



## About the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) are a multi-sport, multi-disciplinary event for Indigenous youth, between the ages of 13 and 19, from across North America (Turtle Island). The Games offer 14 contemporary sport competitions in addition to a vibrant cultural program, showcasing local and North American Indigenous cultural groups and artists. NAIG 2020 will be hosted in Halifax, Nova Scotia from July 12 – 19, 2020.

The NAIG was first held in 1990 in Edmonton, Alberta, and has been staged on nine other occasions since then, in various locations throughout Canada and the United States. Athletes competing in the NAIG must be born of North American Indigenous ancestry. All contingents participating in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) must represent the Indigenous Peoples of a Province/Territory in Canada, or a State/Region in the United States of America. Only athletes registered with a contingent are eligible to compete in the NAIG. The NAIG is governed by the NAIG Council, the International Governing Body for the NAIG exercising exclusive jurisdiction, either directly or through its affiliate members or committees, over all matters pertaining to the Games. For more information about the NAIG Council, visit [naigcouncil.com](http://naigcouncil.com).

## SPORT and AGE CATEGORIES for NAIG 2020

SPORT	AGE CATEGORIES	YEAR OF BIRTH
3-D Archery	16U M/F, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Athletics	14U M/F, 16U M/F, 19U M/F	2006 & later, 2004 & later, 2001 & later
Badminton	16U M/F, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Baseball	17U M	2003 & later
Basketball	14U M/F, 16U M/F, 19U M/F	2006 & later, 2004 & later, 2001 & later
Beach Volleyball	16U M/F, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Canoe/Kayak	14U M/F, 16U M/F, 19U M/F	2006 & later, 2004 & later, 2001 & later
Box Lacrosse	16U M, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Golf	17U M/F, 19U M/F	2003 & later, 2001 & later
Rifle Shooting	16U M/F, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Rugby 7's	19U M/F	2001 & later
Soccer	16U M/F, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Softball	16U M/F, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Swimming	14U M/F, 16U M/F, 19U M/F	2006 & later, 2004 & later, 2001 & later
Volleyball	16U M/F, 19U M/F	2004 & later, 2001 & later
Wrestling	19U M/F	2001 - 2005

## About Team 88

A legacy campaign of the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games, Team 88 was developed to raise awareness and increase access and opportunity for Indigenous youth and their communities to participate in sport, at all levels of play and competition. The number 88 is a reference to the 88<sup>th</sup> Call to Action within the 94 Calls to Action listed in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report – a process undertaken to redress the long-term effects of the residential school system.

Call to Action #88 specifically calls on all levels of government to take action to ensure the long-term development and growth of Indigenous athletes through the continued support for the **North American Indigenous Games**.

Team 88 recognizes the power of sport as an important pathway to reconciliation, creating a tangible opportunity for all Canadians to engage in the dialogue, support positive action and participate in creating new opportunities for Indigenous youth and their communities.

### Legacy campaign Team 88 actively promotes opportunities for...

- Public education and the celebration of Indigenous athletes at the national level.
- Reducing barriers to sport participation, increasing pursuit of excellence in sport, and building capacity for a more inclusive Canadian sport system.
- Inclusive sport policy and program development that is relevant, addresses racism and levels the playing field.
- Inclusion of Indigenous protocols in major games and international sporting events.

Reconciliation is the responsibility of each one of us. Support TRC Call to Action 88. We are all #Team88.

### About Indigenous Sport & Wellness Ontario (ISWO):

- ISWO is the designated Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body (P/TASB) for the province of Ontario, primarily funded through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.
- ISWO serves all Indigenous Peoples and communities across Ontario, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis, living on and off-reserve, in rural and urban settings, encompassing more than 350,000 Indigenous Peoples in the province.
- ISWO promotes and creates opportunities for participation in sport and cultural activities that promote wellness and positive lifestyles for Indigenous Peoples across Ontario.
- ISWO provides opportunities for physical literacy and competitive sport skill development and training by creating sport development pathways, designed specifically for Indigenous youth.
- The Standing Bear Youth Leadership Program was developed by ISWO in consultation with more than 550 Indigenous youth across Ontario, and is grounded in Indigenous knowledge and practices. The program is available to Indigenous youth in Ontario, between the ages of 14-24. For more information visit [iswo.ca](http://iswo.ca).



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- ISWO is recognized by the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) and the North American Indigenous Games Council, and is the designated sport body for the development, selection and management of Team Ontario, which participates in the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) and North American Indigenous Games (NAIG).



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