

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Canada 55+ Games

At the 2016 Canada 55+ Games in Brampton, ON, Team NWT took home a total of 24 medals – 11 Gold, 2 Silver and 11 Bronze. Athletes Joan Hirons and Chris Williams led the way with capturing 7 Gold medals in the swimming pool, along with Edna Woodward with 3 Bronze. Team NWT represented the Northwest Territories in true honour.

Territorial Sport Organization Success

Celena Hoeve, NWT Gymnastics, captured a Silver medal on beam at the 2016 Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships, while John Dzurka brought home Bronze from the International Practical Shooting Confederation of Canada (IPSC) Nationals. NWT Broomball's Yellowknife Coyotes team celebrated a Bronze medal from the 2016 World Broomball Championships Challenge Cup, and Basketball NWT sent both U15 and U19 men's teams to Nationals for the first time ever.

Six inducted into the NWT Sport Hall of Fame

Sport North welcomed six new members to the NWT Sport Hall of Fame. The 1983 Elks Corby Cup Northwest Territories – Yellowknife No. 314 team (Doug Bothamley, Klaus Schoenne, Don Sian and Randy Wadell), Lynn Fowler and Sarah Daitch were all honoured at a special ceremony at the Yellowknife Elks in November.

As well, Aklavik recognized the NWT members of the 1969 Olympic Cross-country Ski Team (Sharon Firth, Shirley Firth, Harold Cook, David Cook, Roger Allen and Anita Pettersen) on their Wall of Fame. The Federation is proud of this team of skiers who were involved in the T.E.S.T. program out of Inuvik. The group started a strong skiing history in the Northwest Territories.



Sport North Awards Winners

Sport North held its annual Awards banquet this past November at the Explorer Hotel. This year's Awards winners were:

Youth Female Athlete of the Year

Madison Penney

Youth Male Athlete of the Year

Gabriel Leclerc

Junior Female Athlete of the Year

Aodhan Mooney

Senior Female Athlete of the Year

Kerry Galusha

Team of the Year

Aurora Fraser and Tamara Jovic
Table Tennis Doubles

Coach of the Year

Aaron Wells

Official of the Year

Colleen and Robin Greig

Contributor to Sport

Thorsten Gohl

Community Contributor

Annie Esteban

Corporate Contributor

Rowe's Construction



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



As Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), I extend my thanks to the Sport North Federation and the Territorial Sport Organizations for your efforts to support northerners as they lead active and healthy lives.

It is especially important to thank the many volunteers who selflessly contribute their time, talent and energy to the recreation and sport system. The efforts and sacrifices you make are so important to the well-being of our youth, the growth of the sport system and our collective efforts to build healthier communities in the Northwest Territories.

I wish to offer my congratulations to all those involved during the 2017 Canada Summer Games that took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

These games were very successful and provided tremendous opportunities for our youth to experience the excitement of a major multi-sport event, while making friends with other youth from across our great country.

Looking forward, planning and preparations are underway for the upcoming 2018 Arctic Winter Games, which will take place March 18 to 24, 2018, in the South Slave Region of the NWT.

During the past year, the Sport North Federation continued its efforts to lead a variety of equally important initiatives: KidSport, a charitable foundation, provided disadvantaged youth the chance to participate in sports; the National Coaching Certification Program offered quality training to aspiring coaches; and your awards program, which honours the very best athletes, coaches, officials and leaders from our territory. These initiatives are important elements of sport programming in the NWT, which helps to achieve our goal of improving the daily lives of people in our communities.

Please accept my best wishes to Sport North, the Territorial Sport Organizations and your many volunteers on your continued success. I am encouraged that you are continuing to look for ways to broaden programs so that even more people can participate in the future.

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Caroline Cochrane
Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Every year I look back at what great accomplishments we've had in sport. This past year, with the Sport North Awards, NWT Sport Hall of Fame, school sport initiatives, Western Canada Summer Games, and Arctic Winter Games, I am more than ever proud to be a part of this organization.

Over the past year, Sport North has taken a series of steps to position the organization to achieve greater impact to the territory and, with our strategic plan, we have been guided by the developed objectives and clear strategies to achieve our goals.

The "goals" have been designed to ensure Sport North's continued and enhance prominence

in the North, building on our extraordinary history and seeing the values and mission shape the sport sector, providing new and exciting opportunities for Sport North and our members.

