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Team BC 2023 North American Indigenous Games ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

-- WRESTLING --

The following document outlines the athlete eligibility and selection process for athletes to represent Team BC in the sport of Wrestling at the 2023 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from July 15 – 23, 2023.

1. Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible for participation on Team BC for North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), athletes must:

- Meet the sport-specific age requirement
- Be a resident of BC
- Be born of Indigenous (Canadian or American Indigenous) ancestry. Athletes will be required to provide proof of ancestry (e.g. Status Card, Provincial Métis Card, First Nations Card, Treaty Card, Inuit/Inuvialuit identification)*.
- If selected, athlete must become a member of BC Wrestling, if not already a current member. BC Wrestling Membership info available at <https://www.bcwrestling.com/membership-1>

*If a participant does not possess one of the specified cards/ID, there is a Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form that must be completed and submitted together with supporting documentation to I-SPARC c/o Team BC Chef de Mission.

Please note any athlete that requires the Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry form is not guaranteed eligibility to Team BC to compete at NAIG until the Declaration and supporting documentation is approved and endorsed by Team BC for NAIG submission.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to teambc@isparc.ca.

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

- Be fully COVID-19 vaccinated as per the NAIG policy. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

2. Age Eligibility

The NAIG wrestling competition will consist of both male and female individual competition for the following age category (below) and the following weight classes (table at left):

Age Eligibility: Participants born 2004 to 2008 are eligible.

The Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (I-SPARC) is responsible for managing the Team BC Program for the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) and is supported by the Province of BC. The Team BC NAIG program in the sport of wrestling is sanctioned and supported by BC Wrestling.

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3. Team Composition

Team BC is seeking up to two (2) male and (2) female athletes for each of the weight classes for a maximum overall team size of twelve (12) athletes.

4. Team BC Coaching Staff

Team BC will appoint two (2) coaches and one (1) team manager. One must be male, one must be female.

Rob Smyth	Head Coach	Métis Abbotsford, BC	Rob.Smyth@burnabyschools.ca
Wilma Gus	Assistant Coach		
TBC	Manager		

5. Athlete Selection Process

Athletes interested in competing for Team BC at 2023 NAIG must register with the Team BC registration system and fill out both the Expression of Interest as well as the Wrestling Scorecard application:

- The application form is available online and promoted to I-SPARC and BC Wrestling network of contacts and posted on I-SPARC Facebook page and website. In order for athletes to be considered for Team BC, they must be registered in the Team BC registration system by **April 30, 2023. Please fill out the Expression of Interest as well as the Wrestling Scorecard form.**

<https://isparc.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/MemberRegistration/MemberSignIn>

- Applicants submit their performance results from competitive meets held from January 1, 2022 up to April 30, 2023. It is preferable that results submitted are from BC Wrestling sanctioned event(s) and/or School event(s).
- Applicants must also provide two (2) references – one sport reference (preferably a coach) and one character reference that is not a relative (e.g. teacher).
- Athletes must submit their application prior to **the deadline of April 30, 2023** in order to be considered for nomination to Team BC Wrestling.
- Athletes will be considered for selection based primarily on their performances in the past year and current season, however, athlete selection criteria may also include other contributing factors including conduct, attitude, commitment to training, training plans, and other criteria determined by the Coaching Staff/Selection committee. Please note, depending on quality and volume of candidates for some classes, the coaching staff may wish to conduct in person evaluations in April or May to make final decisions.
- Selection committee to consist of Team BC Coaching Staff and representatives from Provincial Indigenous Wrestling Committee.
- Athletes will be notified of selection results during the week of **April 30, 2023.**
- Athletes nominated to the team will need to confirm their participation by **May 15, 2023.** Team BC fee for athletes will be due by **June 1, 2023.** The fee includes NAIG registration fee, Team BC flight to/from Halifax via Vancouver, accommodations, and meals in Halifax. The fee is \$450 for 2023.

Team BC Coaching Staff/Selection Committees operate under the principles to create quality, competitive teams to represent BC at NAIG and that selection should be free from bias as a result of nepotism, favouritism, or affiliation. They are responsible for ensuring transparency in the process and that good selection principles have been applied.

6. 2023 BC Indigenous Wrestling Development Camp

Athletes who are interested in Team BC for 2023 NAIG are encouraged to attend the 2023 BC Indigenous Provincial Wrestling Camp where Team BC Coach Rob Smyth and guest will facilitate a skills development camp. This is an OPTIONAL development opportunity open to youth wrestlers (beginner or advanced) whether they are interested in Team BC or not.

