



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018



# HIGHLIGHTS

## 2018 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

At the 2018 Arctic Winter Games, co-hosted by South Slave communities Hay River and Fort Smith, our fresh Team NT logo was launched. Team NT finished 5th in the ulu standings, with 20 Gold, 43 Silver and 39 Bronze, totaling 102 ulus! Our contingency was 352 strong, and included athletes, participants, coaches, chaperones and mission staff. We broke some records in Speed Skating, Arctic Sports and Dene Games, and had an incredible performance at the Cultural Gala in Fort Smith. Kudos to the other eight contingencies who fought hard and played fair. Hats off to the Host Society for a great set of Games! Looking forward to seeing everyone in Whitehorse in 2020!



## TERRITORIAL SPORT ORGANIZATION SUCCESS

- Wilson Elliott, NWT Judo, won silver at the Top 8 Invitational Judo Championship.
- Vivian Hansen (Yellowknife), Mike Doyle (Yellowknife) and Roger Vail (Fort Smith) received the 2018 Canada Soccer Award of Merit.
- 2018 Arctic Winter Games Futsal Results:
  - Intermediate Female Team: Bronze
  - Junior Female Team: Gold
  - Juvenile Female Team: Bronze
  - Juvenile Male Team: 4th
  - Junior Male Team: 5th
- Special Olympics NWT had a successful year, with nine athletes attending provincials in Alberta. Many of the athletes medaled and had personal best results.
- NWT Swimming sent 18 athletes, including two from Inuvik, to the 2017 Canada Summer Games, where many records were broken and personal bests were set.
- NWT Volleyball won the silver ulu at the 2018 AWG.
- The NWT Volleyball Spike It tournament was successful, with 1,030 participants.
- Four club Volleyball teams are heading to Volleyball Canada Nationals: 15U and 16U Men's Teams from Crush Volleyball Club and 15U and 17U Women's Teams from Potential Volleyball Club.
- Table Tennis North added four more schools to the Table Tennis school program, and two more new clubs in Yellowknife and Hay River.
- A successful Territorial Table Tennis School Championships was hosted at Weledeh School in Yellowknife, with a record breaking 135 competitors.
- Table Tennis had a great showing at the 2018 Arctic Winter Games. A total of eight regions from the circumpolar world participated in the Table Tennis event. Team NT had a very young team. Gracie Brennan made it to the Quarter Finals in the singles event.
- Tennis NWT partnered with nine elementary and middle schools and introduced "The Tennis for School Program".
- The Norman Wells Tennis Federation was established and they delivered their first season of programming to residents of Norman Wells.
- There were five newly certified Tennis Instructors – two in Norman Wells and three in Yellowknife.
- Both male and female Basketball teams came home with silver ulus from the 2018 AWG.
- Basketball NWT is proud to say that they have a female athlete playing at the University level, they have had a few play at the College level, but Hayley Tait will red shirt her first season with the University of New Brunswick.

## 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, I would like to thank the Sport North Federation for your efforts to provide opportunities for northerners to lead active and healthy lives.

I would especially 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.

My congratulations go to all those involved during the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the 2018 Arctic Winter Games that took place in the South Slave region of the NWT. Both events provided tremendous opportunities for northern youth to experience excitement of a multi-sport event. The NWT sport community provided outstanding support to the 2018 Arctic Winter Games Host Society, in particular, for a successful circumpolar multi-sport event.

Looking forward, planning and preparations have already begun for the upcoming 2019 Canada Winter Games, which take place February 15 to March 3, 2019 in Red Deer, Alberta, as well as the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games being hosted in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, August 9 to 18, 2019.

During the past year, the Sport North Federation continued to lead a variety of 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 their Awards program honoured the very best athletes, coaches, officials and leaders from our territory. These initiatives are important elements of sports programming in the NWT, which helps us achieve our goal of improving the daily lives of people in our communities.

Please accept my best wishes on the continued success of Sport North. I look forward to working together with you to promote healthy, active lifestyles throughout the North.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred Moses'.

Alfred Moses  
Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking back always allows for the time to really reflect on the great work done and the incredible success stories that have been written. This was my first year as President of the Sport North Federation and it flew by! We capped off an incredible year with the South Slave 2018 Arctic Winter Games, which meant two sets of Territorial Trials leading up to the Games. We moved our AGM to November last year, which meant our Awards Banquet was also pushed later in the year; however, we were still able to celebrate all the great successes. Additionally, we held another successful Golf Tournament in July, awarded nine scholarships and sent kids to their summer sports camp of choice through the Rising Star program.

In addition, our strategic plan has provided specific goals and clear strategies to accomplish each goal we set for ourselves. The four goals we have set for ourselves ensure Sport North has continued presence and prominence in each community in the Northwest Territories as well as on a national level with our southern counterparts.

Our mission and vision state that we are dedicated to the development of sport at every level, that we are a leader in sport development and to ensure opportunities in sport are accessible for all residents of the Northwest Territories. With that in mind, we had 695 athletes participate in our Territorial Trials for the 2018 Arctic Winter Games, nine scholarship recipients, and 56 applications for our Rising Star program, 20 of which were from the communities.

Furthermore, we're very proud of Team NT's showing at the South Slave 2018 Arctic Winter Games. Our contingency was 352 strong, and included athletes, participants, coaches, chaperones and mission staff. Team NT came home with 102 ulus and finished 5th in the medal standings. Several records were broken in Speed Skating, Arctic Sports and Dene Games, to name a few! We tip our hats off to the South Slave 2018 AWG Host Society for hosting a great week of sport. The week included galas, bonfires and dance parties. More than just ulus were taken home; friendships were made that



will last a lifetime, and there will always be a bond between all the athletes at the 2018 AWGs, no matter the language barrier.

Moreover, Sport North would like to thank the countless volunteers who donate time, resources and knowledge to our sporting community. Volunteers are the backbone of our community, whether they be coaches, team managers, organizers, mission staff, Games volunteers or anybody else helping to grow our youth and develop our communities. We would also like to thank our partners for their continued support and commitment to enriching the lives of NWT residents through sport and recreation. This is also extended to our sponsors, NWT/NU Lotteries, Days Inn and Suites Yellowknife, Kavanaugh, First Air, Northwestel and Top of the World Travel Agency.

We look forward to the 2018 Canada 55+ Games in Saint John this summer, the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games in Swift Current, and the beginning of Territorial Trials for the 2020 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse. We've got a big year ahead of us, and know we'll have more reason than ever before to be proud of Team NT and our contingency at each of the Games to come!

Thank you to all our members, athletes, coaches, officials, administration and certainly the volunteers for a great year! We will need each of you more than ever to make this upcoming year more special, memorable and outstanding!

Les Skinner, 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.

## SPORT NORTH STAFF

Our team at Sport North is led by:

- Doug Rentmeister, Executive Director
- Bill Othmer, Sport Manager
- Rita Mercredi, Sport Consultant
- Kendra Wambold, Marketing and Communications Officer/KidSport NWT Coordinator
- Maggie Works, