recommend any changes as required to the NAIG Council for approval. Until such time as those recommendations are reviewed and approved by the Council, the version identified below will serve as the official Governing Rules of NAIG.

The Governing Rules will be enforced by the NAIG Council. Additionally, the Host Society is bound by the NAIG Council Hosting Agreement to enforce these rules on behalf of NAIG Council and to conduct the planning and delivery of the Games in accordance of these Governing Rules.

In order to be considered eligible for participation in the 2023 NAIG Games, agreement and acknowledgement of these Governing Rules is required by the Chef de Mission from every contingent. These rules will be distributed by each contingent's NAIG Council representative and each representative will ensure that Appendix I is signed by the Chef de Mission and the NAIG Council Rep for their contingent and return to NAIG Council.

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## **NAIG GOVERNING RULES**

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### **1. Contingent Representation**

All contingents participating in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) must represent the Indigenous/Aboriginal Peoples of a Province/Territory in Canada, or a State in the United States of America. Only athletes registered with a contingent shall be eligible to compete in a NAIG. While teams will be organized by Province/Territory/State in the medal standings and during the Opening Ceremonies, no team shall be forced to fly any flag against their will.

All contingents must be in good standing with the NAIG Council to participate in the Games as stated in the NAIG Council Constitution & Bylaws. The USA Contingents must be in good standing with the Indigenous Peoples Sport Circle (IPSC) as stated in their Constitution to participate in the NAIG. The Canadian Contingents must be in good standing with the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) as stated in their By-Laws to participate in the NAIG.

### **2. Contingent Size**

The size of the 2023 NAIG Sport Participant component may not exceed 5250. This includes athletes, coaching staff, chaperones and the cultural contingent from each P/T/S.

The total number of participants allotted to Canada and the United States of America is determined prior to each games by the NAIG Council through historical participation data.

Once the NAIG Council has established the participation levels for each country, the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) in Canada and the Indigenous Peoples Sport Circle (IPSC) in the United States of America will conduct their own domestic allocation process to determine the contingent numbers for each Provincial/Territorial/State (P/T/S) eligible to compete at the 2023 NAIG. These contingent allocations must not exceed the maximum contingent size of 550 (athletes, coaches and chaperones) as established by the NAIG Council.

The contingents will be provided core services by the Host Society as outlined in the NAIG Hosting Standards.

#### **2.1 Athletes and Coaching Staff**

The total number of athletes, coaching staff and chaperones per contingent must not exceed the allocations determined by the ASC and IPSC.

#### **2.2 Chaperones**

The Adult-Athlete ratio as per NAIG Hosting Standards is 1:5. The number of chaperones allowed is determined by the total number of athletes and coaches to meet the 1:5 ratio

Chaperones assist coaching staff with supervisory duties for the duration of the Games. Their primary role will occur during non-competition times. Chaperones must be of same gender as the team they are assigned to.

Athletes are not to be left unsupervised at any point during the Games. Teams must register and assign chaperones as required according to their team size.

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### 3. Athlete Eligibility

#### 3.1 Indigenous Ancestry

All athletes competing in the NAIG must be of Canadian and/or American Indigenous ancestry. Eligibility and team selection must comply with the internal policies within each team. All participants must provide proof of ancestry. The following items will be accepted as proof of ancestry:

**Canada:** Status Card, Inuit and Inuvialuit identification, or a Métis Card from one of the provincial bodies recognized by the Métis National Council (the Métis Nation of Ontario, The Manitoba Métis Federation, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Métis Nation British Columbia).

**United States:** Tribal Identification Card or Certificate of Indian Blood.

If none of the above apply (i.e., non-status Indians) the Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form (Appendix B) must be completed by the athlete, submitted to the team and endorsed by the regions first and secondarily approved the NAIG Council. The Chef de Mission will then submit this form, along with all accompanying ancestry information from the athlete, in the Host Society's registration package on the final deadline (refer to Section 7: Participant Registration).

During the games, any questions concerning a participant's Indigenous ancestry must be conducted through a formal protest. Any protest lodged against a participant must follow the procedures outlined in section 12.2: Formal Protest Procedures/Eligibility Protests.

#### 3.2 Age Categories

Please refer to the 2023 NAIG Sport Technical Package for age categories per sport.

#### 3.3 Residency

Athletes and Coaches must be permanent residents of the contingent they are competing for. A permanent resident is defined as someone who has been granted permanent residency 180 days prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony. Permanent residents have legal documentation confirming permanent residency, which a Province/Territory/State

Health Card, Driver's License, court documents, or any other residency documentation deemed eligible by the NAIG Council.

An athlete or coach's permanent residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the contingent they are representing. An athlete or coach can have only one permanent residence. Should an athlete or coach not meet the 180 days permanent residence requirement, they will be ruled as ineligible to compete in the games.

Athletes registered and attending full-time (complete year) in an academic institution outside of their Province/Territory/State, who do not return to their permanent residence over the summer, may submit a Academic Residency Form (see Appendix K) stating which contingent they will be trying out for – either their Province/Territory/State of permanent residence, or the Province/Territory/State where they are attending school.

Athletes and coaches that permanently reside on a reserve/reservation who's borders encompasses more than one Province/Territory/State are able to choose which contingent that they will tryout and compete for (eg. Akwesasne Mohawk Territory).

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In all situations where an athlete has the option to choose the contingent they are trying out for, they must complete a Residency Declaration Form (see Appendix J) and submit it to the Chef de Mission. The Chef de Mission is responsible for sharing the Residency Declaration Form with the contingent that the athlete chose not to tryout for.

Under no circumstance, may an athlete tryout, and/or, compete for more than one Province, Territory or State.

### **3.4 Amateur Status**

All athletes participating in the NAIG must be of amateur status in the sport they are entered and/or competing in. Each sport will abide by their National Sport Organization's or National Sport Governing Body's definition of an amateur athlete.

### **3.5 Single Sport Participant Policy**

Athletes participating in the NAIG can only enter and compete in one sport.

### **3.6 Athletes Registering in Older Age Categories**

Athletes may move up one age category provided that an athlete or team is not already identified in that category from their contingent. Please check the approved Sport Technical Package for age categories.

### **3.7 NAIG Gender Inclusion Policy**

The North American Indigenous Games is an inclusive organization. As such, the NAIG Council must operate in a way that welcomes individuals of all genders. The NAIG Council recognizes that sex and gender are not the same thing, and that individuals are born with different combinations of sex and gender as part of their identity.

This gender policy aims to set the conditions by which the NAIG Council and its Host Societies will create a safe and welcoming environment for transgender or intersex participants at the North American Indigenous Games. This policy is based on the guidelines published by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

Individuals may participate in North American Indigenous Games sports, disciplines and events in the gender with which they identify and not be subject to requirements for disclosure of personal information beyond those required of cisgender athletes.

The NAIG Council and NAIG Host Societies will strive to accommodate the needs of individual participants as it relates to their care and comfort at the North American Indigenous Games.

## **4. Coaching Eligibility**

The NAIG are an important vehicle for the promotion and advancement of Indigenous coaching development. To ensure that team coaches are fully trained and prepared for the NAIG environment, the following standards have been established, at a domestic level, for all coaches registered in the NAIG.

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### 4.1 Canada

The NAIG Council has adopted National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) certification standards for all Canadian coaching staff. All coaches must be fully trained to the level outlined by sport, age category and position and confirmed through a coaches list being submitted to the NAIG Council Executive by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The coaches list must include their Coaching Certification number and a copy of their Coach Canada Locker page.

Please refer to the 2023 NAIG Sport Technical Package for coaches training certifications requirements for NAIG.

### 4.2 United States of America

All coaches must have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coh certification course recognized in their State.

It is recommended that all coaches should be fully trained to the level outlined by each National Sport body (ie. USA Basketball) for the sport, age category and position they are coaching or possess a state recognized coaching certificate. The list and confirmation, via a coaches list is to be submitted to the NAIG Council Executive by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### 4.3 Certification Exemptions

Under exceptional circumstances, contingents can request an exemption from certification, on behalf of a coach. A Certification Exemption form (see Appendix D) must be submitted to the NAIG Council Executive or designate to review and rule on all exemptions by M3.

Examples:

- No access to certification in your language (i.e. not available in French).
- Certification not available in P/T/S or online

## 5. Criminal Record Check / Background Check

ALL participants (athletes, coaches, managers, chaperones and mission staff) considered to be the age of majority in their Province, Territory or State are required to provide a background check, which has been completed within 18 months of the NAIG's Opening Ceremonies. The background check will cover the following:

**Canada:** Criminal Record Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Check

**USA:** State Criminal Record Check and Sex Offender Registry Search

Should the following offences appear on an individual's CRC, they will not be permitted to participate in the NAIG. The offences include:

Murder or extreme violent behavior charges	NO time limit
Any sex offence (perpetrator) charge	NO time limit
Soliciting for prostitution (buying of sex)	NO time limit
Violation of a position of trust (including theft or fraud)	NO time limit
Criminal driving offences	NO time limit
Any weapons charge	NO time limit
Arson	NO time limit

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Trafficking in any illegal substance	10 years
Shoplifting (theft under \$500)	3 years
Impaired driving	3 years

Teams must request full disclosure of all offences for those athletes and coaches who are age of majority. This includes information on any active charges that would not be identified in a background check

In cases where a volunteer coach, manager, trainer or athlete has a minor offence on their Criminal Record Check, the following should be considered:

- the nature of the offence
- the age of the charge or offence
- what has the individual done since that period of time? Has the individual shown a firm intention to rehabilitate themselves?
- what were the circumstances of the charge and the particulars of the offence involved (e.g. how old was the individual when the events in question occurred, and were there any extenuating circumstances?)
- any other factor(s) which the Chef de Mission determines to be relevant.

The NAIG Council reserves the right to request a copy of the CRC (via the Chef de Mission) and the provision of additional information with regards to the participant's offences. Any exceptions will be made by the NAIG Council in consultation with the Chef de Mission of the contingent involved.

The individuals are responsible for filling out all forms and paying applicable fees. The individual must provide a copy of their background check to the contingent's Chef de Mission.

The Chef de Mission must declare that all background checks for their age of majority participants have been received by listing each participant, confirming compliance, their position/role and signing off on the list. If a participant has not been verified through a background check they will not be considered eligible to participate in the Games.

The declaration is made through Appendix H: Participant Background Check Form. This form must be completely, signed and submitted to the NAIG Council Executive on or before M3.

If participants do not submit the two necessary background checks to their Chef de Mission and are not included on the form, the participant will be ineligible to participate. The forms will be verified by NAIG Council through a report following M3.

Participants reaching the age of majority 90 days or less from the start of the games, must be listed and proof of application for the required checks (paid receipt from Police, etc.) must be provided to the Chef de Mission.

### **6. Mission Staff**

All contingents are encouraged to appoint mission staff responsible for the management of all team planning, preparations and participation in the NAIG. Some responsibilities include:

- Contingent pre-games and games-time communication
- Coach and athlete selection processes
- Collecting registration forms and fees

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- Logistics (i.e. transportation, accommodations, food service, travel to the Games)
- Handling disciplinary issues during the Games
- Post games reporting

Mission staff roles and responsibilities are developed by the contingent along with selecting the appropriate number of mission staff to fulfill all duties.

### **6.1 Chef de Mission**

All contingents participating in the NAIG must appoint an individual as the Chef de Mission, who will serve as the team's lead. The Chef de Mission must be mandated by the region and identified to the Host Society. As the Chef de Mission, he/she will represent the interest of their respective P/T/S at all Mission Meetings.

### **6.2 Mission Meetings**

It is the responsibility of the Host Society, in their organizational efforts, to host a series of Mission Meetings prior to and during the NAIG. They are meant for teams to receive updated progress of Host Society plans. Agendas are dictated by hosting standards.

#### **6.2.1 Mission Meetings 1-4**

Four Mission Meetings are to be held during the period leading up to the Games known as M1, M2, M3 and M4. This forum provides the Host Society with the opportunity to present games specific plans to the participating contingents, answer questions and gather input from mission staff.

6.2.1.1 The timing of the meetings according to hosting standards are:

M1: 20 months prior to the games (November 14, 2021)

M2: 12 months prior to the games (July 13 – 15, 2022)

M3: 6 months prior to the games (January 16 – 18, 2023)

M4: 2 months prior to the games (May 15- 17, 2023)

6.2.1.2 Attendance at M3 and M4 are mandatory for all Chefs de Mission or Assistant Chefs de Mission. Attendance at M1 and M2 is mandatory for at least 1 representative for each team.

6.2.1.3 Each contingent may bring up to three (3) people to the meetings. At least one of the representatives must have the delegated authority to make decisions for their contingent at the meetings.

6.2.1.4 The Host Society shall cover the costs of the meeting including conference room costs, two meals per day and social functions for not more than three (3) days and ground transportation for tours.

6.2.1.5 All team representatives will cover their own costs for accommodations and travel to and from the meetings;

#### **6.2.2 Mission Conference Calls**

The Host Society will host conference calls 10 months (September) and 8 months (November) prior to the Games for mission staff to hear updates on progress of plans since M1, highlight upcoming deadlines and finalize M2 preparations.

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Following M2 (6 months out) conference calls will be held monthly to present updated plans, seek input or direction from contingents, identify global issues and contingency plans, and highlight registration deadlines.

### **6.2.3 Games Time Meetings**

The Host Society will host a meeting 2 days prior to the opening ceremonies to present specific information such as airport arrival procedures, village check in procedures, opening ceremonies plans, sport schedules, weather reports, accreditation issues, etc. The agenda will be distributed to Chefs de Mission prior to the meeting.

The Host Society will organize Chef de Mission Meetings each morning during the Games to deal with operational matters, sport issues, medical reports, and disciplinary issues from the previous day. In addition, the Host Society will allow for the distribution of new information such as Games highlights, operational considerations, updated competition schedules, and weather reports for the day.

Attendance at the meetings are mandatory for Chefs de Mission or Assistants, including Host Society Divisional Managers. Contingents are limited to two (2) representatives to attend the meetings.