The 2023 BC Indigenous Provincial Wrestling Camp details are as follows:

- **ELIGIBLE ATHLETES:** Male and Female Indigenous youth (First Nations, Métis, Inuit), born between 2004 to 2012.
- **DATE:** April 30, 2023, from 10:00AM – 1:00PM
- **LOCATION:** Simon Fraser University
- **COST:** Free

To register, please visit this link: <https://isparc.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/MemberRegistration/MemberSignIn>

6. Important 2023 Dates

Date	Action	Notes
January 2022 through to April 30, 2023	Results reporting period	Athlete who submit Expression of Interest application must also submit performance/competition results achieved in year 2022 through to April 30, 2023.
April 30, 2023	BC Indigenous Provincial Wrestling Camp	Opportunity for athletes to meet coaching staff, develop their skills, learn more about Team BC and NAIG. (This is an optional development opportunity.)
April 30, 2023	Athlete Scorecard Applications Due	Athletes interested in trying out for Team BC must register and submit their performance/competition results to their profile in the Team BC registration system.
April 30, 2023	Deadline to register in Team BC registration system	All athletes who wish to be considered for Team BC MUST be registered in the Team BC registration system by April 2, 2023. Please fill out the Expression of Interest form as well as the Wrestling Scorecard form. https://isparc.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/MemberRegistration/MemberSignIn
Week of April 30, 2023	Team BC selections confirmed	Coaching staff will notify parents/athletes
June 1, 2023	Team BC fee due date	Team BC athletes will be required to submit their fee by this deadline. Fee includes NAIG registration fee, Team BC flight to/from Halifax via Vancouver, accommodations, meals. The fee is \$450.
May or June, 2023	TBC – Training camp for Team BC athletes	Training opportunity for Team BC NAIG athletes to prepare. Details to be confirmed. Team BC NAIG athletes will be expected to attend this event.

July 15-23, 2023	2023 North American Indigenous Games	Halifax, N.S. Travel days from Vancouver to Halifax (return) are July 15 and return on July 23
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7. Team Expectations

Upon selection to the Development Squad or Team BC, an athlete is required to:

- a) Sign and honor the Code of Conduct
- b) Obey all rules established by Team BC and the Head Coach
- c) Participate in Team events, activities and meetings, as directed by the Head Coach
- d) Ensure they wear/use the proper equipment and clothing for their sport
- e) Assist and participate in team fundraising projects where required
- f) Continue with training and preparation
- g) Represent themselves, their families, their community, their team, with pride and integrity

Athletes travel with Team BC to Halifax via the team charter planes and stay with their respective team at the assigned accommodations.

Team expectations are not limited to the above items and there may be additional expectations communicated by the Head Coach or Team BC.

8. Dismissal

An athlete may be removed from Team BC or a Team BC Development Squad for the following reasons (not limited to):

- a) Athlete violates Team BC code of conduct or Team rules
- b) Athlete is unable to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reason
- c) Athlete is unable to commit to Team events, activities, meetings (note that an athlete may obtain an exemption from the Head Coach)
- d) Athlete is unable to maintain training standards or meet performance expectation to the Head Coaches satisfaction
- e) Athlete exhibits behavior/conduct that is detrimental to Team BC program
- f) Athlete voluntarily withdraws

9. Alternates

Where necessary and appropriate, an athlete removed from the Team may be replaced by an alternate from the Development Squad or athlete short list, provided the alternate athlete is eligible. The selection of the replacement will be based upon previous results and selection criteria and shall be the decision of the Head Coach.

If an athlete selected to Team BC becomes ill or injured, he or she must seek immediate medical attention and report the illness or injury to Team BC. Team BC will assess the situation in order to make a recommendation. The assessment may involve requesting further information or additional medical tests. Where it is determined an athlete must be replaced, the selection of the replacement will be from among the pool of eligible athletes.

10. Appeals

Athletes who are not selected to Team BC may appeal. The first level of appeal will be to the Team Head Coach. This appeal must be in writing (via email is acceptable) and be filed within 3 calendar days of the announcement of the team roster. If an athlete is not satisfied with this decision they may appeal in

writing (via email is acceptable) to an Appeal Committee made up of Team BC Chef de Mission and/or Assistant Chef, and minimum of two members of the Provincial Sport Committee or I-SPARC leadership. This appeal must be filed within 3 calendar days of the Head Coach's decision of the first level appeal. At any time during the review/appeal process, the athlete may be required to provide additional information or evidence in support of their appeal. The athlete will receive a response from the Appeals Committee within one week of it being received and shall be the final level of appeal available to the athlete.

11. Inquiries

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