



# ANNUAL REPORT

2014-2015

# OUR HIGHLIGHTS

## Podium Success

At the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George, BC, Team NWT won silver in the men's over 100 KG category in Judo. N'Dilo's Brent Betsina brought NWT its first medal since 2007.

## Seven Inducted into the NWT Sport Hall of Fame

Sport North welcomed seven new members to the NWT Sport Hall of Fame. The 1994 Team NWT Junior Men's Curling Team, Robin Clegg and Laurell Graf were all honoured at a special ceremony in November.

## New Strategic Plan for 2014-2019

With the next five years ahead, Sport North has restructured their Strategic Plan for 2014-2019. The plan includes four pillars: participation, excellence, capacity and interaction. It is through these pillars that Sport North will strive to be the recognized leader in sport development and will ensure that opportunities in sport are accessible to all residents of the Northwest Territories.

## 2014 Sport North Award Winners

Congratulations to all the 2014 Sport North award winners. The bar set for athletes, volunteers and sponsors continues to grow higher and higher each year. Congratulations to the following athletes, volunteers and sponsors:

### Youth Athlete of the Year

Darius Andre  
Madison McPhee

### Junior Athlete of the Year

Brent Betsina  
Rayna Vittrekwa

### Senior Athlete of the Year

Johnnie Bowden  
Alea Stockton

### Team of the Year

NWT Rebels Broomball

### Ruth Inch Memorial Contributor to Sport

Paul Gard

### Delma Kisoun Memorial Community Contributor

Roslyn Firth

### Dennis Crane Memorial Official of the Year

Glen Meehan

### Coach of the Year

Mario DesForges

### Corporate Contributor of the Year

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# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), I would like to thank the Sport North Federation and its Territorial Sport Organizations for your efforts to provide opportunities for northerners to lead active and healthy lives.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who contribute their time, talent and energy to the recreation and sport system. The work you do is 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 (NWT).

I extend my congratulations to all the athletes, coaches, managers and mission staff of the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George, British Columbia. These games were very successful and provided tremendous opportunity for youth to experience the excitement of a multi-sport event.

During the past year, the Sport North Federation has 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 helped to honour the very best athletes, coaches, officials and leaders from our territory. These initiatives are important elements of sport programming in the NWT. They also contribute greatly to our goal of improving the daily lives of people in our communities.



Looking forward, planning and preparations for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games, which take place August 7 to 16, 2015, in Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Alberta, have already begun. Planning for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland, and the 2016 Arctic X Games in Whitehorse, Yukon, is also underway. I would like to wish all the best to the athletes, coaches and officials who will represent Team NWT at these Games.

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert C. McLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert C. McLeod  
Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter the spring of 2015, the last events of the winter sports have wound down and the spring sports are beginning with great anticipation. Soon our award banquet will be upon us, and committed athletes and volunteers will be deservedly honoured. I continue to be most appreciative of the quality and commitment of our volunteers. Each and every one of our TSOs should be celebrated for the contribution they make. We in the Northwest Territories are blessed to have a cadre of volunteers who are so committed to provide opportunities in sport for people of all ages and localities. I am proud to be a part of this extraordinary community.

While our developing athletes maintain their engagement in and enjoyment of sport, our elite athletes continue to impress. None of these athletes would have attained their achievements without long-term support from their TSOs and families. In my view, our volunteer coaches, officials and sport administrators are second to none.

While the focus of the Federation is on sport, we recognize that other organizations are involved in recreation and related activities. Enhanced communication and collaboration has been a goal of the Federation. We have continued to meet, both formally and informally, with the territorial government and our partners in an attempt to enhance goodwill, trust and work towards attaining mutual goals. We recognize the contribution of our partner organizations, and will continue to play our part to work together with other stakeholders to foster a real spirit of inclusiveness and sector harmony. The staff and Board has begun the process of implementing our Strategic Plan, which has involved and received input from all our Territorial Sport Organizations.



Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors, staff, the Board of Directors and our TSOs for their ongoing efforts on behalf of people of all ages and needs. They are highly committed and I commend their spirit, industry and passion. It has been a privilege to have served this extraordinary sport community. Together we will work with continued determination to enhance the opportunities for participation and achievement in sport for people of all ages and locations through the NWT.

