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INTRODUCTION

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 for the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG).

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

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 at any point during planning, implementation and wrap up of any 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 & 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 2014 NAIG Games, agreement and acknowledgement of these Governing Rules is required by each Chef de Mission from each Contingent. These rules will be distributed by each contingents NAIG Council representative and each representative will ensure that Appendix H is signed by the Chef de Mission for each Contingent and return to NAIG Council.

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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.

The maximum size of the NAIG Junior Sport Participant component is 6000 including athletes, coaching staff and chaperones.

All contingents must be in good standing with 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 People 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 maximum total contingent participation of a Province/Territory/State (P/T/S) contingent participating in the sport component of the Games is to be determined by IPSC and ASC but must not exceed five hundred (500) including athletes, coaches, managers, and chaperones per contingent. No team is allowed to send more than five hundred (500) regardless of their ability to pay for extra team members.

The contingent will be provided core services by the Host Society including, but not limited to; accommodations, food services, on-site transportation, medical and competition.

Special Olympic athletes are classified as junior sport participants. As such they will be considered as part of the team cap and receive all applicable games services.

3. Athlete Eligibility

3.1. Indigenous Ancestry

All athletes competing in the NAIG must be born of North American Indigenous ancestry. All participants must make proof of ancestry available. The following will be accepted as proof of ancestry.

Canada:

Treaty/Status Card, First Nations Card, Inuit and Inuvialuit identification or Provincial

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Métis Card.

United States:

Tribal Identification Card

If none of the above apply (i.e., non-status Indians) the Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form (*Appendix A*) must be completed by the athlete, submitted to the team and endorsed by the team Chef de Mission. The Chef de Mission will then submit this form, along with all accompanying ancestry information from the athlete, with the Host Societies registration package on the final deadline. (See section 6.1 on Registration Deadlines).

Any questions concerning a participant's indigenous ancestry must be conducted through a formal protest. Any protest lodged against such a participant must follow procedures listed out in section 12.2: Formal Protest Procedures/Eligibility Protests.

3.2. Age Categories

Please check the most recent approved copy of the Sport Technical Package for updated age categories for the eligible sports.

3.3. Residency

All permanent and non-residents are forbidden to try out and or compete for more than one team and therefore must submit a Residency Declaration Form (*Appendix B*) identifying the P/T/S that he/she will be trying out and competing for. The Chef de Mission is responsible for ensuring this form is available if requested and should be attached to the registration form if personal identification shows permanent residency in another P/T/S. All P/T/S affected will be required to receive copies of the applicable Residency Declaration Forms.

3.3.1. Student Residency

Individuals attending educational institutions on a full time basis outside their P/T/S of permanent residence during the calendar school year prior to the Games, shall be permitted to compete for either P/T/S of their schooling or permanent residency.

Full-time students are forbidden to try-out for both contingents and therefore must submit a Residency Declaration Form (*Appendix B*) identifying the P/T/S that he/she will try-out for.

3.4. Amateur Status

All athletes participating in the NAIG must be 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.

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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

Please check the most recent approved copy of the Sport Technical Package for age categories. Athletes may move up one age category above their own providing that an athlete or team is not already identified in that category.

4. Coaching Eligibility

The NAIG are an important vehicle for the promotion and advancement of Aboriginal 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.

Canada

Head Coaches – Fully certified under the National Coaching Certificate Program to the equivalent in the new NCCP Competition Stream, Development Context (Trained Status) and having trained status with the Aboriginal Coaching Manual (ACM). Provincial and Territorial teams may impose higher coaching certification standards for their respective team.

Assistant Coaches - Aboriginal Coaching Manual (ACM) training.

Chef de Missions shall contact their P/T Coaches Association and request documentation that confirms their coaches' certification status. Teams may request exemptions for their coaches who do not meet the minimum coaching certification standards by completing the Coaching Exemption Form (*Appendix D*) and submitting to the Host Society. The Host Society will report exemption forms to the NAIG Council Sport & Technical Committee for approval.

(For the 2017 NAIG, the standards will be increased to full certification at Level 2 NCCP for all Head Coaches and full Level 1 NCCP for Assistant Coaches. All coaches will be required to have Aboriginal Coaching Manual (ACM) training)

United States of America

TBD by the Indigenous Peoples Sport Circle

5. Criminal Record Check / Background Check

All adults over of the age of 19 years as of the beginning of the games (Opening Ceremonies) will need to complete a Criminal Records Check (CRC) or Background Check and provide a copy

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to their contingents Chef de Mission. This includes athletes, coaches, chaperones, mission staff, assistant Chef de Missions and Chef de Missions.