### **6.2.4 Mission Centre**

During the Games, a Mission Center will serve as a rallying point for all Chefs de Mission's and a communication center for contingent Mission Staff. The Centre will be established in accordance with NAIG Hosting Standards.

## **7. Participant Registration**

Every athlete, coach, manager, chaperone, cultural contingent and mission staff must be registered using the Host Society's registration system. Chefs de Mission for each contingent will be responsible for the input and update of information into the system in accordance with deadlines and procedures.

Registrations are important for the planning of the NAIG. The Host Society relies heavily on the registration information to detail plans for the successful delivery of the NAIG and provide a more enjoyable experience for team members; for example, sport schedules and operational plans are finalized based on registration.

The participant information collected during the registration process will include, at a minimum:

**General Information:** Legal name, current mailing address, date of birth, passport information (if from USA), Indigenous ancestry, emergency contact information.

**Competition Information:** P/T/S name, participant type (athlete, coach, etc.), sport, age division, gender and events competing/coaching in.

**Medical Information:** Health care number, medical plan information, critical medical information (i.e. diabetic, asthmatic, epilepsy, severe allergies), medical aids.

ALL fields must be filled in, along with a photo (headshot), for accreditation purposes in order to be considered fully registered.

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Additional information may be collected for specific purposes, i.e. short biographies (for media), etc. and will be outlined by the Host Society.

All personal information is kept confidential and secured as required by law. The Host Society collects and stores all the information; however, only certain departments can access all the areas, i.e. medical. Other department staff can access general information, i.e. name, sport, gender, age category, team, etc. that are integral to their planning.

### **7.1 Registration Deadlines:**

#### **7.1.1 Second: M2 (12 Months) (July 13 – 15, 2022)**

Provincial, Territorial and State teams must officially submit their intention to participate in the 2023 NAIG by this deadline via letter on letterhead including information on their projected team size and breakdown.

Team breakdown data will include participation by sport, age categories and gender divisions. An excel chart template will be provided to teams that will compile and calculate the data. Hardcopies can be faxed in; however, electronic versions in excel format are preferred.

Team participation intent letters and team information must be submitted one week (7 days) prior to M2 to give the Host Society time to review the submissions and prepare the reports for NAIG Council and communication back to mission staff at M2.

This information is used for initial planning for contingent numbers. The actual team composition is at the teams' discretion. The host society anticipates some changes to the registration numbers as deadlines approach. Plans are adjusted following deadlines to keep up to date with projections.

The Host Society and NAIG Council will identify the deadlines by date once mission meetings are finalized.

#### **7.1.2 Third: M3 (6 months) (January 16-18, 2023)**

Update of the team breakdown chart and 50% of each participant registration fee is required/due and postmarked/couriered no later than one week (7 days) prior to M3. This provides the Host Society time to review the submissions and prepare the reports for NAIG Council and communication back to mission staff at M3.

Teams will have access to the online registration system to begin inputting team participant information after the Host Society provides a training session at M3.

#### **7.1.3 Fourth: M4 (2 months) (May 15-17, 2023)**

Update of team breakdown chart and balance (50%) of each participant registration fee is required and postmarked no later than March 15, 2022. All athlete participants including alternates must be registered into the 2023 NAIG Host Society online registration system two months (60 days) prior to M4. This provides the Host Society time to review the submissions and prepare the reports for NAIG Council and communication back to mission staff at M4.

All participants must be fully registered in the registration system to be eligible.



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NAIG Council recognizes changes to adult coaches, managers and chaperones can occur due to personal and professional obligations and concessions have been made with the substitution policy below for these participants only. In any case, the participant must be fully registered in the system to be eligible.

- 7.1.3.1 Incomplete / Incorrect Registrations: Duplicates, missing field information, missing photos, etc. will be brought to the attention of mission staff at M4 - to be corrected within one week (7 days) after M4.

Discrepancies not corrected will be considered inactive and therefore ineligible to participate.

- 7.1.3.2 Supplementary Registration Forms: Copies of all supplemental forms, i.e. ancestry, background check form, etc. must be submitted to the Host Society at M4. Online registrations will be updated with this new information and kept on file.

### **7.1.4 Final Rosters: 1 month (June 15, 2020)**

Final rosters (athletes and coaches) must be activated from the names provided at the M4 deadline. Alternates must be set to inactive. All active participants in the system must be fully registered, meaning all required fields filled in completely and photos included.

- 7.1.4.1 Substitutions: Athletes can only be substituted after the 1-month deadline due to medical reasons or extenuating circumstances (i.e. family emergencies). Substitutes should only be taken from alternates identified in the registration system.

Coaches and Chaperones can be substituted up to 1 week before the start of the NAIG. Coach substitutions in the days leading up to the Games will be done upon arrival, however, this may cause delays for the coach to access Host Society services.

Special Note: It is the responsibility of the Chef de Mission (or designate) to find the qualified coaches for athletes. All financial responsibility for the participants travelling to and returning from the NAIG will fall with the participant(s) and/or team.

If a coach is removed or unable to participate in the Games, the Chef de Mission (or designate) will assume the coaching responsibilities.

## **7.2 Registration Fee**

The amount of the registration fee is set through consultation and agreement between the Host Society and the NAIG Council. The set amount is to be based on the presentation and approval of the Host Society's baseline budget. Major consideration is to be given to the Host Society's revenue base, balanced with the understanding that the fee should not be cost prohibitive to participants.

Fees will not be accepted by individual team members. Teams are responsible for collecting their team members' fees and making one payment to the Host Society.

It is the responsibility of the team to ensure each payment made by or on behalf of their team members is accounted for appropriately in their region.

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### **7.2.1 Reconciling Payments**

Payments made at M3 will be for the first half of each participants' fee as per the team size projection. An updated team breakdown chart can be used as a source document along with letters on team letterhead outlining payment amount and numbers.

Payments made at M4 will account for the balance of the actual team size with a list of team members as per the updated team breakdown chart.

M4 Payments will be cross referenced with the 1-month final roster deadline by the Host Society and reported to the team and NAIG Council.

### **7.2.2 Reimbursements**

Participant fees will not be reimbursed after the 1-month deadline unless a participant is not attending due to medical reasons or extenuating circumstances outside the control of the participant (i.e. death in family, major medical situations). If for medical reasons, a doctors' note is required. Other reasons must be put in writing by the Chef de Mission, on behalf of the family, where necessary. Reimbursements for any other reasons will be determined by NAIG Council.

## **7.3 Deadline Enforcement**

All Registration requirements must be met by the teams and submitted to the Host Society by the team's Chef de Mission on or before the deadline dates.

### **7.3.1 Host Society Registration Reports**

Deadlines are enforced by the Host Society through the submission of a registration report to the NAIG Council Executive Committee summarizing the registration deadline requirements and outcomes. Registration reports are required within 3 days of a deadline.

If the report shows teams have not met any or all requirements of a deadline the Host Society shall recommend to either; remove the team, remove team members or negotiate an alternate arrangement provided that it does not negatively impact plans from that point forward.

### **7.3.2 Registration Mediation**

The Executive Committee may work with the Host Society and affected teams to mediate a resolution. Priority would be for the Host Society to deal directly with the team. The Host Society and Teams will submit necessary documents and outline their issues individually. Final decisions will be made by the Executive Committee.

Where perceived or real conflicts of interest arise with Executive Committee members regarding their team's registration an alternate will be chosen from the NAIG Council board of directors.

### **7.3.3 Final Approval**

A written report with supporting documents will be distributed to NAIG Council from the Executive Committee outlining the issues and outcomes. Recommendations will be reviewed, adjusted where necessary and approved by vote. NAIG Council will convene a meeting 3-7 days following a deadline to hear the report, resolve any issues and vote to ratify the report and recommendations.

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**8. Sport Technical Package**

The Technical Package is a critical part of the NAIG and offers comprehensive assistance to the Host Society and the Chefs de Mission, key components include:

- Sport and event eligibility definitions.
- Athletes age eligibility verification and sport technical information for team selections.
- Coaching certification standards.
- Competition formats and scoring procedures.
- Established maximum number of participants per age category.

Every NAIG coach, manager and mission staff member has an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Sport Technical Package. If there is anything in the Sport Technical Package that is unclear, individuals are encouraged to seek clarification from their Chef de Mission.

The previous games' Sport Technical Package will be provided to the Host Society at the time of awarding the games. The Sport & Technical Committee with representatives of the Host Society will review and revise the package and submit to the NAIG Council for approval. The committee will utilize the assistance of the NGB/NSO, P/TSO-P/TSGB and other advisors to ensure the most recent international and national rules for each sport are up to date.

After the document has been ratified by the Council, no changes will be made to the document. The NAIG Council representatives will have an opportunity to review and provide input to the package prior to its approval.

**9. Sport Program**

The following fourteen (14) sports have been identified as Core Sports to the NAIG. The maximum number of sports included in NAIG will remain at fourteen (14).

The NAIG Council's Sport & Technical Committee is responsible for the evaluation of the sport program. The committee will be tasked to investigate and recommend adding, modifying, or eliminating sports. Items to be considered in the evaluation include: the cost analysis of the sport to the Host Society and contingents, the registration/participation levels of the sport including gender and age category breakdown.

Lacrosse, Archery and Canoe/Kayak as competitive sports traditional to Indigenous peoples are exempt from elimination/replacement. However, modifications can be made to these sports to account for changes in participation rates in the disciplines involved in each.

It is therefore the obligation of a Host Society to offer and deliver these sports.

**Individual Sports**

- 3D Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Canoe and Kayak

**Team Sports**

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Lacrosse
- Soccer

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Golf	Softball
Rifle Shooting	Volleyball
Swimming	
Wrestling	

### **9.1 Standards**

Currently, the NAIG operates without minimum competitive standards for entry into the sporting events. At present, the quality of individual team selection process is the only means for ensuring a high level of competition at the Games.

### **9.2 Removing a Core Sport**

Removing a sport(s) from the Core Sport list can only be performed by the NAIG Council. Removal would be based on recommendation of the NAIG Sport and Technical Committee through a comprehensive evaluation process.

### **9.3 Trial Sports**

Trial Sports are new sports introduced into the Games, on a trial basis, in effort to have them considered for Core Sport status. A sport can only be introduced as a Trial Sport through approval by the NAIG Council. This process should begin approximately two (2) years out from the next NAIG.

NAIG Council will task the Sport & Technical Committee to evaluate the trial sport and make recommendation(s) to the Council for input and approval.

Trial sports will have full competition status and therefore results will count towards the overall team title standings. Trial sports will be considered only for one Games.

For the 2023 NAIG, the trial sport will be:

- Beach Volleyball

### **9.4 Demonstration Sports**

Demonstration Sports are offered in recognition/appreciation of Traditional Games of the Indigenous peoples of North America. They are profiled in an exhibition capacity held in conjunction with the NAIG Cultural Program.

Demonstration Sports are not a part of the larger games program. They are not open for competition as they are demonstration only. Any results from these events do not count towards the final medal counts.

Medals for these events can be awarded but should be different from the competition medals.

Any P/T/S that wishes to promote a demonstration sport can do so through an application to the Host Society.

### **9.5 Sport Competition Format**

Individual sport competition formats are listed specifically by sport in the Sport Technical Package. The Sport Technical Package will outline the minimum participant requirements for all individual sports.

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Team sports competition format will be determined by the number of entries per age category. The Host Society will make every effort to maximize the number of games each team receives. Each team will play a minimum of three games. There is a minimum requirement of three (3) teams in a Team Sport (Baseball, Basketball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball) in order for the competition to occur.

In the event of the competition being cancelled in that division, the team has the option of moving up a division to compete, only if that P/T/S does not have a competitor already in that division and the Host Society can accommodate the move.

### **10. Results**

The Host Society will provide daily competitive results from each sport venue and distribute/communicate those results to all contingents. Results must be displayed for viewing by coaches, athletes and spectators in a central results area.

### **11. Awards**

#### **11.1 Sport Awards**

Medals will be awarded to the top three finishing athletes of every event being offered for the fourteen (14) core sports and Trial Sports (as per 9.3) at the games in each age category and gender division. Medals will also be awarded to the Coaches and Managers of Team sports.

#### **11.2 Overall Team Champion Award(s)**

The "Division A" Overall Team Champion Award will be given to the P/T/S determined by the aggregated results of all core sporting events among contingents larger than 250 participants (250 or more) in size.

The "Division B" Overall Team Champion Award will be given to the P/T/S determined by the aggregated results of all core sporting events among contingents smaller than 250 (249 or less) participants in size.

Trial sports that occur during the NAIG will be included as part of the aggregated results. Demonstration sports will not be included in the aggregated results.

#### **11.3 Honorary Awards**

Any awards to be named after, or presented in honor of an individual must be sanctioned by the NAIG Council. Any P/T/S that wants to establish an Honorary Award must do so through application to the Council. Any Honorary Awards are to be permanent fixtures of the NAIG.

##### **11.3.1 John Fletcher Spirit Award**

The John Fletcher Spirit Award is presented to the contingent that demonstrates the spirit of teamwork, fair play, respect and integrity throughout the NAIG competition week. This will be decided through a voting process.

Please refer to Appendix E for more information.

The John Fletcher Spirit Award will be presented at the closing ceremonies. The creation of this award is left to the Host Society and as such the Host Society will be responsible for covering the cost.

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### **11.3.2 Todd Diabo Award (1993) for Wrestling**

This award was established in 1993. It has been incorporated into the Governing Rules through Historical processes by past NAIG Council.

The Todd Diabo Award for Wrestling is presented to the team with the most points in the Male Wrestling competition, combining scores from each age category.

Todd Diabo (1973–1993), a three-time Greater Montreal Athletic Association Champion, two-time Coaches Cup Winner and a 1990 North American Indigenous Games Champion, was a Kahnawake Survival School Wrestler for four years and the Captain of the Team. Todd will always be fondly remembered for his sportsmanship and his stamina.

The Todd Diabo Award for Wrestling will be presented at the end of the wrestling medal presentation. It is the responsibility of the past recipient to return this award to the Host Society.