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Maureen Miller  
President, Sport North Federation

# 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.

## 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 2014-2015 Board of Directors:

- Maureen Miller, President (Yellowknife)
- Ryan Fequet, Vice-President (Yellowknife)
- Elaine Keenan-Bengts (Yellowknife)
- John Brennan (Yellowknife)
- Theresa Ross (Inuvik)
- Les Skinner (Inuvik)
- Tim VanOverliw (Yellowknife)
- James Wong (Yellowknife)

## Sport North Staff

Our team at Sport North is led by Executive Director Doug Rentmeister. We then have:

- Sport Manager – Bill Othmer
- Finance Manager – Joan Kuang
- Marketing and Communication Coordinator – Melanie Kornacki
- Sport Consultant – Rita Bertolini

At Sport North we also house three sport Executive Directors:

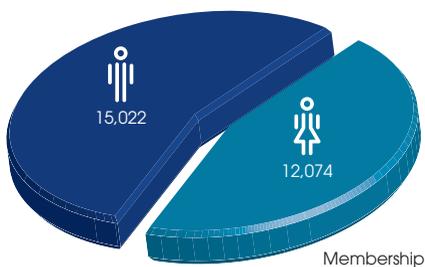
- Executive Director NWT Gymnastics, Hockey NWT and NWT Kayaking – Spider Jones
- Executive Director NWT Curling and Softball NWT – Kyle Kugler
- Executive Director NWT Boardsports, NWT Soccer and NWT Volleyball – Lyric Sandhals

# WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

Total Members - 27,006



## Gender Breakdowns



# 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.

Opportunities offered throughout the year have included a Concussion Café, KidSport and ParticipACTION grants, 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, etc.

The Concussion Café provided a learning and sharing event on concussion prevention and management. The clinic brought in experts in brain injuries and concussion, with community champions, including health professionals, coaches, recreation staff, teachers and parents who are positioned to

make a difference in our communities. The aim was to increase knowledge and skills in coaches, teachers, parents and youth to prevent concussions and head injuries as well as identify collaborative actions to increase awareness of ways to prevent concussions and head injuries.

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 2014, KidSport provided over \$52,000 to 1,250 kids.

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 \$6,050 in grants to 10 organizations.



**Madison McPhee**  
Youth Athlete of the Year



**Darius Andre**  
Youth Athlete of the Year

# PARTICIPATION

Sport North and our members offered 105 coaching development clinics, from entry level to high performance level coaching clinics. These clinics range from sport specific programs to general courses offered by the National Coaching Certification Program. Our membership hit 66,499 total volunteer hours over the year, with 1,572 volunteers throughout the NWT.

Our partnership with the CS4L University included two projects. The You Can Play project took shape to start filming a video to promote equality in sport, putting athletes who participate in sport all on an equal playing field, "If You Can Play, You Can Play". The second project included the promotion of Sport for Life in the Mackenzie region. Projected for early 2016, a Sport for Life conference will be held in the region.



**Rayna Vittrekwa**  
Junior Athlete of the Year



**Brent Betsina**  
Junior Athlete of the Year



**Alea Stockton**  
Senior Athlete of the Year



**Johnnie Bowden**  
Senior Athlete of the Year

# EXCELLENCE

The Federation assists athletes, teams, coaches and officials to achieve excellence through various programs offered through the Federation or the membership: Excel NT, Elite Athlete Assistance, Rising Star, player development clinics, coaching development clinics and officials' clinics.

Excel NT provides funding to athletes and teams to help with training and competition costs leading up to the Canada Games. This year Sport North funded \$203,080 to 18 sports for both Winter and Summer Games.

Sport North partners with the GNWT 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, 24 athletes were funded for the grant.

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, 40 individuals were funded, giving out \$42,554 for sport camps.

Our coaching development clinics are key to the preparation of our athletes attending competition at local, territorial, national or international levels. One hundred and five coaching development clinics were conducted this year across the NWT in a variety of sports.