We would like to thank everyone who has played a part in achieving our success – the hundreds of volunteers, the athletes who represent our territory with passion and pride, sponsors, fans and participants young and old.

We especially would like to thank our many partners, sporting and other, for their continued commitment to enriching the lives of NWT residents through sport and recreation. This includes our sponsors, NWT/NU Lotteries, Coast Fraser Towers, Days Inn Yellowknife, Kavanaugh, First Air, Northwestel and Top of the World Travel Agency.

There are many new and challenging opportunities that lie ahead for the next year. We hope to take these head on and continue to work with our members and partners to provide the best we can for the sport sector.

Thank you to all our members, athletes, coaches, officials, administration and certainly volunteers. We have another great year coming up and we need all of you to make it that much more special.

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Maureen Miller
President

ABOUT SPORT NORTH

The Sport North Federation was incorporated in October 1976 to assist in the promotion and development of amateur sport in the Northwest Territories.

Mission

Sport North represents the Territorial Sport Organizations of the Northwest Territories. We are dedicated to the development of sport at every level of participation in the Northwest Territories.

Vision

Sport North Federation will be the recognized leader in sport development and will ensure that opportunities in sport, based on fair play, are accessible to all residents of the NWT.

Values

At Sport North, we value:

Integrity: Applying our policies and procedures in a consistent, fair and transparent manner.

Responsibility: Meeting our obligations to our members and partners.

Fairness: Free from bias, dishonesty, or injustice.

Honesty: The quality of being truthful and trustworthy.

Respect: Reflecting the values which we seek to instill in our children and youth.

Excellence: Demonstrating high standards in all areas of our organization.

Responsibility: Something for which one is responsible; a duty, obligation, or burden.

Sport North is a voice for sports across the Northwest Territories, promoting the benefits of sport, recreation, healthy and active lifestyles for all residents. Sport North provides leadership, direction and support to our member Territorial Sport Organizations in their delivery of sport opportunities to the residents of the Northwest Territories.

Board of Directors

The Sport North Federation is governed by a Board whose members and president are appointed by the Federation's members, the Territorial Sport Organizations. The Board is responsible for setting Sport North's strategic direction and providing governance and leadership for the Federation.

The following members sit on the 2016-2017 Board of Directors:

- Maureen Miller, President (Yellowknife)
- Stacie Bengts (Yellowknife)
- David Poitras (Fort Smith)
- Les Skinner (Inuvik)
- Tim VanOverliw (Yellowknife)
- James Wong (Yellowknife)

Sport North Staff

Our team at Sport North is led by:

- Doug Rentmeister, Executive Director
- Bill Othmer, Sport Manager
- Rita Mercredi, Sport Consultant
- Scott Letkeman, Marketing and Communications Director

At Sport North we also house Spider Jones, Executive Director for NWT Gymnastics, Hockey NWT and NWT Kayaking.

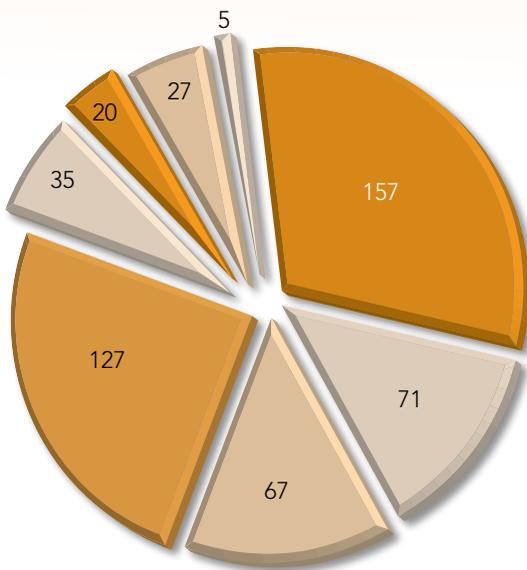
WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