### **11.3.3 Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe – NAIG Female Wrestling Champions Trophy**

The Female Wrestling Trophy is to be presented to the team with the most points in the Female Wrestling competition, combining scores from each age category.

The trophy will be presented at the end of the wrestling medal presentation. It is the responsibility of the past recipient to return this award to the Host Society.

### **11.3.4 Dave Canadian Award**

The Dave Canadian Award is presented to the team that wins the most medals combined between Male & Female participants in the Wrestling Competition.

Dave Canadian was dedicated to the NAIG movement and was involved in all of the games since their inception. He always participated with a great deal of dedication in various roles, be it as a Coach/Manager, Chef de Mission, President of the Board of Directors, or any other role.

He was always able to instill passion for sport among Indigenous youth, leading them to great success in many competitions. He knew how to give these young people hope while pushing them to new heights.

Please refer to Appendix E for the outline/scoring system for all wrestling awards.

## **12. Formal Protest Procedures**

During the games, any contingent wanting to lodge a protest will need to first fill out the Protest and Appeal Application (*Appendix F*). Any sport and/or technical protests must be submitted to the Host Society Sport Committee Chair or designate within ninety (90) minutes after the protested sports competition has ended. All other protests may be submitted to the Chair of the Host Society at any given time throughout the NAIG.

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All protest applications must be accompanied by a \$250 – cash/cheque fee (currency of the Host Society) in order to be valid. This fee is only refundable if the protest/appeal is won.

### **12.1 Sport Jury of Appeal**

There will be a Sport Jury of Appeal Committee for each of the sports. This Committee will consist of five (5) members: An Elder, NAIG Council representative, Host Society representative, a Chef de Mission and a sport specific representative from the particular sport. All members must not be directly related to the protest or be from the protestor and protested contingents. This Sport Jury will deal with any written protest relating to matters of the Rules and Regulations of that specific Sport. Any decisions of the Sport Jury of Appeal are final. The written protests will be accompanied by a \$250.00 --- cash/cheque fee (currency of the Host Society) which is only refunded if the appeal is won.

### **12.2 Eligibility Protests**

During the games, any protest lodged against a participant must be submitted through the Chef de Mission. Issues of ancestry, age eligibility and residency will be handled at the Chef de Missions table. Protests will be handled in the quickest possible manner to limit interference of the competition schedule. The athlete in question will maintain participating in their sport until the final decision has been rendered.

The Chef de Mission must be prepared to submit personal identification and pertinent documents (i.e. Declaration Form, letters, etc.) on behalf of the athlete in question to the Official designated to handle the protest.

The decision rendered by the Chefs on eligibility will be final.

## **13. Extraordinary Disciplinary Policies**

NAIG Council fully expects that all participants (athletes, coaches, chaperones and mission staff) adhere to the NAIG adage of “The Spirit, Strong, Brave and True”, by maintaining the integrity of participation as Indigenous people through the continued celebration of health and wellness through sports.

### **13.1 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.

### **13.2 Expectations**

All Chef de Missions, Mission Staff, Athletes, Coaches and support staff are required to accept the above policy.

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Teams, under the direction of the Chef de Mission, shall develop team rules that are reasonable, fair and consistent. Each contingent is required to submit their Code of Conduct and discipline procedures which must include the “Zero Tolerance Policy” to the Host Society. Contingents must submit this information on the second registration deadline listed in 6.0.

The Chef de Mission has a duty to report any disciplinary actions that result in a participant’s removal from the games.

### **13.3 Extraordinary Discipline Committee**

Any incident beyond the scope of a contingent’s own disciplinary procedures will require the Games Disciplinary Committee to review the incident and render a further disciplinary decision. A disciplinary committee will be established by the Host Society and comprised of two Chefs de Mission and three Host Society representatives inclusive of an elder. The Host Society will appoint two alternates from the Chefs de Mission in case of conflict. All incidents will be handled in the quickest possible manner to limit interference with the competition schedule. The contingent or contingent participant in question will maintain all privileges associated with the Games, until the final decision is rendered.

#### **13.3.1 Extraordinary Appeal Process:**

The contingent or individual participant in question may appeal any decision that they feel is too severe in light of the circumstances. An appeal must be presented to the Disciplinary Committee, in writing, within four (4) hours after the delivery of the disciplinary action taken by the committee. An Appeal Committee, consisting of the Host Society Chair, NAIG Council Chair and Elder will hear the appeal. The contingent or individual participant will be invited to present their case to the Appeal Committee. The contingent or individual participant may be accompanied by an advocate of their choice. The contingent or individual participant will be provided with a copy of all documentation to be considered by the Appeal Committee during the appeal process. The Appeal Committee will decide whether to uphold the decision of the Disciplinary Committee or find in favor of the contingent or individual participant. The decision of the appeal committee is final and will be provided in writing to the contingent or individual participant.

## **14. Uniforms**

### **14.1 Contingent Uniforms (Walk-Out Uniforms)**

Every P/T/S contingent participating in the NAIG must have a contingent uniform. This uniform is to be worn by all contingent members. The display of contingent uniforms is critical to the "Parade of Athletes" in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Traditional regalia are encouraged at the “Parade of Athletes”; otherwise all athletes must be dressed in their Contingent uniforms.

Contingent uniforms include Jacket (top), Pants or Shorts (bottom), Hat and Sport Bag. Hats and Bags do not need to be worn/carried in the opening or closing ceremonies.

### **14.2 Competitive Uniforms**

All Participants must comply with the rules relating to competition uniforms as outlined in the Sport & Technical Package and the respective rulebook governing the sport.



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**15. Commercial Marking Rules**

This section provides rules specific to the use of commercial and non-commercial identification permissible on the Contingent (Walk-out) uniforms, Warm-up apparel, and competition attire. All participants, including coaches and team officials, regardless of sport, are considered members of a P/T/S contingent, and also come under these rules.

The NAIG Council is interested in the NAIG Council logo visibility on team clothing. The NAIG Council logo is required to be placed on Contingent (Walk-out) uniforms, Contingent Sport Bags and Warm-up apparel. This logo shall be no smaller than 40 cm<sup>2</sup> (2 x 3") per garment.

All teams will be allowed to place non-commercial marks on Walk out uniforms, in addition to corporate and/or manufacturer marks as outlined below.

Non-commercial marks may take the form of the Province, State or Territory, complete with their logo, the name of the PTASB (and US equivalent) complete with their logo and team nickname that is non-commercial in nature. Additionally, Indigenous community sponsors will be considered non-commercial and will be allowed.

The walk-out uniforms must follow the P/T/S Contingent colors.

The P/T/S Chef de Mission or their designate will monitor the size and positioning of these non-commercial marks.

**15.1 Contingent Walk out uniforms**

**15.1.1 Top, Bottoms, Hat**

In addition to the non-commercial marks noted above, a P/T/S contingent will be allowed to have a maximum of two (2) non-conflicting corporate sponsors on the walk-out uniform, in addition to the logo, emblem or name of the garment manufacturer. The sponsor will be authorized on both the jacket (top) and the pants/short (bottom) and hat.

The combined total of the corporate name or trademark logos on each item shall not exceed 40 cm<sup>2</sup> (2"x 3"). Letters for names shall not exceed 4" x 2" (10 cm x 5 cm).

All manufacturer marks (trademark logo) must be in the same size as those commercially available to the general public.

15.1.1.1 Sport Bags: In addition to the non-commercial marks noted above, a P/T/S contingent will be allowed to have a maximum of two (2) non-conflicting corporate sponsors on the contingent sport bag, in addition to the logo, emblem or name of the bag manufacturer.

Each corporate sponsor logos may not exceed 100 cm<sup>2</sup> (4 x 4") on each bag. Letters for names shall not exceed 4" x 2" (10 cm x 5 cm).

All manufacturer marks (names, logos and designs) must be in the same size as those commercially available to the general public.

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### **15.2 Team Competition Uniforms**

Only the uniform manufacturer's name or trademark logo and official Contingent name and/or Contingent logo may be worn on team competition uniforms (field of play uniforms).

All manufacturer marks (names, logos and designs) must be in the same size as those commercially available to the general public.

Under no circumstances are corporate or non-commercial sponsor marks (other than Contingent name and/or Contingent logo) allowed on competition uniforms that are used in the Field of Play as defined by the Games' Host Societies.

The only marks allowed will follow the individual sport rule book for uniforms and will be outlined by the Host Society.

### **15.3 Team Warm-Up Apparel**

Rules for Warm-Up Apparel (uniforms) will apply to individual team issued suits (ie. soccer, basketball) that include a top/pant combination.

P/T/S contingent will be allowed to present corporate and community sponsors on the warm up apparel in addition to the logo, emblem or name of the garment manufacturer.

All manufacturer names, logos and designs must be in the same size as those commercially available to the general public.

Each corporate sponsor logos may not exceed 100 cm<sup>2</sup> (4 x 4") on each bag. Letters for names shall not exceed 4" x 2" (10 cm x 5 cm).

### **15.4 Competition Head Gear**

Competition helmets and headgear may only carry trademark logos or names of the manufacturer. A P/T/S contingent may also place the emblem of the P/T/S contingent on the head gear.

### **15.5 Sponsor Restrictions**

Tobacco, alcohol and cannabis use is inconsistent with the positive, healthy values of participation in the NAIG. The NAIG Council thus prohibits the sponsorship of any and all aspects of the NAIG by manufacturers of tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes and cannabis products.

### **15.6 Compliance of Policy**

It is the responsibility of the Host Society to ensure team compliance of the NAIG Council Commercialization Policy. Violation of the policy will result in the team participants being warned that he/she/they are not in compliance with the NAIG Council Commercial Marking Rules and will be given the opportunity to comply by removing or covering the item.

Chefs will be notified of any violation of the policy.

## **16. Opening & Closing Ceremonies**

The Host Society Opening and Closing Ceremonies will allow for the temporary suspension of competition and practice scheduled on these days to provide an opportunity for all athletes, coaches, managers, mission staff, Host Society staff and volunteers to observe and participate in these ceremonies.

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### **17. International Sport Sanctioning**

The Host Society will attempt sanctioning as an International competition through the host countries national sport governing bodies/national sport organization. International rules and regulations will apply to all aspects of competition, taking precedent over any domestically recognized rules and regulations unless availability of facilities are incapable of accommodating for international rules. All efforts are to be made to utilize International rules and regulations which will ensure that all results will be recognized by the appropriate International Sport Federations.

If international sport sanctioning is not viable, national sport sanctioning will be sufficient. The same applies to rules of the sport.

### **18. Insurance**

All contingents are required to carry additional accidental/health insurance for each contingent member. This coverage is in addition to any P/T/S Health Care Program and must span from the period of time that the contingents depart for the Games, through to their return home. The Contingents must demonstrate to the Host Society the proof of valid medical insurance for the coverage in the country in which the games will be held.

Each contingent must also possess Liability Insurance and provide proof of that coverage to the Host Society.

Proof of insurance must be submitted at M4.

### **19. Doping Policy**

The North American Indigenous Games Council wholly embraces the ethics of fair play in sport by unequivocally opposing any behavior deemed unethical; this includes the use of substances and methods banned by the international sport community.

#### **19.1 Doping Controls/Drug Testing**

All Games will implement an anti-doping campaign to educate participants on the negative impacts of banned substances. Random drug testing may be conducted at the Games using methods established by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) if available to the Host Society. Subsequent disciplinary action is determined by the NAIG Council.

Any participants found to be guilty of a doping related infraction (as determined by drug testing procedures) during an event will be immediately suspended from participation in the NAIG. The NAIG Council will determine subsequent disciplinary action for an infraction. In making a decision, this Committee will be guided by holistic healing principles traditional to Indigenous peoples, while abiding by all rules and regulations governing suspensions related to doping infractions, as established by the WADA.

Competitive results from the date a positive sample is collected shall be invalidated (individual and team events would be similarly affected). Sport scoring and team rankings will be adjusted accordingly and placing and awards shall be re-awarded as required.

Note: The Host Society is responsible for providing each team with the most up to date List of Banned substances as established by the WADA.

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**20. Human Rights (Discrimination) Policy**

As a sporting event that celebrates the vast cultural diversity of the Indigenous peoples of North America, the NAIG vehemently opposes all conduct/behavior that is discriminatory.

The Games will not tolerate any discrimination based on: ethnicity, colour, age, gender, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, family status or marital status. This policy also prohibits bullying and hazing. For this reason, each Games will be designated a "Discrimination/Harassment Free Zone." Any complaint relating to these issues will be brought forward to the NAIG Council through the Chefs de Mission and the appropriate course of action will be followed.

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**Appendix A - Contingent Allocations #'s (Proposed)**

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**Appendix B - Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form**

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All competitors of Indigenous Ancestry who do not have a Tribal Identification Card or Certificate of Indian Blood (USA), Status, Inuit Identification or a Métis Card from one of the provincial bodies recognized by the Métis National Council (the Métis Nation of Ontario, The Manitoba Métis Federation, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Métis Nation British Columbia) must complete this form. This must be filled out and given to the team Chef de Mission along with all accompanying ancestry information and submitted with the competitor’s registration form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Athlete’s Name) hereby declare that I am of Indigenous Ancestry and therefore eligible to compete in the 2023 North American Indigenous Games.

My Indigenous Ancestry can be traced back to: (Attach information)

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**NAIG Council must endorse this declaration after the PTASB/US Contingent Approval**

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Athlete’s Name (Print)	Athlete’s Signature	Date

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PTASB/US Contingent Approval (Print)	Signature	Date

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NAIG Council Approval (President/Designate	Signature	Date

**Please ensure that a complete copy of this form plus all other ancestry information is attached to the final registration form submitted to the Host Society.**

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**Appendix C - Age Category Exemption Form**

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As an athlete who is eligible to compete at the 2023 North American Indigenous Games for Team \_\_\_\_\_ (Contingent Name).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Athlete's Name), competing in \_\_\_\_\_ (Sport) is submitting an Age Category Exemption Form for consideration and approval by the Host Society to move up from:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Original Age Classification and year of birth)

To

\_\_\_\_\_ Higher Age Classification

For the following reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Athletes may move up only one age category higher than their own.

With the approval of:

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Coaches Name (print)	Signature	Date
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Chef de Mission's Name (print)	Signature	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (print)	Signature	Date
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Athlete's Name (print)	Signature	Date
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The Chef de Mission must ensure that a complete copy of this form is attached to the final registration form and submitted to the Host Society.

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**Appendix D - Coaching Exemption Form**

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As coach who is eligible to compete at the 2023 North American Indigenous Games for Team \_\_\_\_\_ (Contingent Name)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ - (Coach's Name),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Sport) am submitting a Coaching Exemption Form for consideration and approval by the NAIG Council, as I have not received the full qualifications necessary to coach at this level.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Coaching Level (NCCP number)

Please explain rationale for exemption:

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With the approval of:

_____ Coaches Name (print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Chefs de Mission Name (print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ NAIG Council Rep Name (print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date

The Chef de Mission must ensure that a complete copy of this form is attached to the final registration form and submitted to the Host Society.



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## **Appendix E – Awards**

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The John Fletcher Spirit Award is presented to the contingent that demonstrates the spirit of teamwork, fair play, respect and integrity throughout the North American Indigenous Games competition week. The NAIG philosophy is demonstrated by the spirit – strong, brave and true, which is built upon values such as integrity, respect and sharing.

The John Fletcher Award is in honor of one of the founding members of the North American Indigenous Games. It is a tribute to his commitment to the principles of these Games and has the blessings of his family in Edmonton Alberta, Canada. This award is presented to the contingent whose members best exemplify these ideals at the closing ceremonies of each NAIG.

### **Eligible Voters**

**The following individuals are eligible to vote:**

- a. The registered Chef-de-Mission from each contingent represented at the North American Indigenous Games.
- b. A representative from the Sport Committee of each sport participating in the North American Indigenous Games, equaling (14).
- c. The NAIG Host Society will have four (4) votes.
- d. NAIG Council will have four (4) votes, two (2) from the USA and two (2) from Canada.

Individuals in category “a” above cannot vote for their own contingent. If you vote for your own contingent, it will be counted as a negative vote for that contingent. The ballots will be coded to ensure these conditions are met.

### **Voting Criteria for the John Fletcher Spirit Award**

- The contingent that demonstrates sportsmanship and ethical behavior during the North American Indigenous Games.
- The contingent demonstrates fair play, integrity and honesty during competition.
- Respects the rules, officials and their opponents.
- The contingent that exemplifies the Spirit – strong-brave-true during the North American Indigenous Games. (Team support during competition, at the opening ceremonies, and behavior at the Athlete Villages.)
- The contingent encourages other players and fans to sport a winning attitude.
- The contingent displays modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Shows respect for opponents before, during and after competition.
- Maintain self-control at all times,
- Participate in the cultural and social interchange aspects of the games, and
- Be role models and ambassadors for sport and their contingent.

### **Ballots**

- Ballots will be distributed to the above noted individuals and collected by the Sport Division of the NAIG Host Society. “Voting instructions” will be attached to each ballot.

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- The NAIG Council representative and the NAIG Host Society representative will then tabulate the votes.

**Wrestling Awards**

For each of the 3 wrestling awards (Todd Diabo Award, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe – NAIG Female Wrestling Trophy and the Dave Canadian Wrestling Award), team points awarded in each weight class shall be proportional to the number of participants in each weight class and shall be weighted in the following manner:

# of Competitors ->	6+	5	4	3	2	1
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	9	7	5	4	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7	6	5	3	2	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	4	3	2		
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	1			
5 <sup>th</sup>	2	1				
6 <sup>th</sup>	1					

In the event of a tie between two teams, the placing will be determined by using the following tie-breaking criteria. Each step shall be applied until the tie no longer exists.

1. The team with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes
2. The team with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes
3. The team with the most 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes
4. The team with the most 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes
5. The team with the most 5<sup>th</sup> place finishes
6. The team with the most 6<sup>th</sup> place finishes

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**Appendix F - Protest and Appeal Application**

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Please refer to section 12: Formal Protest Procedures for more information.

**Application must be accompanied with \$250.00 cash/cheque (currency of the Host Society) fee.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contingent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Position

Please explain the exact situation which you are protesting:  
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Please use other side or attach additional pages if required.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your disagreement:  
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Please use other side or attach additional pages if required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chefs de Mission Name (print)                      Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coaches Name (print)                      Signature                      Date



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**Appendix H - Participant Background Check Form**

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The following is a list of all team participants who are age of majority (in their Province/ Territory/State) and their role(s), including athletes, coaches, managers, chaperones and mission staff. As a requirement of the 2023 NAIG, **ALL** of our “adult participants” have undergone a Criminal Record Check AND Vulnerable Sector Search, within the last 18 months. If necessary, please feel free to expand the chart.

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As Chef de Mission of Team\_\_\_\_(Contingent’s name), I hereby declare that we have performed the required background checks within the last 18 months and verify that the above listed staff have been cleared to perform their duties in the identified capacity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chef de Mission Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
PTASB Representative (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Appendix I - Acceptance of Governing Rules**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Chef name), for Team  
\_\_\_\_\_ have received and will to abide by the following  
Governing Rules dated \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that with this declaration, my contingent is now governed by these rules and must abide by them to participate in the 2023 North American Indigenous Games.

Chefs de Mission Name (print)	Signature	Date

NAIG Council Rep Name (print)	Signature	Date

**The Chef de Mission must ensure that a copy of this form is submitted to the Host Society by M3.**



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**Appendix J – Residency Declaration Form**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Participant name), intend to try out for the following team  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I have read the Governing Rules and understand that with this declaration, I am committed to the Province/Territory/State that I have declared in this form and will not be allowed to try out for another Province/Territory /State.

**Participant Name:**

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**Choice of Team:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chefs de Mission Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAIG Council Rep Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Appendix K - Academic Residency Form**

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**Participant Name:**

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**Choice of Team:**

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**Permanent Residence (Parent/Guardian):**

Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Temporary Residence (Academic)**

Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Institution Information**

Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**I, the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that upon signing this Academic Residency Form, I transfer my playing rights to the above mentioned team for the purpose of the 2023 North American Indigenous Games and I may not tryout for another Province/Territory/State after having done so.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete's Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chef de Mission Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please attach a confirmation letter from the institution as proof of enrollment**

# APPENDIX E



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**SPORT TECHNICAL PACKAGE**

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**2023 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES**  
**Sport Technical Package: Years of Birth Chart**

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The following chart contains age category and years of birth information for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) sport program. The sports and age categories have been previously approved by the NAIG Council in May 2016 and reflected in the Governing Rules – Sport Program. Each sport, unless stated, will have male and female participants each allowed the corresponding number of age categories.

The Sport & Technical Committee (STC) works with national, provincial and state sport organizations to develop the sport technical packages. Updates are necessary from time to time and any changes will be shared with NAIG Council and team representatives.

SPORT	AGE CATEGORY	YEARS OF BIRTH
3-D Archery	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Athletics	14U, 16U, 19U	2009 & later, 2007 & later, 2004 & later
Badminton	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Baseball	19U	2004 & later
Basketball	14U, 16U, 19U	2009 & later, 2007 & later, 2004 & later
Beach Volleyball	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Canoe/Kayak	14U, 16U, 19U	2009 & later, 2007 & later, 2004 & later
Box Lacrosse	Male 16U, 19U Female 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Golf	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Rifle Shooting	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Soccer	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Softball	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Swimming	14U, 16U, 19U	2009 & later, 2007 & later, 2004 & later
Volleyball	16U, 19U	2007 & later, 2004 & later
Wrestling	19U	2004–2008

**2023 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES**  
**Coaching Education Requirements for all sports**

In addition to the sport specific requirements as outlined in the Sport Technical Package, all Canadian delegations' coaches must have the following courses completed to be eligible for the NAIG 2023 Games.

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Delivery Agent</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Delivery Options</b>	<b>Link</b>
Aboriginal Coaching Modules (ACM)	NCCP	7 hours	In-person classroom course	<a href="https://coach.ca/coaching-association-canada-and-aboriginal-sport-circle-launch-revisions-aboriginal-coaching">https://coach.ca/coaching-association-canada-and-aboriginal-sport-circle-launch-revisions-aboriginal-coaching</a>
Making Ethical Decision Online Evaluation	NCCP	1 hour	Online evaluation	<a href="https://coach.ca/nccp-make-ethical-decisions">https://coach.ca/nccp-make-ethical-decisions</a>
Requirement of one of the following training:  a. Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program  b. Safe Sport Training  c. Commit2kids Training	Various		Online	<a href="https://www.respectgroupinc.com/respect-in-sport/#activity-leaders-program">https://www.respectgroupinc.com/respect-in-sport/#activity-leaders-program</a>  <a href="https://safesport.coach.ca">https://safesport.coach.ca</a>  <a href="https://www.commit2kids.ca/en/">https://www.commit2kids.ca/en/</a>
Making Headway in Sport	NCCP	1.5 hours	Online	<a href="https://coach.ca/nccp-making-head-way-sport">https://coach.ca/nccp-making-head-way-sport</a>



**2023 North American Indigenous Games  
Sport Technical Package**

**3-D ARCHERY**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG 3-D Archery Competition will consist of both male and female individual events for 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later).

In the following Equipment Divisions:

- Compound
  - Barebow
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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter one (1) male and one (1) female athlete for each equipment division in each age category. An athlete is allowed to compete in only one category and one equipment division. Maximum number of archers per province/territory/state is eight (8).

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit one (1) coach and one (1) manager for the entire team roster. The staff composition must have a minimum of one (1) same gender staff for both males and females (provided the team has participants of both genders).

**Canada – NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications, or equivalent)  
*Head Coach/Assistant Coach*

- Instruction Stream – Instructor of Beginner Archers Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The World Archery Book 4 – Field & 3-D Archery Rules will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

Athletes shoot two (2) rounds of twenty (20) targets per day from unmarked distances according to their age and equipment division.

Drawing of Lots:

A shooting group of archers (4-5) are determined by draw for the first and second day of competition; the final day of competition groups will be assigned based on seedings from Day 1 and Day 2. An adult scorer will accompany the shooting group.

## OFFICIALS:

An experienced range officer controls the event designated and approved by the host society. The scores are tabulated by two (2) scorers (double scoring) within the shooting group.

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## FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- All equipment shall comply with World Archery classes defined.
- The 3-D Archers must supply their own equipment (arrows/bow), which must comply with World Archery rules.
- The host society shall provide a bow press and operator on site to avoid athletes having to forfeit an event due to compromised equipment.

### Equipment Divisions:

- Compound

As per WA Rule 22.2 (World Archery Rules – Book 4, chapter 22), for the Compound Division, the following equipment is permitted. All types of additional devices are permitted unless they are electric, electronic, compromise safety or create an unfair disturbance to other athletes.:

22.2.1. A Compound Bow, which may be of a shoot---through type riser, is one where the draw is mechanically varied by a system of pulleys or cams. The bow is braced for use by bowstring(s) attached directly to the cams, the string nocks of the bow limbs, cables or by other means as may be applicable to the design.

22.2.1.1. *The peak draw weight shall not exceed 60lbs.*

22.2.1.2. *Cable guards are permitted.*

22.2.1.3. *A brace or split cables are permitted, provided they do not consistently touch the athlete's hand, wrist or bow arm.*

22.2.1.4. *A bowstring of any type which may include multiple serving/s to accommodate nocking points and include other attachments such as a lip or nose mark, a peephole, a peephole 'hold---in---line' device, loop bowstring, etc. Also permitted are string silencers provided they are located no closer than 30cm from the nocking point.*

22.2.1.5. *The pressure point of the arrow rest which can be adjustable shall be placed no further back than 6cm (inside) from the throat of the handle (pivot point of the bow).*

22.2.2. Draw check indicators, audible and/or visual may be used.

22.2.3. A bow sight attached to the bow.

22.2.3.1. *Which may allow for windage adjustment as well as an elevation setting, and which may also incorporate a levelling device, and/or magnifying lenses and/or prisms.*

22.2.3.2. *The sight points may be a fibre optic sight pin and/or a chemical glowstick. The glowstick shall be encased so as not to disturb other athletes.*

22.2.3.3. *Multiple sight pins and peep eliminator devices are allowed on marked courses only.*

22.2.3.4. *On unmarked rounds no part of the sight may be modified for the purpose of providing means for range finding.*

- 22.2.4. A release aid may be used provided it is not attached in any way to the bow. Any type of finger protection may be used.
- 22.2.5. The following restrictions shall apply: Article 22.1.7. and Article 22.1.7.1.; Article 22.1.8.1.; Article 22.1.9. as limited by Article 22.1.9.2.; Article 22.1.10.1.;
  - "Peep Elimination" sights can be used in Compound Divisions except for courses where unmarked distances are shot, and assuming such a sight does not incorporate any electric or electronic device.

- Barebow

As per WA Rule 22.3 (World Archery Rules – Book 4, chapter 22), for the Barebow Division the following items are permitted:

22.3.1. A bow of any type provided it complies with the common meaning of the word bow as used in target archery, that is, an instrument consisting of a handle (grip), riser (no shoot-through type) and two flexible limbs each ending in a tip with a string nock. The bow is braced for use by a single string attached directly between the two string nocks, and in operation is held in one hand by its handle (grip) while the fingers of the other hand draw and release the string. The bow as described above shall be bare except for the arrow rest and free from protrusions, sights or sight marks, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces (within the bow window area) which could be of use in aiming. The unbraced bow complete with permitted accessories shall be capable of passing through a hole or ring with a 12.2cm inside diameter +/-0.5mm.

22.3.1.1. *Multi-coloured bow risers, and trademarks located on the inside of the upper and lower limb or on the riser are permitted. However, if the area within the sight window is coloured in such a way that it could be used for aiming, then it must be taped over.*

22.3.1.2. *Risers including a brace are permitted provided the brace does not consistently touch the athlete's hand or wrist.*

22.3.2. A bow string of any number of strands.

22.3.2.1. *Which may be of different colours and of the material chosen for the purpose. It may have a centre serving to accommodate the drawing fingers, a nocking point to which may be added serving(s) to fit the arrow nock as necessary, and, to locate this point, one or two nock locators may be positioned. At each end of the bowstring there is a loop which is placed in the string nocks of the bow when braced. No lip or nose mark is permitted. The serving on the string shall not end within the athlete's vision at full draw. The bowstring shall not in any way assist aiming through the use of a peephole, marking, or any other means.*

22.3.3. An arrow rest, which can be adjustable.

22.3.3.1. *A moveable pressure button, pressure point or arrow plate may all be used on the bow provided they do not offer any additional aid in aiming. The pressure point may not be placed any further back than 2cm (inside) from the throat of the handle (pivot point of the bow).*

22.3.4. No draw check device may be used.

22.3.5. Face and string walking are permitted.

22.3.6. No stabilizers are permitted.

22.3.6.1. *Torque flight compensators fitted as part of the bow are permitted provided that they do not have stabilizers.*

- 22.3.6.2. *Weight(s) may be added to the lower part of the riser. All weights, regardless of shape, shall mount directly to the riser without rods, extensions, angular mounting connections or shock-absorbing devices.*
- 22.3.7. Arrows of any type may be used provided they subscribe to the accepted principle and meaning of the word arrow as used in target archery, and that these arrows do not cause undue damage to the targets.
- 22.3.7.1. *An arrow consists of a shaft with a tip (point), nocks, fletching and, if desired, cresting. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts shall not exceed 9.3mm (arrow wraps shall not be considered as part of this limitation as long they do not extend further than 22cm toward the point of the arrow when measured from the throat, nock hole where the string sits, of the nock to the end of the wrap); the tips (points) for these arrows may have a maximum diameter of 9.4mm. All arrows of every athlete shall be marked with the athlete's name or initials on the shaft. All arrows used shall be identical and shall carry the same pattern and colour(s) of fletching, nocks and cresting, if any. Tracer nocks (electrically/electronically lighted nocks) are not allowed.*
- 22.3.8. Finger protection in the form of finger stalls or tips, gloves, or shooting tab or tape, to draw and release the string is permitted, provided they do not incorporate any device that shall assist the athlete to hold, draw and release the string.
- 22.3.8.1. *A separator between the fingers to prevent pinching the arrow may be used. An anchor plate or similar device attached to the finger protection (tab) for the purpose of anchoring is permitted. The stitching shall be uniform in colour. Marks or lines shall be uniform in size, shape and colour. Additional memoranda and markings are not permitted. On the bow hand an ordinary glove, mitten or similar item may be worn but shall not be attached to the grip of the bow.*
- 22.3.9. Field glasses, telescopes and other visual aids for spotting arrows:
- 22.3.9.1. *Provided they do not represent any obstruction to other athletes.*
- 22.3.9.2. *Prescription spectacles, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way that can assist in aiming.*
- 22.3.9.3. *Should the athlete need to cover the spectacle glass of the non-sighting eye, then it shall be fully covered or taped, or an eye patch may be used.*
- 22.3.10. Accessories are permitted:
- 22.3.10.1. *Including arm guard, chest protector, bow sling, belt, bac or ground quiver. Devices to raise a foot or part thereof, attached or independent of the shoe, are permitted provided that the devices do not present an obstruction to other athletes at the shooting peg or protrude more than 2cm past the footprint of the shoe. Also permitted are limb savers.*

#### Bows at the Games:

When athletes check in for accreditation, please declare all bows as they will be taken to the Shooting Venue site and locked in a storage area. There will be no bows stored or kept in the Athlete Villages. Storage may be in another secure location, depending on venue use agreement, if teams are arriving in advance of competition start. The Host Society will outline all procedures for transfer and storage six (6) months in advance.

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## COMPETITION RULES:

- An athlete is allowed to compete in only one class.
- Equipment shall be checked before the match and shall not be altered during competition.
- Each target is numbered at the shooting position.
- Practice on the course is not permitted. Practice butts will be supplied by the Host Society on site.
- Equipment failures must be visible and agreed upon by the majority of the group. Upon agreement, the shooter must have his/her scorecards initialed by the entire group as an equipment failure. The scorecards of the shooter with the equipment failure will be totaled and initialed by the score keepers before leaving the range. At that time, the shooter, (with the failure) only must proceed forward through the course to the range tent and notify a range official.
- If there are three or more shooters remaining in the group, they may continue shooting. If two (2) or less shooters remain, they must join the following group (unless by joining the following group it will make a group of six (6) or more) or step aside and await a range official before continuing.
- The range official will hold the individual's scorecards until the repair is completed and he/she is escorted back onto the range. The range official will determine the amount of time necessary to make the needed repair. The time element will not be abused. A range official must escort all persons reentering the range to the designated target.
- After each end the competitors walk to the target (which they share). An arrow earns the score of the zone it lands in. They are as follows:
  - Eleven (11) for the smallest ring, (10) points for the inner ring, eight (8) points for the outer ring, five (5) points for a body hit and a Miss (M) for a hit in the horn or hoof or not touching body color.
  - In case of a disagreement on the placement of the arrow, the range officer settles the dispute. The protest is brought forward by the coach or manager of the team.
  - In case of a rebound or pass-through, the scoring shall take place as follows: If all of the athletes in that shooting group agree that a rebound or pass-through has occurred, they may also agree on the value of the arrow; in 3D rounds if they cannot agree on the value of the arrow, the arrow shall be a miss.
- If the arrow is pulled before the tabulation, the person who pulls the arrow receives a zero for that target. The score cards have to be legible, completed in black or blue ink and signed by the scorer and the archer. If the tabulated scores do not match, the lesser value will be recorded as the official points.
- If an arrow lands in the dividing line it earns the higher value. A deflected arrow is scored where it lands. Witnessed pass-through arrows are to be scored as agreed on by the majority of the group or a re-shot before shooters advance to the target. An arrow embedded in another arrow scores the same as the first. A re-shot is not warranted.
- When two (2) archers or more have identical total scores, the process of tie breaking is as follows: a shoot off will be held using a 3D animal target set at an unknown yardage, with an X placed in the center of the highest scoring area. The arrow closest to the center of the X will determine the winner. If only one shooter is present at the shoot off, he or she will be declared the winner.
- Course layout and shooting distances are defined as per WA rule 9.1.
- Field glasses (binoculars), telescopes and other optical aids may be used for spotting arrows provided they do not represent any obstacle to other athletes at the shooting peg.
- Prescription spectacles, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole in lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way that can assist in aiming.
- The spectacle glass of the non-sighting eye may be fully covered or taped, or an eye patch may be used.

Rule Violation:

- Any person in violation with World Archery rules may be disqualified from the event.
- Any shooter who disobeys the shoot official's orders will be disqualified from the event.
- Littering improper disposal of trash will be considered as unsportsmanlike conduct which may result in disqualification.

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**ATHLETICS**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Athletics competition will consist of both male and female individual and team relay events for 14U (born 2009 & later), 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later).

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter eight (8) male and eight (8) female athletes for each age category. An athlete is allowed to compete in four events plus two relays. Cross country counts as one of the four (4) events.

*For each age category, each contingent has a maximum of three (3) athletes per individual event.*

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit:

- Rosters under 20 athletes – three (3) staff (two (2) must be coaches and one (1) manager). The staff composition must have a minimum of one (1) same gender staff for both males and females (provided the team has participants of both genders).
- Rosters between 21 and 30 – four (4) staff (two (2) must be coaches and one (1) manager). The staff composition must have a minimum of one (1) same gender staff for both males and females (provided the team has participants of both genders).
- Rosters between 31 and 40 – five (5) staff, (three (3) must be coaches and one (1) manager) The staff composition must have a minimum of one (1) same gender staff for both males and females (provided the team has participants of both genders).
- Rosters between 41 and 48 – six (6) staff, (three (3) must be coaches and one (1) manager). The staff composition must have a minimum of two (2) same gender staff for both males and females (provided the team has participants of both genders).

**Canada --- NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)  
*Head Coach/Assistant Coaches*

- Competition Introduction Stream – Sport Coach Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) Competition Rules Book will apply.

**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

Events are either heats and finals, or just finals depending on the number of entries.

Category	14U		16U		19U	
Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F
80M			X	X	X	X
100M	X	X				
150M			X	X	X	X
200M	X	X				
300M	X	X			X	X
400M	X	X	X	X		
800M						
1200M					X	X
1500M	X	X	X	X		
2000M	X	X			X	X
3000M	X	X	X	X		
X Country	2 K	2K	3K	3K	8K	6K
High Jump						
Long Jump						
Triple Jump	X	X				
Shot Put						
Discus						
Javelin						
4x100m						
4x400m						

\*X's indicate events that are not open for registration.

**Relays:**

Each Province, territory and State may enter:

- One (1) male 4x100M team and one (1) female 4x100M team in all age categories.
- One (1) male 4x400M team and one (1) female 4x400M team in all age categories.

NOTE: To accommodate the number of participants, athletes may move up to compete in a higher age class relay team, but they may not compete in the same relay event in two different age categories.

**OFFICIALS:**

All officials (timer, photo finish, starter, etc.) will be designated and approved by the Host Society.



## FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Competitors must wear their numbers on the front and back of their vests, except in the high jump events, where they may wear one (1) number, either on the front or the back.

- Hip numbers required in sprint sports that is required and recommended by the sport.
- Maximum spike length for track events – 7 mm (except for High Jump and Javelin)
- Maximum spike length for high jump and javelin – 9mm (All spike length limits are according to venue specific regulations).
- During the medal ceremonies, athletes must wear tracksuits in their team colors and shoes without spikes.
- All equipment used in the 2023 NAIG shall comply with IAAF Rules.
- Athletes may submit throwing implements for certifications prior to the event.
- Please see the rule book for specifications for each discipline.
- Any certified equipment submitted must be shared.
- For all throwing events the implement weight shall be as follows:

<b>Male</b>	14U	16U	19U
Shot put	3 kg / 6.6 lbs	4 kg / 8.8 lbs	6 kg / 13.2 lbs
Discus	750g / 1.7 lbs	1 kg / 2.2 lbs	1.750kg / 3.9 lbs
Javelin	400g / 14.1 oz	600g / 21.2 oz	800g / 28.2 oz
<b>Female</b>			
Shot put	3 kg / 6.6 lbs	3 kg / 6.6 lbs	4 kg / 8.8 lbs
Discus	750g / 1.7 lbs	1 kg / 2.2 lbs	1 kg / 2.2 lbs
Javelin	400g / 14.1 oz	500g / 17.6 oz	600g / 21.2 oz

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## COMPETITION RULES:

### Qualifying Heights and Distance for Field Events

- The qualifying heights and distances will be determined at the Technical Meeting as well as the successive heights of the bar in the high jump event.

### Cross Country

- Male and Female races of the same distance may be run concurrently. Host Society will determine the race schedule six (6) months prior to event.

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**BADMINTON**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Badminton competition will consist of male and female singles, doubles and mixed doubles events for 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter two (2) male and two (2) female per age category. An athlete is allowed to compete in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit one (1) coach and one (1) manager per team. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as each participating team.

**Canada – NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)  
*Head Coach/Assistant Coach*

- Competition Introduction Stream – Badminton Regional Coach Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL LAWS:**

The most recent version of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Laws and General Competition Regulations will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**FIELD OF PLAY/EQUIPMENT:**

Courts will be set up according to BWF field of play guidelines.

Host Society shall provide a local stringer for athletes to access as needed.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

**Draw Format – Preliminary Rounds:** All preliminary draws for all events (with less than 21 entries) in badminton will be round robin format with players/teams divided randomly into different pools. Pools will consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) players/teams. Teams/players representing the same state/province/territory will be separated into different pools.

The top two finishers in round robin competition play, from each pool, will advance to the medal round.

**Draw Format – Medal Rounds:** The medal round format will be determined based on the number of entries for the event. For Draw formats, see below:

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## **BADMINTON DRAW FORMATS:**

### Preliminary Rounds

1. All preliminary draws for all events (with less than 21 entries) in badminton will be round robin format with players/teams (in general) divided by random into different pools.
2. Pools should consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of (five) 5 players/pairs.
3. Teams/players representing the same state/province/territory should be separated into different pools.
4. The top two (2) finishers in round robin competition play, from each pool, will advance to the medal round.

### Medal Rounds

The medal round format will be determined based on the number of entries for the event.

#### 1. *Five (5) Entries in an Event or Less*

If five (5) entries are submitted for an event, a single pool round robin format will be used, with no need for preliminary rounds.

#### 2. *Six to eight (6-8) Entries in an Event*

Two pools will be created for six to eight (6-8) entries.

If two (2) pools are used for an event, the team/players finishing first in pool #1 will play the team/player finishing #2 in the opposite pool. This will be the semi-final matches with the winner advancing to the finals and the losing teams would face each other to contest for the bronze (third place) respectively.

If a two pool competition is held, the top two Provinces/States/Territories from the previous NAIG games (based on overall results for badminton) shall be separated into different pools.

#### 3. *Nine to twelve (9-12) Entries in an Event*

Three pool competition for nine to twelve (9-12) entries

If a three pool competition is held, the top three Provinces/States/Territories based on the previous games results (based on overall results for badminton) shall be separated into different pools.

If three (3) pools are used, the top two (2) teams/players from each pool, as determined by round robin play, will advance to the medal rounds. Once these six (6) players/teams are decided, the format will be as such:

- 3.1. A single elimination draw with two (2) equal halves of four (4) positions each (there will be six (6) players/teams and two (2) byes.
- 3.2. Teams finishing first in their respective pools and from the same province/territory/state must be placed on opposite halves of the draw. If this is not an issue, teams finishing first in their respective pools will be separated as far from each other as possible in the draw and should not meet in the first round. In addition, both sides of the draw must have at least one of these first place finishers and no more than two (2).
- 3.3. Teams finishing first in their respective pools should be separated/spaced from each other as far as possible with their position in the draw being decided by chance.
- 3.4. One (1) bye will be designated for both the top and bottom half of the draw; this can be decided by a coin toss.