The Sport North Annual Awards Banquet recognizes and celebrates the achievements of NWT's amateur athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and sponsors. Ten individuals, one team and one sponsor was recognized at the 2015 Awards Banquet held in May 2015.



**NWT Rebels Broomball**  
Team of the Year

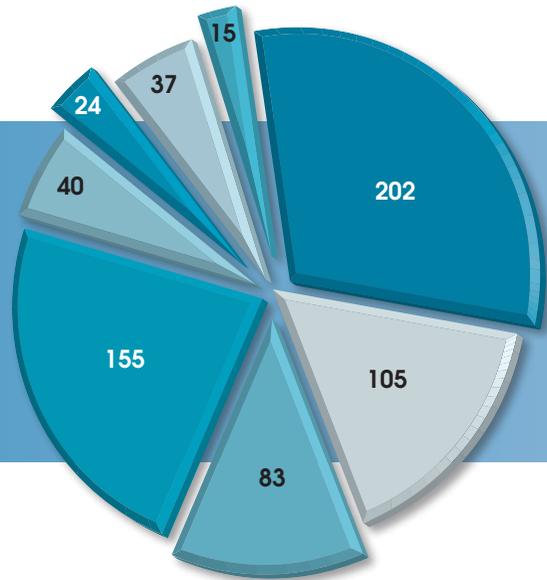
# CAPACITY

Sport requires various resources to keep the sector accessible and to continue to improve with offered clinics, programs, coaches, administrators and volunteers. With a continued dedicated membership,

we have been able to offer over 650 events to the NWT through development clinics (player, coaching and officials development), competitions and championships

## Total Number of Events – 661

- 202 Player Development Clinics
- 105 Coaching Development Clinics
- 83 Officials Development Clinics
- 155 TSO Competitions
- 40 Territorial Championships
- 24 Western Canadian Championships
- 37 National Championships
- 15 International Championships



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 the Aboriginal Sports Circle of the NWT and NWT Recreation and Parks Association.

Sport North and the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT partnered to deliver the Petersen and Auger 63rd Annual Golf Tournament in support of KidSport NWT. An 18-hole tournament offering fun and competition, with a number of auction prizes to be won, including a diamond, sponsored by Diavik Diamonds.

By developing cost-effective partnerships with the private sector, Sport North has continued to be able to align programs and events with corporate clients. Sport North has also resumed their partnership with Top

of the World Travel, Coast Fraser Towers and Northwestel. Sport North has continually stimulated a partnership and a greater integration between school sports, promoting the sport schools' initiative within the NWT as well as supporting school athletics in their pursuit of territory-wide tournaments.

To improve accessibility to sport for everyone in the NWT by improving the quality of their experience and increasing the number of athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers, Sport North partners with the Territorial Sport Organizations to offer development clinics for volunteers, coaches and administrators as well as athletes.

To enhance organization and technical capacity within the NWT sport community, Sport North continues to recognize and celebrate our sport volunteers, coaches and athletes through the Sport North Awards program and NWT Sport Hall of Fame.



**Glen Meehan**  
Dennis Crane Memorial  
Official of the Year



**Mario DesForges**  
Coach of the Year

# INTERACTION

Sport North strives to promote interaction 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.

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 NWT sport organizations are clearly understood and effectively represented in national programs and initiatives.

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

Sport North also continues to represent the NWT sport community at the national level, with continuing our membership and commitment to the Canadian Council of Provincial and Territorial Sport Federation and National Sport Trust Fund as well as representing NWT on national organizations like KidSport, Coaching Association of Canada, Canada Games Council, Western Canada Games Council and Canada Sport for Life.

To improve the communication with our members and the public, Sport North provides monthly E-newsletters, regular news releases and utilizes social media to convey events and success. The Sport North membership meetings, annual general meeting and sport forum provide our members an opportunity to share information and discuss essential issues. Sport North has heightened public relations for the Federation and its members and has established stronger relationships with partners, stakeholders and TSOs in support of working cooperatively toward common goals within the sport sector.