Total Members – 19,248

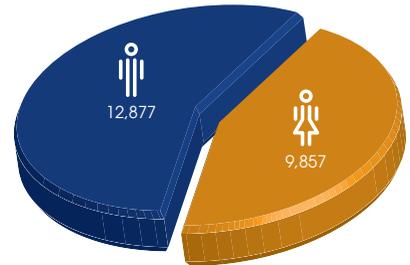


Total Number of Events – 508

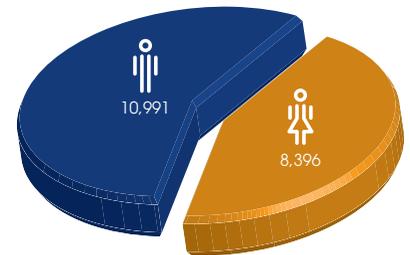
- 157 Player Development Clinics
- 66 Coaching Development Clinics
- 71 Officials Development Clinics
- 127 TSO Competitions
- 35 Territorial Championships
- 20 Western Canadian Championships
- 27 National Championships
- 5 International Championships



Gender Breakdowns



Membership



Athletics



PARTICIPATION

With increased collaboration, partnerships and resources within the sport system, Sport North has helped to create a system that is inclusive for sport in the Northwest Territories. Sport North manages several programs that identify and address barriers to ensure all have an opportunity to participate.

Funding opportunities include KidSport and Rising Star. Each of these programs helps to fill gaps or offset costs. Also, the Federation offers coaching clinics and a partnership with the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) University. All opportunities have helped to encourage individuals to get involved in sport as an athlete, ambassador, administrator, coach or volunteer.

KidSport grants provide financial assistance for registration fees and equipment to kids aged 18 and under. Through a confidential application process, KidSport provides grants so kids can play a season of sport. In 2016, almost 1,000 NWT kids received support totalling over \$40,000.

ParticipACTION Teen Challenge is a national program that inspires and supports teens aged 13 to 19 to move more. This innovative program is aimed at getting teens moving by providing funding to organizations for things such as coaching, equipment or access to facilities. Grants of up to \$500 are available. ParticipACTION provided \$5,650 in grants to 13 organizations; however, unfortunately, is no longer offered as a program in the North.

Sport North and our members offered 66 coaching development clinics, from entry level to high performance level coaching clinics. These clinics ranged from sport specific programs to general courses offered by the National Coaching Certification Program. Partnering with the Coaching Association of Canada, Sport North promoted and offered free coaching events all week long, during the National Coaches Week.

The Federation was able to offer entry level coaching courses as well as some Competition Development courses.

Through the Coaching program we saw two coaches begin their journey into coaching through apprenticeship, the Women in Coaching Apprenticeship and Aboriginal Apprenticeship Coach Program. This program is partnered with the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canada Games Council. The program enables aspiring women and Aboriginal high performance coaches to obtain the necessary experience and training to advance their coaching education and skills. These coaches will be involved in all aspects of training and will receive support from a local mentor coach.

This year, Sport North released the “You Can Play” video in November. The video promotes the idea that anyone can play. The You Can Play initiative works to ensure the safety and inclusion of all in sports, including LGBTQ athletes, coaches, officials and fans. The video shows that all athletes should be given a fair opportunity to compete, judged only by what they contribute to their sports, or their team’s success. The video was introduced across the Northwest Territories, viewed at the 2016 Sport Leadership Conference and at the 2017 Sport for Life Canadian Summit – all with positive and supportive reviews. A second video was also produced by Ollie Williams and Thorsten Gohl, featuring Team NWT athletes promoting the message and speaking candidly about inclusion as well as some of their own personal experiences at the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg. Athletes and Mission staff were encouraged to promote the video by taking pictures with athletes from other teams and posting on social media with the hashtag #YouCanPlay. We are proud of this initiative and stand by our athletes, coaches and volunteers.

EXCELLENCE

The Federation assists athletes, teams, coaches and officials to achieve excellence through Excel NT, Rising Star, Elite Athlete Assistance, player development clinics, coaching development clinics and officials' clinics.

Excel NT is a high performance sport program that funds NWT athletes and coaches for the Canada Games. The primary focus of the Excel NT program is preparing athletes for the Canada Games. This year, summer sports entered their fourth year and winter sports their second year in the Canada Games cycle. The program funded \$149,200 to 18 sports.

The Rising Star follows the CS4L train-to-train model. It is a program that provides funding to athletes (females 11 to 15 and males 12 to 16) who exhibit potential in their sport of choice and wish to receive additional training through a camp format. This past year, 36 individuals were funded, giving out \$24,136 for sport camps.