- 3.5. Unless problematic for the official creating the draw, teams/players who finished first in their respective pool shall be favoured to receive a bye.
  - 3.6. Teams/players advancing to the medal rounds from the same pool shall be separated into the two (2) halves of the draw (ensuring they cannot possibly meet again unless they would be playing for gold or bronze medals).
  - 3.7. Teams/players advancing to the medal round will be separated (into different halves of the draw) from fellow teammates from the same Province/State/Territory.
4. *Thirteen to sixteen (13-16) Entries in an Event*  
 Four (4) pool competition for 13-16 entries.  
 All regulations listed for a three pool (9-12 entries) will be used except that eight (8) players /teams will advance to the medal round. A draw sheet of eight (8) will be used for the medal round.  
 If a four pool competition is held, the top four Provinces/States/Territories based on the previous games results (based on overall results for badminton) shall be separated into different pools.
5. *Seventeen to twenty (17-20) Entries in an Event*  
 Five (5) pool competition for 17-20 entries  
 All regulations listed for a four (4) pool competition (13-16 entries) will be used except that ten (10) players/teams will advance to the medal round. A draw sheet of 16 will be used with three (3) byes in the top half of the draw and three (3) byes in the bottom half of the draw.  
 If a five pool competition is held, the top four Provinces/States/Territories based on the previous games results (based on overall results for badminton) shall be separated into different pools, see 9-12 entries in an event.
6. *Twenty-one (21) or More Entries in an Event*  
 With 21 or more entries in an event, a single elimination draw will be created which will determine medals winners. If time allows the Host Society may choose to operate a double elimination draw. The following guidelines shall apply:
- 6.1. Teams/players from the same Province/State/Territory will be separated (into different halves of the draw) from fellow teammates from the same Province/Territory/State.
  - 6.2. The top two Provinces/States/Territories (based on overall results from badminton at the last NAIG) will have their top entries separated into two different halves of the draw. If any byes are awarded, these two (2) players/teams will have first priority to receive them.
  - 6.3. The top three and four Provinces/State/Territories (based on overall results from badminton at the last NAIG) will have their top entry placed into two different halves of the draw. The quarter they are placed in must not be the same quarter as the top two Provinces/ States/Territories (based on overall results from badminton at the last NAIG) – see 6.2.
  - 6.4. All other entries will be placed in the draw at random.

#### **ROUND ROBIN TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE - BWOFF GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

- 16.2.2 If two (2) players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 16.2.3 If three (3) or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

- 16.2.3.1 If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 16.2.4 If three (3) or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
  - 16.2.4.1 If this still leaves two (2) players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
  - 16.2.4.2 If three (3) or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 16.2.5 If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player / pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches.

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**BASEBALL**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Baseball competition consists of 19U (2004 & later) teams.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter a maximum of sixteen (16) players per team.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager per team. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team.

**Canada – NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)  
*Head Coach/Assistant Coaches*

- Competition Introduction Stream – Regional Coach Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of the Official Baseball Rules of Major League Baseball will apply to the NAIG baseball competition, unless otherwise stated in this package. The World Baseball Softball Confederation follows the Official Baseball Rules of the Major League Baseball.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries per age category. The host society will make every effort to maximize the number of games each team receives. Each team will play a minimum three (3) games.

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**OFFICIALS:**

The umpire in chief must have a minimum National Level 4 certification. The remaining umpires must have a minimum Provincial or territory Level 2.

## FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

19U age category shall follow standard rules for the playing field, dimensions and equipment:

- Distance between bases is ninety (90) feet
- Distance from home to pitcher is sixty feet, six inches (60'6")
- Wood bats only

Baseball players must supply their own bats, batting helmets, and gloves. Catchers shall supply all their additional equipment. All equipment shall comply with the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) standards as per Baseball Canada for minor aged players.

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## COMPETITION RULES:

### Rules Governing the Pitcher

(Exhibition Play, League Play, Play-Off's, Tournaments, and Championships)

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1. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
2. Pitchers shall be permitted to have two appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1<sup>st</sup> appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
3. Pitcher cannot pitch three (3) consecutive days unless a pitcher first two (2) days combined does not exceed:
  - Midget: 40
  - If pitcher day 1 + day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least one (1) day's rest.
  - Pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. One (1) day rest is needed.
4. Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

Midget	Rest
(16-18)	required
1-40	None
41-55	1 day
56-70	2 days
71-85	3 days
86-105	4 days
105	Maximum

5. The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.
6. Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
7. Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
8. Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
9. Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01 a.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m. of the next calendar day.
10. If a game continues past 12:01 a.m., those pitches are counted as if pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.

A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.

#### Number of Innings

- The entire game shall consist of seven (7) innings including the medal rounds
- The ten run rules will be in effect any time after the completion of five (5) (or 4 ½ ) innings of play.
- The umpire will award the game to the team with a lead of ten or more runs any time after the trailing team has had five turns at bat.

#### Extra inning game procedure

- If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (seven (7) innings), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:
- Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- Team manager shall indicate to the home plate umpire where he wishes to start the batting order (ex. 3<sup>rd</sup> batter, then the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> batter would go to first and second base).
- The batting order for any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended.
- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.
- Extra inning rule to be enforced only during round robin games. All medal round game will revert to a traditional extra innings rule.

#### Tie breaking

All ties after the preliminary round will be settled as follows (in order):

The ranking of the teams after the round robin shall be according to the win-loss record of all the games played. All ties after the 1<sup>st</sup> round, 2<sup>nd</sup> round and finals shall be settled in the order of the following list. That is, if criteria (a) does not break the tie, then it is no longer considered the criteria capable of breaking the tie, and the next criteria (b) will be used. This logic continues through the list, in order, until the tie is broken:

1. The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher position.
2. The team that has the best Team's Quality Balance (TQB).
  - TQB is a ratio, which is achieved by calculating Runs Scored per Offensive Inning against Runs Allowed Per Defensive Inning.  
Example:
    - **Team B:** 12 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.706; 7 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.412 TQB = 0.294
    - **Team A:** 5 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.294; 6 runs allowed in 17.67 defensive innings = 0.339 TQB = -0.045
    - **Team C:** 4 runs scored in 17.67 offensive innings = 0.226; 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.471 TQB = -0.244
3. The team that has the best Earned Runs Team's Quality Balance (ER-TQB)
4. Highest batting average in games between the teams tied.
5. A coin flip.



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**BASKETBALL**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Basketball competition consists of both male and female team competitions for the 14U (born 2009 & later), 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter a maximum of twelve (12) players per age category in both male and female categories.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager per female and male teams. At least one (1) of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team.

**Canada – NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications)

*Head Coach/Assistant Coaches*

- Competition Introduction Stream – Learn to Train Workshop (L2T) **Trained**

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent International Basketball Association (FIBA) Official Basketball Rules and updates (most recent rules changes up to the date of competition) will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries per age category. The Host Society will make every effort to maximize the number of games for all teams involved (teams are required to have a minimum of three (3) games).

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**OFFICIALS:**

The chief official and referees will be designated and approved by the Host Society. The chief officials must have a minimum Provincials Level three (3) certification. It is recommended that referees have a minimum Provincial territory Level two (2) certification (14U & 16U) and a minimum Provincial or Territory Level three (3) certification (19U).

Two (2) officials will be used for all 14U and 16U games, while three officials will be utilized for all 19U games.

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#### **FIELD OF PLAY/EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

- Host society will endeavour to ensure consistent court size for divisions throughout the tournament.
  - A ball size of six (6) shall be used for all female age groups.
  - A ball size of seven (7) shall be used for all male age groups, with the exception of the 14U Male Division, which will use a size six (6) ball.
  - The official game ball used will be size 6 and 7 official FIBA game balls. Molten balls are preferred. The Host Society will inform each Chef de Mission six (6) months prior to the beginning of the event what game ball will be used.
  - Game ball will be determined by coaches before start of each game. Balls should not be brand new, but slightly broken in.
  - Teams must supply their own warm up balls and equipment.
  - Uniform must comply with FIBA Regulations. Any exceptions will be presented to the Host Society six (6) months prior to competition.
  - Jersey numbers must comply with FIBA rules and shall use numbers 0 and 00 and from 1 to 99. Players on the team shall not wear the same number.
  - Any advertising or logo shall be at least five (5) cm away from the numbers.
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#### **COMPETITION RULES:**

- An entire game shall consist of:
  - Four to eight (4-8) minute periods for ages 14U.
  - Four to ten (4-10) minute periods for ages 16U and 19U.
  - Intervals of two (2) minutes between periods.
  - A ten (10) minutes half time will be in effect.
  - A twenty-four (24) second shot clock will be in effect.
- Modification to 14U years, thirty (30) second shot clock, ten (10) second half court rule, no zone press and no zone.
- If the score is tied at the end of playing time of the fourth period, the game shall be continued with as many extra five (5) minute periods as is necessary to break the tie.
  - In all extra periods the teams shall continue to play towards the same baskets as in the fourth period.
- FIBA warm up procedures:
  - The clock will be set to a maximum of 20:00 to start the pre-game warm-up. May be modified depending on the timing of the games.
  - All other rules as written in the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
- Once the score hits a 30-point spread, the clock will run continuously and no zone or full court press
- If there is a tie, then FIBA tie breaking rules will be followed.

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**BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

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**EVENTS:**

The NAIG Beach Volleyball competition consists of male and female teams for 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories.

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**PARTICIPANTS**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes per male and female teams, per age category.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit one (1) coach and one (1) manager per team. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team.

**Canada – NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)  
*Head Coach*

- Level 1 Beach Volleyball (theory, technical and practical)
- Volleyball Canada HARASSMENT POLICY and PROCEDURES

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) Official Rule Book will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries per age category. The Host Society will make every effort to maximize the number of games each team receives. Each team will play a minimum of three (3) matches.

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**OFFICIALS:**

All officials will be designated and approved by the Host Society in consultation with Volleyball Canada and Volleyball Nova Scotia. The match officials must have a minimum of a level two (2) Beach certification. The line judges and scorers must have a level one (1) beach volleyball certification.

There will be a minimum of one official and one scorekeeper, two (2) line judges and assistant scorekeeper per match.

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#### **FIELD OF PLAY/ EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

All equipment shall comply with FIVB Rules. The height of the net shall be according to the following information:

- 16U Female 2.20m
- 16U Male 2.35
- 19U Female 2.24
- 19U Male 2.43

The official Ball is the MIKASA VLS 300.

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#### **COMPETITION RULES:**

- Rally point scoring will be implemented.
- A team wins a set (game) by scoring 21 points via rally scoring and with a minimum lead of two (2) points. In the case of a 20-20 tie, play is continued until a two (2) point lead is achieved.
- All matches in the Round Robin and Playoff rounds will be best of three (3) sets. The team wins a match by winning two (2) sets out of three (3). In case of a 2-2 tie, the deciding set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of two (2) points, no cap via rally point scoring.
- There will be 15-minute warmup time allocated on the competition court prior to game time.
- Tie breaking rules will be in accordance with FIVB Sports Regulations, as outline below:

#### Round Robin Ranking:

To establish the ranking of teams after completion of the Round Robin, the ranking of the teams will be determined as follows:

##### 1. By The results of Pool Play Points

Pool Play Points:

Match won: 2 points

Match lost: 1 point

Matches Forfeited: 0 points (21-0, 21-0)

##### Points in case of Forfeit/Disqualification

If a team withdraws due to an injury before or during a match or gets disqualified during a match, it will earn one (1) match point and will keep the sets and points earned up to that moment, but the sets and points against will be the maximum. For example, if a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are winning the second set 6:4, this injured team would earn one (1) match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 6:21 and 0:15. In this example, the winning team would get two (2) match points with sets of 2:1 and rally points of 19:21, 4:6, 0:0. In addition, its match result will be marked with "INJ/DSQ."

If the injury occurs before the match begins, the match will be marked "INJ/DSQ" and the losing team will be awarded one (1) match point with sets of 0:2 and rally points of 0:21, 0:21. In this case, the winning team will be awarded two (2) match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

2. If two (2) or more teams are tied more to tie breaker.

Tie breaking procedures:

How to break a tie after pool play Between two (2) teams:

- The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
- If still tied, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.

Between three (3) teams:

- The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams.
- If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool.
- If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry and the better seed of the tied teams will be higher ranked (for example, seed #15 is ranked higher than seed #18, while seed #18 is ranked higher than seed #31).

**Note:** The tie-breaker to break ties amongst pools is different (e.g. if you need to determine who is the best 2<sup>nd</sup> place team). In this case, the tie would be broken by the match points, then set ratio, then rally point ratio, then finally if still tied, a draw.

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**CANOE/KAYAK**

**EVENT:**

The NAIG Canoe/Kayak competition consists of male and female singles, doubles and mix doubles for all age classifications in the following events:

Category	14U (2006 & later)		16U (2004 & later)		19U (2001 & later)	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
200m	K1	K1	K1	K1	K1	K1
1000m	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1
3000m	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1	MC1, K1
6000m					MC1, K1	MC1, K1
1000m (Dbls)	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2
3000m (Dbls)	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2
6000m (Dbls)					MC2	MC2
1000m M Dbl	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2
3000m M Dbl	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2	MC2
6000m M Dbl					MC2	MC2

\*X's indicate events that are not open for registration

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter six (6) male and six (6) female for each of the age categories listed above. An athlete is allowed to compete in a maximum of six (6) events. All registered competitors must race at least two events.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit:

- Team roster under ten (10) athletes:
  - One (1) coach and one (1) manager.
- Team roster of eleven (11) to twenty (20) athletes:
  - Two (2) coaches and one (1) manager.
- Team roster of twenty-one (21) to twenty-five (25) athletes,
  - Three (3) coaches and one (1) manager.
- Team roster of twenty-one (26) to thirty-six (36) athletes,
  - Four (4) coaches and one (1) manager.

One (1) of the above staff for all teams must be of the same gender as the participants.