Not completing this check will result in the participant being ineligible to participate in the NAIG. The Host Society will deny access to all venues as a team member.

The cost associated with obtaining a CRC or Background check will be left with the participant unless otherwise organized through their contingents.

Appendix G must be handed in as a condition of accreditation, prior to receiving any of the accreditation badges. Appendix G needs to be filled out by the Chef de Mission for each contingent.

6. Chefs de Mission

All contingents participating in the NAIG must appoint an individual to serve as the Chef de Mission. This Chef de Mission must be mandated by the Region and approved by the NAIG Council representative of that specific region. As the Chef de Mission, he/she will represent the interest of their respective P/T/S at all Chefs de Mission meetings. It is the responsibility of the Chef de Mission to ensure that all NAIG and Host Society information is distributed to their contingent, staff and the Indigenous communities of their region. Conversely, the Chef de Mission is responsible for the collection of registration forms and fees for submission to the Host Society at the established registration deadlines.

6.1. Chefs de Mission Centre

The Chef de 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.

6.2. Chefs de Mission Meetings

It is the responsibility of the Host Society, in their organizational efforts, to host a series of Chefs de Mission meetings prior to and during the NAIG. These meetings are held for the following purpose:

6.2.1. Pre-Games Organizational Meetings

Three Chefs de Mission meetings are to be held during the period leading up to the Games, known as M1, M2 and M3. This forum provides the Host Society with the opportunity to present games specific information to the participating contingent. It allows the Host Society to answer questions and consider input to their plans.

- i. Attendance at M2 and M3 are mandatory for the Chef de Mission or representative;

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- ii. 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;
- iii. 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;
- iv. All team Chef de Missions and staff will cover their own costs of hotel and travel to and from location of the meetings;
- v. The timing of the meetings shall be as follows:
 - a. M1: 16-18 months prior to the games
 - b. M2: 7-8 months prior to the games
 - c. M3: 2 months prior to the games

6.2.2. Monthly Conference Calls

The Host Society will host monthly conference calls beginning 1 year prior to the games for the Chefs again to clarify and inquire about any information they need to better prepare their contingent.

6.2.3. Daily Games Meetings

The Host Society will conduct morning Chefs de Mission meetings to deal with matters such as transportation, accommodation and sport specific issues (athlete eligibility and disciplinary problems), as well to allow for the distribution of new information such as the previous days' results and any updated schedules.

7. Registration

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

7.1. Registration Deadlines:

January 17, 2014 (more than 6 months) – 50% of registration fee is required and postmarked by January 17, 2014. Data to be provided to the Host Society will include confirmation of overall team size and participation by sport and age categories by sport.

April 11, 2014 (more than 3 months) – Remaining 50% registration fee is required and postmarked by April 11, 2014. All registration forms for all possible participants including alternates (all data of possible participant must be on these forms and registered with the Regina 2014 NAIG Host Society to be eligible to compete in 2014 NAIG) must be registered

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into the Regina 2014 NAIG Host Society's data base.

June 13, 2014 (1 month) – Final rosters must be confirmed from the names provided in the April 11, 2014 deadline. Withdrawal of all inactive participants not competing in the 2014 NAIG will be the responsibility of the Chef de Mission and the process will be outlined during Chefs meeting. This is a period where injured athletes may be replaced by alternates already in the system from the April 11, 2014 deadline.

7.2. Registration Fees

The amount of the registration fee is to be 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.

7.3. Deadline Enforcement

All Registration Forms and Fees must be submitted to the Host Society by the established deadline dates. Deadlines are to be strictly enforced by the Host Society without intervention from Chef de Mission or the NAIG Council. Should any team miss the established deadlines, they will be deemed ineligible. All fees paid up to that time are considered non-refundable. A report outlining both the teams who met the deadlines and those who did not must be presented to the Chef de Missions and the NAIG Council.