Sport North partners with the GNWT Municipality and Community Affairs (MACA) to offer the High

Performance Athlete Grant. This grant provides funding for high performance athletes from the Northwest Territories to assist with the costs associated with training and competing in their chosen sport. The funding level for each recipient is based on athletic achievement and recognition at the national or international level. The Sport North Federation and MACA jointly approve all recipients. This past year, 31 athletes were funded for the grant.

While supporting our members' and athletes' endeavours, Sport North annually recognizes and celebrates the achievements of NWT's amateur athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and sponsors through the Annual Awards Banquet and NWT Sport Hall of Fame. Ten individuals, one team and one sponsor was recognized at the 2017 Awards Banquet held in November, 2017, and an athlete, builder and a team were inducted into the 2016 NWT Sport Hall of Fame – inducting six individuals.



CAPACITY

Sport North is committed to ensuring the sport system has strong financial and human resources, from grassroots through to high performance participation, by continually looking to secure long-term funding with the GNWT as well as discovering ways to partner with organizations within the sport sector.

Partnered with the Aboriginal Sport Circle of NWT, the Petersen and Auger 65th Annual Golf Tournament in support of KidSport NWT was held on July 7, 2017. With 20 teams entered, this year's event was a success. The 18-hole tournament offers competition and fun with a number of auction prizes to be won, including a diamond, sponsored by Diavik Diamonds, and two hole in ones, sponsored by Petersen and Auger and Aurora Ford.

In May, our Sport for Life University attendee, Cynthia White, hosted the Sport for Life Mini-Summit in Fort Smith. The three-day event brought in 33 individuals representing 10 communities. The Summit provided opportunities to obtain certification in the Fundamental Movement Skills and High Five training. The Summit was a partnership with the Mackenzie Recreation Association.

With our partners, the Federation hosted the 2017 Annual Leadership Symposium in late February. Delegates ranged from individuals involved with health, physical activity, educators, public health, researchers, administrators, recreation leaders, physical education specialist, coaches, volunteers, athletes and professional staff in sport who came together to share best practices, strategies and learn new skills. The symposium focused on the 'Power of You', getting delegates to learn their own power, how to teach others to harness their power, and how to spread encouragement and motivation within their work/volunteer. Keynote speakers Michael 'Pinball' Clemons, Mark Tewksbury and Debbie Muir shared their experiences, knowledge and insights to help build our expertise and improve experiences for all.

With a long standing partnership with NWT/NU Lotteries, Top of the World Travel Agency, Coast Fraser Towers and Northwestel, Sport North consistently offers their membership the best opportunities for their sporting teams and upcoming events by developing cost-effective partnerships with the private sector. Sport North has continued to be able to align programs and events with corporate clients.



INTERACTION

Sport North strives to promote interaction and collaboration among key members of the NWT sport community by developing clear roles and responsibilities for the Federation and its partner organizations. With our partners, Sport North looks to share knowledge, maximize resources, and leverage opportunities and efficiencies at the community, territorial and national level to achieve sport sector objectives. The final product being a better connected and coordinated sector.

Sport North continues to represent the NWT sport community at the national level, with an ongoing membership with the Canadian Council of Provincial and Territorial Sport Federation and National Trust Fund. As well, the Federation ensures a spot with KidSport, Coaching Association of Canada, Canada Games Council, Western Canada Games Council and Canada Sport for Life.

For a cohesive vision of the role of sport in the NWT, Sport North actively communicates to and encourages communication among all sport organizations and advocates to ensure that the needs and interests of our Territorial Sport Organizations are clearly understood and effectively represented in national programs and initiatives. Through regular communication, Sport North's public relations has established stronger relationships with partners, stakeholders and

TSOs in support of working cooperatively toward common goals within the sport sector.

This past year, our TSOs represented the Northwest Territories at 24 Western Canadian Championships, 37 national competitions and 15 international competitions, growing NWT's representation at national and international competitions.

To enhance the communication with our members and the public, Sport North uses social media to promote events, results and success throughout the NWT. We have over 2,000 likes on both our Sport North and Team NWT Facebook pages, while there are over 700 Twitter followers, with both steadily growing every day. Along with our presence on social media, the Federation continues to provide success stories via our traditional avenues, like monthly E-newsletters and regular news releases. All these opportunities allow the Federation the opportunity to share our members inspiring stories and lessons learned.