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach/Assistant Coaches*

- Competition Introduction Trained – Entry Level CC Trained
- Hold a valid Transport Canada Pleasure Craft Operators Card

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of the Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC) Marathon Canoe Racing Competition Rules and Sprint Racing Rules will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

Events are either finals OR semi-finals/finals, OR heats, semi-finals/finals, dependent on the number of entries. There will be no consolation races.

For each age category, each contingent may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per individual event.

Races will begin with a mass start. Heats will be held if necessary.

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**OFFICIALS:**

All officials will be designated and approved by the Host Society in consultation with Canoe Kayak Canada.

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**FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

The Host Society shall provide the canoes for the competition. Competitors must supply their own paddles, Personal Floatation Device's (PFDs) and all accessories. All Canoe equipment must comply with the Marathon Canoe Racing Competition rules. The kayaks will be provided by the Host Society in consultation with Canoe Kayak Canada, as well as local clubs and suppliers. The Host Society must provide space for paddle storage at the venue.

The canoe used for this event will be the 17' Jensen, with don't have footboard or straps.

The kayaks used for this event will be the Nelos, with footboards and straps.

All competitors will carry government approved PFDs in their boats. It is highly recommended that all competitors achieve a level of "swimming competence" (Swimming level 6, in Canada). Participants that are competing in the 14U and 16U age category will be required to wear their PFDs at all times. It is recommended that all participants wear their PFDs while on the water.

**COMPETITION RULES:**

The Canoe Kayak Canada Marathon “Code of Safety” will apply to the competition. The Code of Safety is available online at: [www.canoekayak.ca](http://www.canoekayak.ca).



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**GOLF**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Golf competition will consist of male and female competitors in the following: 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories.

Additional costs for practice rounds are the responsibility of the team and/or golfer for all age categories.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter two (2) male and two (2) female for each age category.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit one (1) coach and one (1) manager for the entire roster. The staff composition must have a minimum of one (1) same gender staff for all participants.

The Rules of Golf stipulate that teams may assign one person to act as a coach and have contact with the team members during their round (Rule 8-2). \*If there are two courses being used, an exception will be considered where a contingent can assign a second coach to assist with the other coach.

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach*

- NCCP Workshop – Community Golf Coach

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The Rules will be followed according to the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA).

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be stroke play for all the age categories. Golfers will play up to a minimum of 54 holes (3 rounds). If the numbers warrant a cut after 36 holes (2 rounds) the Competition Committee will determine and set the cut line at the first coaches meeting prior to the start of the competition. 18 holes (1 round) will be played per day of competition unless there are exceptional circumstances (ex. Weather).

## **OFFICIALS:**

All officials will be designated by the approved by the Host Society. All Rules Officials must have a Level 3 or 4 RCGA certification.

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## **FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

The golfers must supply their own equipment (clubs and balls). All equipment must comply with The Rules of Golf as set forth in the RCGA.

Golf Canada National Level Junior Tournament Standards – Yardage

- Junior (Learn to Compete)  
Male - 6500-7000 yards; Female - 5600-6000 yards
  - Juvenile (Intro to Comp.)  
Male – 5600-6600 yards; Female – 5200-6000 yards
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## **COMPETITION RULES:**

Dress Code will be according to the Golf Club being used. The Host Society will inform each Chef de Mission six (6) months prior to the beginning of the event what the dress code is for the club. Tees will be determined at future Chef de Mission meetings.

### THE RULES OF GOLF; Section III Rule 33 – The Committee:

#### 33.5 Score Card

In stroke play, the Committee must provide each competitor with a score card containing the date and the competitor's name.

**Note:** The Committee may request that each competitor record the date and his/her name on his score card.

#### 33.6 Disqualification Penalty; Committee Discretion

A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional individual cases be waived, modified or imposed if the Committee considers such action warranted.

Any penalty less than disqualification must not be waived or modified.

If a committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of disqualification under this Rule.

#### Tie-Breaking Rules:

In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in any age division, there will be a sudden death playoff immediately following completion of play. The playoff will start on Hole #1, with the lowest score winning the tournament. If two (2) or more players are still tied after Hole #1, they will continue to play a sudden death playoff until a winner is decided, while any players not tied will be dropped from the playoff.

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**LACROSSE – BOX**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Box Lacrosse competition will consist of male teams for 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories and female teams for the 19U (born 2004 & later) age category.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each province, territory and state may enter a maximum of twenty (20) uniformed players for each age classification. The twenty (20) players shall be comprised of eighteen (18) players and two (2) goalkeepers. Five (5) players and one (1) goalkeeper shall be permitted on the floor at one time.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches, one (1) trainer, and one (1) manager per female and male team. The staff composition must have a minimum of one (1) same gender staff per team.

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach/Assistant Coach*

- Competition Introduction Stream – Box Lacrosse Competition Introduction Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of Federation of International Lacrosse Indoor Lacrosse Rulebook will be used, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries. The Host Society will make every effort to maximize the number of games each team receives. Each team will play a minimum three (3) games.

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**OFFICIALS:**

The Referee-in-Chief and attending officials will be designated and approved by the host society. The officials must have a minimum provincial or territory level two (2) certification.

## **FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

The indoor lacrosse playing surface shall be of material approved by the Host Society. The box shall be enclosed by a wall known as the boards which may be constructed of wood, plastic or any other material as approved by the Host Society. The boards shall be topped by a surrounding barrier of glass or other suitable material to a minimum height of three (3) feet on the sides and six (6) feet on the ends to keep the ball in play.

Players are required to supply their own equipment and it must comply with World Lacrosse rules. Required equipment includes a lacrosse stick (traditional sticks are approved due to the cultural importance of the traditional stick to indigenous community), protective gloves, suitable shoes, shoulder/vest pads, rib pads and a protective helmet equipped with a face mask and a chinstrap which must be properly fastened on both sides. An intra-oral mouthpiece must cover all upper jaw teeth.

In addition, the designated goalkeeper shall wear a throat guard, arm and chest protector, shin guards and a jock or jill.

The nets will be 4' by 4' for the 16U division and 4 x 4'6" for the 19U division.

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## **COMPETITION RULES:**

Complete up to date rules can be found at <https://worldlacrosse.sport/>

- A full Box Lacrosse game shall consist of sixty (60) minutes, divided into three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes each.
- There shall be a ten (10) minute intermission between each period. Teams may leave the bench area.
- In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation time, play shall continue after a five (5) minute interval. The period(s) shall be ten (10) minutes stop time.
- If still tied the teams switch goals defended and continue to play an extra twenty (20) minute stop time period. The game ends upon scoring the first goal (sudden death).

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**RIFLE SHOOTING**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Rifle competition will consist of male and female individuals in the age categories of 16U (2007 & later) and 19U (2004 & later).

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter two (2) males and two (2) females per age category. Maximum number of shooters per province/territory/state is eight (8).

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit one (1) coach and one (1) manager per team. The staff composition must have a minimum of one (1) same gender staff for each gender that is participating on their team.

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach*

- Instruction Stream – Shooting Federation of Canada – Instructor Beginner Level Trained.  
It is strongly recommended that the Head Coach should be certified at this level.

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) Rulebook will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

Competition format is dependent on the number of entries per age group and gender. The shooting range is fifty (50) meters for all positions.

Athletes will shoot a 3P match of 120 shots and a prone match of 60 shots over the week of competition in the following order:

- athletes compete in one match of 20 prone, 20 standing and 20 kneeling shots.
- athletes compete in one match of 20 prone, 20 standing and 20 kneeling shots.
- Athletes compete in a 60 shot prone match.

Individual medals will be handed out at the end of each event. An overall medal will be awarded at the end of competition. To be eligible for the overall medal each athlete must have completed competition in both the 3P and prone events.

The Host Society will provide the Chef de Missions with the specified targets that will be used six (6) months prior to the games.

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#### **OFFICIALS:**

An experienced range officer will control the Rifle shooting event. All officials will be designated and approved by the Host Society.

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#### **FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

Teams not travelling by air must contact the Host Society one (1) month out to coordinate the storage of guns.

- All equipment shall comply with the current **ISSF Rule Book** as posted to [www.issf-sports.org](http://www.issf-sports.org) unless otherwise specified below.
- Refer to **ISSF Section 7** for “Rifle Rules.”
- Refer to **ISSF Rule 7.4.1** for “Standards for all rifles,” including the use of slings, sights, and pistol grips.
- Refer to **ISSF Rule 7.5** regarding Clothing Regulations.

#### Guns at the Games:

When athletes arrive at the airport, please declare all firearms as the guns will be taken to the Shooting Venue site and locked in a storage area. There will be no rifles stored or kept in the Athlete Villages. Storage may be in another secure location, depending on venue use agreement, if teams are arriving in advance of competition start. The Host Society will outline all procedures for transfer and storage six (6) months in advance.

#### Ammunition:

The Host Society will provide ammunition for the competition and practice. Athletes should not travel with ammunition. The type of ammunition used will be determined by the Host Society and all teams must comply with the ammunition type.

Ammunition must also be kept in storage at the Shooting Venue along with the guns.

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#### **COMPETITION RULES:**

Competition rules will be outlined at the Chef de Mission meetings.

**Any athletes traveling across the border must check on the procedures for transporting guns and ammunition. This is the responsibility of the athlete and coach.**

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**SOCCER**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Soccer competition consists of both male and female teams for 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter a maximum of eighteen (18) players per age category for both male and female.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager per female and male teams. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team.

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach/Assistant Coach*

- Community Stream – Soccer for Life Course Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of The Laws of the Game of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) Rules will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries per age category. The Host Society will make every effort to maximize the number of games each team receives. Each team will play a minimum three (3) games.

Pool of three to five (3-5) teams will be created and a round robin tournament will be played followed by a single elimination playoff bracket.

If a pool consists of only three (3) teams, the third place team will play a third place team from another pool to ensure all teams play three (3) matches.

## **OFFICIALS:**

All Officials will be appointed and approved by the Host Society. All officials must be registered with Canada Soccer through the Host Provincial/Territorial Associations and will be appointed and approved by the Host Society.

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## **FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

Refer to FIFA Laws of the Game, Law 1 (The Field of Play), 2 (The Ball) and 4 (The Players Equipment).

A FIFA approved ball must be used for competition. The Host Society will inform each Chef de Mission six (6) months prior to the beginning of the event what game ball will be used.

Player benches should be covered.

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## **COMPETITION RULES:**

### Disciplinary Rule:

1. A Soccer Discipline Committee shall consist of a chairperson and representatives of two participating teams having no vested interest in the outcome of the hearing.
2. The conduct of the games shall follow the Laws of the game as approved by FIFA.
3. Players accumulating three (3) cautions (yellow cards) during the tournament shall receive an automatic one (1) game suspension.
4. Players ejected from a game (red card) shall be suspended automatically for a minimum of one (1) game. Further sanctions may be enforced following a hearing with the Soccer Discipline Committee.

U19 matches shall consist of two (2) halves of forty (40) minutes each, with a ten (10) minute interval between halves.

U16 Matches shall consist of two (2) halves of thirty-five (35) minutes.

The winning team is awarded three (3) points and the defeated team is awarded zero (0) points for the pool standings in the round robin tournament. When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, each team is awarded one (1) point for the pool standing in the round-robin tournament.

In playoff games where the score is tied at the end of regulation time, extra time will be played consisting of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes. If the score remains tie at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner.

### Substitution Rules:

Unlimited substitutions may be made at any time during the game. A player who has been substituted will be eligible to re-enter



#### Tie-Break Rule:

In the third match of any three (3) team round robin, if the team not participating has zero (0) points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn whether part or all of the championship, the match shall be played to a decision in accordance with this rule. In the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game will be used to determine the winner.

The following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:

- Most points in all group matches
  - If two (2) teams are tied in points in all group matches
  - Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (head-to-head competition)
- Greater goal difference in all group matches
- Greater number of goals scored in all group matches
- Kicks from the penalty mark as per Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the Host Society

#### Game Abandonment Rule:

- Where a match is abandoned because of floodlight failure, weather, or any outside influence, and more than seventy percent (70%) of the match has been played, the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score. If the score is tied and the competition requires a result, the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin, which will be conducted by the Head Referee in the presence of the Sport Lead and the respective State/Provincial/Territorial Representatives.
- Where a match is abandoned because of floodlight failure, weather, or any outside influence, and less than seventy percent (70%) of the match has been played, the match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted. The following principles shall apply to the commencement of the match:
  - The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned.
  - Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced.
  - Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match.
  - The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the Host Society.
  - Any matters requiring further decision shall be dealt with by the Host Society.

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**SOFTBALL**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Softball competition consists of male and female teams for 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 20014 & later) age categories.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory or State may enter a maximum of fourteen (14) players per male and female age categories. A minimum number of players required per team is eleven (11).

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager per female and male teams. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team.

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach/Assistant Coach*

- Competition Introduction Stream – Softball Competition Introduction Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Technical Code will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries per age category. The Host Society will make every effort to maximize the number of games each team receives. The minimum number of games each team will play will be three (3).

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**OFFICIALS:**

An Umpire in Chief will be designated and approved by Host Society. For all semi-final and finals games, three umpires per game will be utilized.

## FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Ball size and pitching distance between the home plate and pitcher's mound:

Age category	Ball size	Pitching distance
Male: 16U	30.5 cm (12")	12.8m (42')
Male: 19U	30.5 cm (12")	14.0m (46')
Female: 16U	30.5 cm (12")	12.2m (40')
Female: 19U	30.5 cm (12")	13.1m (43')

Safe base will be implemented.

Competitors must supply their own bats, helmets, gloves, and catchers must supply their own special additional equipment. Offensive and Defensive players may wear an WBSC approved face mask. Absolutely no metal spikes will be allowed. All equipment must comply with the WBSC standards. Covered dugouts are preferred.

Bats may have certification from ISF 2005, WBSC, USA Softball, ASA 2000, ASA 2005.