8. Sport Technical Package

The Technical Package is a critical part of the NAIG and offers comprehensive assistance to the Host Society and the Chef de Missions. Key components include:

- Age and event eligibility definitions
- Age eligibility verification and sport technical information for team selections
- Tournament formats and scoring procedures
- Established maximum number of participants

Every NAIG coach, manager and Mission Staff member has an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. If there is anything in the Technical Package that is unclear or that is not understood, 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 and other advisors to ensure the most recent international rules for each sport are up to date.

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

9. Sport Program

The following fifteen (15) sports have been identified as Core Sports to the NAIG. The maximum number of sports included in NAIG will remain at fifteen (15).

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 to contingents, the registration/participation levels of the sport including gender and age category breakdown.

Lacrosse, Archery and Canoeing 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.

Individual Sports	Team Sports
3D Archery	Baseball
Athletics	Basketball
Badminton	Lacrosse
Boxing	Soccer
Canoe ¹	Softball
Golf	Volleyball
Rifle Shooting	
Swimming	
Wrestling	

1: The NAIG Council is reviewing a proposal to include a singles kayak event into the 2014 NAIG. It has yet to be approved and to be finalized in November 2012.

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

9.1. Standards

Currently, the NAIG operates without minimum competitive standards, except for combative sports, for entry into the sporting events. (At present, the 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.

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Lacrosse, Archery and canoeing as competitive sports traditional to Indigenous peoples are exempt from elimination/replacement.

9.3. Introduction of a new Core Sport

A new sport can only be introduced into the NAIG as a Trial Sport as approved by the NAIG Council. In order for a trial sport to become a core sport the NAIG Council must remove an existing core sport and replace it with a trial sport.

9.4. 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 their review, revision, 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.

9.5. Demonstration Sports

Demonstration Sports are offered in recognition/appreciation of Traditional Games of the various Indigenous peoples of North America. 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 must be different than the NAIG medals. Demonstration Sports are profiled in an exhibition capacity held in conjunction with the NAIG Cultural Festival. Any P/T/S that wishes to promote a demonstration sport can do so through a separate application to the Host Society.

9.6. Sport Competition Format

Individual sport competition formats are listed specifically by sport in the Sport Technical package. There is a minimum requirement of three (3) competitors in all individual sports.

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.

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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 finishers of every event being offered for the fifteen (15) core sports at the games in each age category and gender division. Athletes will be the only recipients of the medals.

11.2. Overall Contingent Title

An Award, as determined by the Host Society, will be given to the P/T/S that is declared the winner of the overall NAIG Title as identified through the final Team Standings. Team Standings are determined by the aggregated results of all sporting events.

11.2.1. Overall Formula – To be determined at a later date

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.

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 highest combined team scores, combining scores from each age category, in the male competition only.

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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.

12. Formal Protest Procedures

Any contingent wanting to lodge a protest will need to first fill out the Protest and Appeal Application (*Appendix F*). Any sport and technical protests must be submitted to the Host Society Sport Committee Chair or designate within sixty (60) minutes after the protested sports competition has ended. All other protest may be submitted to the Chair of the Host Society at any given time throughout the NAIG.

All protest applications must be accompanied by a \$250 – cash 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 Coach 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 fee (currency of the Host Society) which is only refunded if the appeal is won.

12.2. Eligibility Protests

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.

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The decision rendered by the Chefs on ancestry 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 drug and alcohol within the NAIG. The NAIG Council is also opposed to the use by athletes, coaches and officials of 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 or alcohol are normally dealt with on an individual team basis through their own disciplinary procedures resulting 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.

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.

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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.

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.

15. Commercial Marking Rules

This policy provides rules specific to the use of commercial and non-commercial identification permissible on the Contingent Walk-out (Ceremonial) uniforms, Warm-up apparel, and competition attire.

The NAIG Council logo is required to be placed on Contingent Walk-out (Ceremonial) uniforms, Contingent Sport Bags and Warm-up apparel. This logo shall be no smaller than 6cm² (2.5") per garment.

For the purposes of this policy, all participants, regardless of sport, are considered members of a P/T/S contingent, also come under these rules.

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15.1. Markings on contingent clothing & bags

P/T/S contingents will be allowed to place non-commercial marks on competitive or ceremonial uniforms, in addition to corporate and/or manufacturer marks as outlined below. Non-commercial marks may take the form of the name of the contingent complete with their logo. Additionally, Aboriginal community sponsors will be considered non-commercial and will be allowed. The P/T/S Chef de Mission or their designate will monitor the size and positioning of these non-commercial marks.