Twice a year, the Federation hosts Sport North membership meetings that provide our members with an opportunity to share information and discuss essential issues. This year, Sport North introduced a video to capture all the highlights of our membership.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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To the Members of Sport North Federation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sport North Federation, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2017 and the consolidated statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sport North Federation as at March 31, 2017 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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Ashton Chartered Accountants
Hay River, Northwest Territories
July 7, 2017

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash (Note 3)	1,690,148	1,363,509
Accounts receivable	270,317	220,123
Due from related parties (Note 16)	420,823	345,357
Prepaid expenses	1,005	1,356
GST receivable (payable)	14,089	20,612
	2,396,382	1,950,957
Capital Assets (Note 5)	8,672	22,760
Investment in Lex Borealis Ltd. (Note 4)	855,566	833,476
	3,260,620	2,807,193
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable	171,302	54,446
Due to the Sport and Recreation Council (Note 7)	434,219	-
Wages payable	84,076	96,425
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	660,393	673,249
Due to related parties (Note 16)	52,391	34,584
	1,402,381	858,704
Accrued termination benefits (Note 13)	147,439	153,446
	1,549,820	1,012,150
NET ASSETS		
General fund	1,548,995	1,633,238
Restricted fund (Note 14)	139,098	139,098
Reserves fund (Note 15)	22,707	22,707
	1,710,800	1,795,043
	3,260,620	2,807,193

Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

For the year ended March 31, 2017

	Budget 2017 (Unaudited) \$	2017 \$	2016 \$
REVENUE			
SRC contribution	2,365,271	2,121,295	3,160,159
SRC surplus repayable	-	(434,615)	-
Lottery Operations (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	-	11,741	84,398
Legacy retailer grant	101,000	101,000	-
	2,466,271	1,799,421	3,244,557
Other Revenues			
Management fees	-	24,000	-
Government of Canada Grant	-	7,025	-
Pan Territorial Sport Strategy – TSO Contribution	-	137,498	162,498
Coaching registration fees	-	398	124
KidSport Donations, Fundraising and Interest	40,500	57,192	43,520
ParticipAction Contribution	27,500	16,595	12,844
MACA funding	-	203,248	212,000
Registration fees	795	15,586	195,600
Unrestricted revenues	11,300	14,018	113,140
Miscellaneous	-	6,155	32,621
	80,095	481,715	772,347
	2,546,366	2,281,136	4,016,904
EXPENSES			
Core (<i>Schedule 3</i>)	309,844	275,748	309,523
Member Development (<i>Schedule 4</i>)	1,816,757	958,679	967,143
Member Recognition (<i>Schedule 5</i>)	197,590	173,941	159,302
Coaching (<i>Schedule 6</i>)	288,585	188,832	55,826
Excel NT (<i>Schedule 7</i>)	196,341	191,939	195,541
Rising Star (<i>Schedule 8</i>)	64,692	46,166	52,484
KidSport (<i>Schedule 9</i>)	157,202	119,381	97,089
Golf Tournaments (<i>Schedule 10</i>)	-	12,312	14,388
ParticipAction (<i>Schedule 11</i>)	27,500	16,595	12,844
Non-recurring Programs (<i>Schedule 12</i>)	-	203,248	112,000
Unrestricted Operations (<i>Schedule 13</i>)	-	(22,090)	65,993
Summary of Games (<i>Schedule 14</i>)	-	200,627	1,803,153
	3,058,511	2,365,378	3,845,286
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(512,145)	(84,242)	171,618

SPORT NORTH MEMBERS

Aurora Horse Association

Badminton NT

Basketball NWT

NWT Biathlon Association

NWT Boardsport Association

NWT 5 Pin Bowling Association

NWT Broomball Association

NWT Curling Association

NWT Dog Sledding Association

NWT Federation of Shooting Sports

NWT Figure Skating Association

NWT Golf Association

NWT Gymnastics Association

Hockey NWT

NWT Judo Association

NWT Karate Association

NWT Kayaking Association

NWT Ski Division

NWT Soccer Association

NWT Softball Association

NWT Speed Skating Association

NWT Squash Association

NWT Swimming Association

Table Tennis North

NWT WTF Taekwondo

Tennis NWT

NWT Track and Field Association

NWT Traditional Sports
Organization

NWT Volleyball Association

NWT Wrestling Association

* 19,248 members from
33 communities

Affiliate Members

NWT School Athletic Federation

Special Olympics NWT



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