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## COMPETITION RULES:

- The teams will warm-up off the competition diamond and will be allowed only ten (10) minutes on the competition diamond prior to game time.
- An entire game for the NAIG softball tournament shall consist of seven (7) innings, with the only exceptions being the "15/10/7/ Run Ahead rule" or a delay/postponement.
  - "15/10/7 Rule" - A game must be called a regulation game if one (1) team leads the other by fifteen (15) runs or more after three (3) innings, ten (10) runs or more after four (4) innings, or seven (7) runs or more after five (5) innings. Both the visiting team and home team must complete the same number of innings at bat unless the home team leads by the required number of runs and the game is called at that point.
- The pitcher must deliver the ball for a walk; there will be no automatic walks.
- In the case of a tie game during the round robin play and/or play offs, the international tie breaking rule shall be followed:
  - Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat ninth (tenth in SP, or eleventh in SP with an EP) in that respective half inning being placed on second base. The player who is running can be substituted in accordance with the substitution rules.

### Tie breaking procedures:

Final Standings in the Qualifying Round (Round Robin) shall use the following criteria to determine the order of finish.

1. No games will finish in a tie.
2. If a game is tied after seven (7) complete innings, the teams will revert to the international tie breaking rule starting in the top of the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) inning.

3. When using all the criteria below full team records of the entire Round Robin are used and only 4, 5, 6, etc. complete innings in 4½, 5 ½, 6 ½ etc. inning games are to be used.
4. If the home team is ahead after 6½ innings of play, they will NOT bat in the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) inning. This rule will also be in effect if the mercy rule comes into play after 4½ or 5½ innings.
5. In the event that a tournament is cancelled, halted or delayed due to weather conditions, etc. the tournament must be resumed during the event. If a game was in play, it will be resumed from the point the game was halted.
6. Failure of a team to completely participate in any Championship game in which they are scheduled shall result in that team being suspended for the remainder of the championship.

*A tie shall be resolved by following, in order, the procedure set out below (7.02 of the WBSC Technical Code)*

#### Within Section Round Robins

1. With two (2) teams tied on wins/losses, rank them by the results of their game in the round robin; the winner is placed ahead of the loser.
2. With more than two (2) teams tied on wins/losses, rank them in order:
  - a. By the results of their games among themselves in the round robin games. With two (2) teams tied on wins/losses, rank them by the results of their games in the round robin; the winner is placed ahead of the loser. If still tied on wins/losses, by their runs against record in the games among themselves; the team with the lowest runs against is placed ahead of the others, the team with the second lowest runs against is placed ahead of the others, etc., ***until two team remain and then rank them by the results of their game(s) in the round robin; the winner is placed ahead of the loser.***
  - b. If any teams tied by their runs against record in the games amongst themselves
    - two (2) teams - by the results of their games amongst themselves in the round robin games.
    - more than two (2) teams - by their runs against record in all the round robin games; the team with the lowest runs against is placed ahead of the others, the team with the second lowest runs against is placed ahead of the others, etc., ***until two team remain and then rank them by the results of their game(s) in the round robin; the winner is placed a head of the loser.***

#### Across Section Round Robins

1. With two or more teams tied on wins/losses, rank them in order:
  - a. By their runs against record in all round robin games; the team with the lowest runs against is placed ahead of the others, the team with the second lowest runs against is placed ahead of the others, etc.
  - b. If any teams still tied on runs against, by random selection; the first team selected is placed ahead of the others.

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**SWIMMING**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Swimming competition consists of both male and female individual events and relay events for 14U (born 2009 & later), 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter:

- A maximum of four (4) male swimmers and four (4) female swimmers per each age classification respectively.
- An athlete is allowed to compete in a maximum of six (6) events plus three (3) relays.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit:

- Rosters 16 athletes and under – three (3) staff (Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team).
- Rosters of 17 Athletes and over – four (4) staff (Each Province, Territory and State may accredit three (3) coaches and one (1) manager per female and male teams. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team).

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach/Assistant Coaches*

- Competition Introduction Stream – Swimming 101 Course Trained

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) Rules will apply. If possible, Host Society will endeavour to Sanction the competition with the NSO.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

Swimmers will swim timed finals for the Men's and Women's 800m and 1500m freestyle and all relays. The rest of the events will be heats and finals, regardless of the number of entries to determine seeding times for finals.

The following events will not be included, as well as events that have less than three (3) participants registered:

Category	U14		U16		U19	
Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F
Free 50m						
Free 100m						
Free 200m						
Free 400m						
Free 800m	X		X		X	
Free 1500		X		X		X
Free 4x50						
Free 4x100						
Back 50m						
Back 100m						
Back 200m						
Breast 50m						
Breast 100						
Breast 200						
Fly 50m						
Fly 100m						
Fly 200m						
IM 200m						
MR 4x50						

\*X's indicate events that are not open for registration

#### Relays:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter:

- One (1) 4x100M Freestyle relay for each age category
- One (1) 4x50M Freestyle relay for each age category
- One (1) 4x50M Medley relay for each age category

Relay team members shall be properly entered in at least one (1) individual event.

NOTE: To accommodate the number of participants, swimmers may move up to compete in a higher age class relay team, but they may not compete in the same relay event in two different age categories.

Only in the case of injury in an age group relay, can teams apply for exception to the above rule.

#### OFFICIALS:

All officials will be designated and approved by the Host Society. The officials used for the NAIG competition will be as follows:

- One (1) referee
- Two (2) inspectors of turns (one at each end)
- Starter
- Chief Timekeeper
- Two (2) Timekeepers per lane
- Chief Finish Judge
- Safety Marshall
- Chief Judge Electronics (if applicable)
- Two (2) judges of stroke

- Clerk of Course (may require two (2), if the competition is big enough)
  - Marshal
  - Recorder---Scorer
  - Announcer
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#### **FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

- This event will be run on a Short Course (25m pool)
  - The swimmers must supply their own equipment and must comply with FINA rules.
  - The Host Society must provide a warmup and cool down area for the athletes.
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#### **COMPETITION RULES**

Any swimmer starting before the starting signal has been given, shall be disqualified. If the starting signal sounds before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue and the swimmer or swimmers shall be disqualified upon completion of the race. If the disqualification is declared before the starting signal, the signal shall not be given, but the remaining swimmers shall be called back and start again.

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**VOLLEYBALL**

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**EVENTS:**

The NAIG Volleyball competition consists of male and female teams for 16U (born 2007 & later) and 19U (born 2004 & later) age categories.

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State may enter a maximum of twelve (12) players per age category per male and female teams.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager per team. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team.

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach/Assistant Coaches*

- Competition Introduction --- Volleyball Development Coach – Trained Status

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

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**GENERAL RULES:**

The most recent version of the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) Official Rule Book will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries per age category. The Host Society will make every effort to maximize the number of games each team receives. Each team will play a minimum three (3) matches.

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**OFFICIALS:**

All officials will be designated and approved by the Host Society in consultation with Volleyball Canada and Volleyball Nova Scotia. The match officials must have a minimum of a Level two (2) Provincial Badge or higher. All other officials (linespersons, scorekeepers) must have current Level one (1) Local Badge.



## FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

All equipment shall comply with FIVB rules. The height of the net shall be according to the following information:

- Female: 2.24m
- Male: 2.43m

The official Ball is the MIKASA MVA200

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## COMPETITION RULES:

- Rally point scoring will be implemented
- A team wins a set (game) by scoring 25 points via rally scoring and with a minimum lead of two (2) points. In the case of a 24-24 tie, play is continued until a two (2) point lead is achieved.
- All matches in the Round Robin will be a best of three (3) sets. All matches in the ¼ finals and Playoff rounds will be best of five (5) sets. The team wins a match by winning three (3) sets of the five (5), or two (2) of the three (3). In case of a 2-2 or a 1-1 tie, the deciding set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of two (2) points, no cap via rally point scoring.
- There will be a 15-minute warm-up time allocated on the competition court prior to game time.

### Round Robin Ranking:

To establish the ranking of teams after Preliminary Round, the ranking of the teams will be determined as follows:

- By the results of matches won and lost (Match Won = 1pt, Match Lost = 0pt)
- If two (2) or more teams are tied after match w/l, move to Tie Breaking Procedures

### Tie Breaking Procedure:

If two or more teams, within a pool, are tied at the end of pool play, the following criteria will be applied, **in order**, until all ties are broken and all tied teams ranked. This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y & Z and criteria b) is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria is needed. However, if criteria b) determines X as first (or third) and there is still a tie between Y & Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria c) and so on, if necessary. Continue through the sequence of criteria and **DO NOT** start at a) again.

- a. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- b. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- c. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher.
- d. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- e. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering ALL matches played during the round robin, will be ranked higher.
- f. A coin toss by the tournament director and head official in the presence of team representatives.

**Note:** For criteria (d) (e) and (f) only, after the sequence of (a), (b) and (c) have been followed.

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**WRESTLING**

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**EVENT:**

The NAIG Wrestling competition consists of both male and female individual competition for following age and weight classes. Participants born in 2004 to 2008 are eligible.

MALE	FEMALE
46 KG / 101.4 lbs	46 KG / 101.4 lbs
52 KG/ 114.6 lbs	52 KG / 114.6 lbs
58 KG / 127.9 lbs	58 KG/ 127.9 lbs
66 KG/ 145.5 lbs	64 KG/ 141 lbs
74 KG/ 163.1 lbs	70 KG / 154.3 lbs
80 KG/176.4 lbs	76 KG/167.5 lbs
90 KG/198.4 lbs	82 KG/ 180.8 lbs
100 KG / 220.5 lbs	88 KG/ 194 lbs
115 KG / 253.5 lbs	95 KG/ 209.4 lbs
130 KG / 286.6 lbs	105 KG/ 231.5 lbs

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Athletes:

Each Province, Territory and State is allowed to enter two (2) male and two (2) female athletes per weight division for each age group.

Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit:

- Rosters 16 athletes and under – three (3) staff (Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager per Male and Female teams. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team).
- Rosters of 17 Athletes and over – Four (4) staff (Each Province, Territory and State may accredit three (3) coaches and one (1) manager per female and male teams. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team).

**NCCP Requirements** (All Coaches must have the following coaching certifications or equivalent)

*Head Coach*

Competition Introduction Stream - Wrestling Canada Lutte Competition---Introduction Part 1

USA – All coaches will have completed a sport specific – youth or community – coach certification course recognized in their state.

## GENERAL RULES:

The most recent version of the United World Wrestling (UWW) rules will apply, unless otherwise stated in this package.

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## COMPETITION FORMAT:

*Following the weigh in process, there will be a coaches/technical meeting to determine the draw.*

Minimum number of two (2) participants for a weight category for that weight class to run.

### Round Robin Format:

Athletes will be initially divided by region and “weight line” to create the most meaningful competition.

Based on the number of participants, the round robin format will be broken up into “pools.” The final placements in the round robin pools will determine the pairings for the final matches. Pools will be wrestled Day 1 and all Final placement matches will be wrestled Day 2.

Two (2) registrants in weight class: Athletes will wrestle best two (2) out of three (3) against each other.

Three to five (3-5) registrants in weight class: Athletes will wrestle everyone in the weight class and final standings will be determined by round robin criteria.

Six to ten (6-10) registrants in weight class: Athletes will be put into two (2) pools and wrestle round robin within the pool. Final placements in the pools will determine the cross over match ups for 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> match, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> match, 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> match and 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> match.

Eleven to fifteen (11-15) registrants in weight class: Athletes will be put into three (3) pools and wrestle round robin within the pool. Final placements in the pool will determine the cross over pools. Same as above but instead of final matches there will be final pools. Pool A is for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pool B is for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, Pool C is for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, etc.

The UWW wrestling rules will govern the round robin format. Round Robin placements will be decided by head-to-head wins. In a case where there is a tie, the classification points (below) will be used to determine tie breakers for the round robin placements.

### UWW Article 42 – Classification Points

The classification points awarded to a wrestler shall determine his final ranking.

#### Five (5) points for the winner and zero (0) for the loser:

- Victory by fall (with or without technical point for the loser) (VFA 5:0)
- Injury (VIN 5:0) o If an athlete is injured before or during a bout and the injury is certified by the tournament doctor
- Three (3) cautions during the bout (VCA 5:0) Forfeit (VFO 5:0)
- If an athlete doesn't show up on the mat - Disqualification (DSQ 5:0)
- If an athlete is disqualified before or during the bout in case of unfair behavior

Four (4) points for the winner and zero (0) for the loser (VSU 4:0): Victory by technical superiority (ten (10) points in Freestyle during the bout), with the loser scoring no technical points.

Four (4) points for the winner and one (1) point for the loser (VSU1 4:1): Victory by technical superiority during the bout with loser scoring technical points.

Three (3) points for the winner and zero (0) for the loser (VPO 3:0): When the wrestler wins at the end of the two (2) periods by one to nine (1-9) points in Freestyle with the loser scoring no point.

Three (3) points for the winner and one (1) point for the loser (VPO1 3:1): When the bout ends by a victory by points at the end of the regular time and the loser scoring one (1) or several technical points.

Zero (0) points for the red wrestler and zero (0) point for the blue wrestler (2DSQ 0:0): In case both wrestlers have been disqualified due to infraction to the rules.

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#### **OFFICIALS:**

All officials will be designated and approved by the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Officials Association (CAWOA) in conjunction with the Host Society.

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#### **FIELD OF PLAY / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

The wrestler must supply her/his own equipment and must comply with the UWW rules. Athletes must appear on the edge of the mat wearing a UWW approved one-piece singlet of the colour assigned to them (red or blue). Team coloured singlets will be allowed at the North American Indigenous Games. In the circumstance that team singlets are worn, the referee will be responsible for determining which wrestler shall be “red” or “blue” when the wrestlers’ step onto the mat. Provinces/Territories/States are encouraged to include their crest on the front of the singlet and the team acronym on the back (i.e., NB for New Brunswick, etc.).

Wrestling shoes must be free of buckles, metal ridges and tape, and a handkerchief is to be tucked inside the singlet for blood. Headgear is optional.

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#### **COMPETITION RULES:**

Weigh-in will be the morning of the first day of competition. The NAIG competition will have only one (1) weigh-in session.

Weight-in process will follow Wrestling Canada Rules.

All regions may have two participants per gender per weight class.