15.1.1. Contingent Walk-out (Ceremonial) Uniforms

A P/T/S contingent will be allowed to present corporate sponsors on the walk-out uniform 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.

The combined total of the corporate name or trademark logo's shall not exceed 15cm² (6") per garment.

15.1.2. Team Competition Uniforms

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

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

Under no circumstances are corporate sponsor marks allowed on competition uniforms that are used in the Field of Play as defined for the Games' Host Societies.

15.1.3. Team Warm-Up Apparel

A P/T/S contingent will be allowed to present corporate 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.

The combined total of the corporate name or trademark logo's shall not exceed 15cm² (6") per garment.

15.1.4. Contingent Sport Bags

A P/T/S contingent will be allowed to present corporate sponsors on the contingent sport bags in addition to the logo, emblem or name of the bag manufacturer.

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

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The total size of all corporate sponsor logos may not exceed 15 cm² (6") on each bag.

15.1.5. 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.

15.2. Sponsor Restrictions

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

15.3. 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 Commercialization policy 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 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.

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.

18. Insurance

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All P/T/S 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. This proof must be submitted at the first Chef De Mission's meeting at the start of the games.

19. Doping Policy

The NAIG is a drug and alcohol free event.

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). 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.

20. Racism and Harassment 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 form of racial (Indigenous and non Indigenous alike), cultural, sexual, religious, disability discrimination or harassment from participants. For this reason, each Games will be designated a "Racism/Harassment Free Zone."

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Any protest lodged relating to these issues must follow procedures listed out in section 12: Disciplinary Procedures.

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Appendix A: Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form

All competitors of Indigenous Ancestry who do not have a Tribal Identification, Status, Treaty or Métis Card 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 competitors registration form.

I, _____ (Athlete's Name) hereby declare that I am of Indigenous Ancestry and therefore eligible to compete in the 2014 North American Indigenous Games.

My Indigenous Ancestry can be traced back to:

A recognized Indigenous Organization must endorse this declaration.

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

Indigenous Organization/Community Name: _____

Address: _____

Signing Authority (Print Name & Title)

Signature Date

Chef de Mission Name (Print) 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 B: Residency Declaration Form

As a participant living outside my Province/Territory/State of origin, I _____
(Athlete's Name) am an eligible athlete for the 2014 North American Indigenous Games have
chosen to try out/compete for Team _____(Contingent's Name).

I understand that with this declaration, I am no longer eligible to try out/compete for any other
Province/Territory/State contingent that will be attending the 2014 North American Indigenous
Games.

_____ Athlete's Name (Print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Coach's Name (Print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Chef de Mission's Name (Print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date

The Chef de Mission must ensure that a completed copy of this form is submitted to the Host Society and the sent to the Chef de Mission of the other affected Province/Territory/States as soon as the athlete registers.

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Appendix C: Age Category Exemption Form

As an athlete who is eligible to compete at the 2014 North American Indigenous Games for Team _____ (Contingent Name).

I, _____ (Athlete's Name), _____ (Sport) am 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

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

With the approval of:

_____ Coaches Name (print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Chef de Mission's Name (print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Athlete's 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 D: Coaching Exemption Form

As coach who is eligible to compete at the 2014 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 or CBET number)

Please explain rationale for exemption:

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: 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 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 (16)
- 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.

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

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Appendix F: Protest and Appeal Application

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

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

Contingent Name

Print Name and Position

Please explain the exact situation which you are protesting:

Please use other side or attach additional pages if required.

Date: _____ Time of incident: _____

Explain your disagreement:

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 G: Criminal Record Check Form

The following is a list of all adult team staff (19 years of age and over) and their role(s), including athletes, coaches, managers, chaperones and mission. As a requirement of the North American Indigenous Games, all of our adult staff has undergone a Criminal Record Check, or equivalent security background check, within the last 12 months.

NAME	POSITION / ROLE
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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 12 months and verify that the above listed staff have been cleared to perform their duties in the identified capacity.

Chefs de Mission Name (print)

Signature

Date

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Appendix H: Acceptance of Governing Rules

I, _____ (Chefs name), for Team _____, have received and am willing to abide by the following Governing Rules dated May 24-26, 2012.

I understand that with this declaration, my contingent is now governed by these rules and must abide by them to participate in the 2014 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 the M2 Chef de Mission meeting.