Housing three TSO support positions at the head office, Sport North also provides affordable business support services to our members, offers office space, multiple boardrooms, printing, website services, mail, reception, payroll and accounting services. Always allowing member organizations to meet their contemporaries and share best practices in an affordable professional office environment.



**Canadian Tire Store #453**  
Corporate Contributor of the Year

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of Sport North Federation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sport North Federation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015 and the 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 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 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the 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 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 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 financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sport North Federation as at March 31, 2015 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.



Ashton Chartered Accountants  
Hay River, Northwest Territories  
September 28, 2015

# Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash (Note 3)	1,645,128	1,343,346
Investments	250,642	254,234
Accounts receivable	116,599	553,501
Due from related parties (Note 15)	193,653	83,649
Due from government agencies	9,657	14,575
Prepaid expenses	93,390	14,954
Inventory	-	1,396
	<b>2,309,069</b>	2,265,655
<b>Capital Assets (Note 5)</b>	<b>33,401</b>	47,383
<b>Investment in Lex Borealis Ltd. (Note 4)</b>	<b>899,469</b>	920,741
	<b>3,241,939</b>	3,233,779
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable	177,475	180,760
Wages payable	101,799	84,154
Due to related parties (Note 15)	40,454	265,077
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	705,859	614,494
Contribution repayable	379,389	466,333
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 16)	62,130	103,574
	<b>1,467,106</b>	1,714,392
<b>Long term-debt (Note 16)</b>	-	62,332
<b>Accrued termination benefits (Note 13)</b>	<b>151,406</b>	184,884
	<b>1,618,512</b>	1,961,608
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
General fund	1,461,622	1,110,366
Restricted fund	139,098	139,098
Reserves (Note 14)	22,707	22,707
	<b>1,623,427</b>	1,272,171
	<b>3,241,939</b>	3,233,779

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	Budget 2015 (Unaudited) \$	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Contribution SRC	2,068,849	<b>2,004,046</b>	1,912,058
Lottery Operations (Schedule 2)	17,715	<b>8,880</b>	57,540
	2,086,564	<b>2,012,926</b>	1,969,598
<b>Other Revenues</b>			
Administration (Schedule 3)	151,850	<b>148,917</b>	166,299
Board & Committees (Schedule 4)	4,000	<b>3,333</b>	3,890
Coaching (Schedule 6)	4,000	<b>2,986</b>	1,653
KidSport (Schedule 7)	40,000	<b>46,754</b>	41,281
Programs (Schedule 8)	118,001	<b>154,419</b>	118,405
Golf Tournament 2014 (Schedule 9)	16,480	<b>16,480</b>	-
Games (Schedule 10)	276,673	<b>68,757</b>	1,379,581
	611,004	<b>441,646</b>	1,711,109
	2,697,568	<b>2,454,572</b>	3,680,707
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Games</b>			
Arctic Winter Games (Schedule 11)	7,998	<b>3,342</b>	1,202,630
Canada Summer Games 2013 (Schedule 12)	1,636	<b>1,636</b>	160,749
Canada Winter Games 2015 (Schedule 13)	216,600	<b>211,746</b>	1,884
Western Canada Summer Games 2015 (Schedule 14)	-	<b>7,276</b>	2,033
Canada 55+ Games (Schedule 15)	52,075	<b>49,799</b>	-
	278,309	<b>273,799</b>	1,367,296
<b>Other</b>			
Administration (Schedule 3)	274,681	<b>343,099</b>	210,717
Board & Committees (Schedule 4)	190,839	<b>102,230</b>	143,633
Financial Assistance (Schedule 5)	767,221	<b>487,779</b>	766,509
Coaching (Schedule 6)	213,656	<b>97,046</b>	82,156
KidSport (Schedule 7)	115,000	<b>137,756</b>	134,699
Programs (Schedule 8)	843,018	<b>652,152</b>	753,102
Golf Tournament 2014 (Schedule 9)	14,844	<b>9,453</b>	-
	2,697,568	<b>2,103,316</b>	3,458,112
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses for the year</b>	-	<b>351,256</b>	222,595

# 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

\* 24,117 members from  
33 communities

## **Affiliate Members**

NWT School Athletic Federation

Special Olympics NWT



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