

**2007 Canada Winter Games
Traditional Games Showcase Competition
February 24 to March 11, 2007
Whitehorse, Yukon**

The Traditional Games (Inuit Games and Dene Games) Showcase Competition will showcase the uniqueness of Northern Traditional Sports and the culture in which the traditional athlete lives. Athletes from the three Territories (Yukon, NWT and Nunavut) will compete in a competition style format and will demonstrate traditional sports to spectators and athletes from the rest of Canada.

The traditional sports events will take place each week during the 2007 Canada Games with the first week hosting the Inuit Games competition and second week hosting the Dene Games competition. Officials from the three territories will be used along with a Master of Ceremonies that will energize the crowd and show other unique Games that are played by the northern athletes.

In the NWT, Donald Kuptana will be the Head Coach/ Manager of the Inuit Games Team and Yvonne Carpenter will be the Head Coach/ Manager of the Dene Games Team. They will prepare a team with advice and support from the Arctic Sports Association and Aboriginal Sports Circle of the Western Arctic.

To assist in the selection of the teams, FALL SELECTION CAMPS will be held September 29 to October 1, 2006 in the NWT. Inuit Games will be in Inuvik and the location of the Dene Games will be selected in August. The teams will attend the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon for one week of fun, friendly and exciting competition.

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1. CRITERIA

1. Athletes must be born between January 1, 1985 and February 23,1991.
2. Must be a resident of the NWT as of August 1, 2006.
3. Must apply by the registration deadline of August 15, 2006

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

Inuit Games Team

4 Male athletes
4 Female athletes
Head Coach
Female Coach

Dene Games Team:

4 Male athletes
4 Female athletes
Male Coach
Head Coach

3. RULES

The competition will be conducted under the Technical package rules as developed and approved by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee for most of the events. The Swing Kick and Demonstration Events will be adapted and inserted in a similar format.

4. EVENTS

Special Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented for the Inuit and Dene Games events.

(a) **INUIT GAMES EVENTS**

Male

One-Foot High Kick
Two-Foot High Kick
Alaskan High Kick
Kneel Jump
Swing Kick
One Hand Reach
Knuckle Hop
(All Around)

Female

One-Foot High Kick
Two-Foot High Kick
Alaskan High Kick
Kneel Jump
Swing Kick
Arm Pull
(All Around)

Demonstration Events

Triple Jump
Blanket Toss
Head Pull
Airplane
Toe Hang
Bench Reach

Male Athletes must enter a minimum of five events and Female Athletes must enter a minimum of four events (including demonstration events). All athletes are recommended to compete in as many as possible.

(b) DENE GAMES EVENTS:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Finger Pull	Finger Pull
Hand Games (Team)	Hand Games (Team)
Snow Snake	Snow Snake
Stick Pull	Stick Pull
Pole Push (Team)	Pole Push (Team)
(All-Around)	(All-Around)

All athletes are recommended to compete in as many as possible.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

- 5.1 Program will be communicated through the MACA RDOs to the communities. ASCWA will send it out to the BANDS.
- 5.2 Applicants must fill out the application form and send it no later than August 15, 2006. (Attached)
- 5.3 Applicants must indicate their personal interest in representing the Northwest Territories by attaching a **short biography** and how they have and will prepare themselves for the events.
- 5.4 Applicants will need to get two letters of reference supporting their desire to be on the team. One must be from a coach and the other from his/ her community (not a relative).

6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 Applications are to be submitted to the MACA Inuvik office by 5:00 PM on August 15, 2006 attention to Donald Kuptana (Inuit Games Head Coach) or Yvonne Carpenter (Dene Games Head Coach)
- 6.2 There will only be two male and female athletes invited to participate in the Fall Selection for each the Inuit and Dene Games Teams from each community. If there are more applications submitted by the deadline in a community, applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the Head Coach, MACA Recreation Development Officers (RDO), ASCWA or ASA and a community representative.
- 6.3 The Head Coach will invite selected athletes both verbally and in writing no later than September 8, 2006. A list of alternates will be prepared in case there is a vacancy on the teams.
- 6.4 An announcement identifying the athletes and coaches who are invited to the Fall Selection Camp will be sent to each MACA RDO so they can send it out to their respective communities. ASCWA will send it out to the BANDS.

6.5 The Fall Selection Camp will be tournament style with the outcome a list of ten athletes (including two alternates) and another coach to complete the team.

6.6 An announcement identifying the athletes and coaches who made the team will be sent to each MACA RDO so they can send it out to their respective communities. ASCWA will send it out to the BANDS.

7. TIMELINE

June

- Draft Information sent MACA, Arctic Sports Association and ASCWA
- Presentation to the BDSRA and MRA in Fort Simpson June 16, 2006
- Acceptance and approval of Traditional Program

July

- Promotion June 27, 2006 – August 15, 2006

August

- Receive application by August 15, 2006
- Review applications and hold selection committee meetings if necessary

September

- Invitations out to selected athletes and coaches by September 8
- Fall Selection Camp is September 29 to October 1, 2006
- Athletes will be provided with a training plan for their preparation at home for the CWG

November – December – January 2007

- Second and third Training Camp/ Competitions will be held with support from MACA, ASCWA, MRA and BDSRA and other supporters

February 2007

- Feb 24- March 2, 2007 – Arctic Sports
- March 3- 11, 2007 – Dene Games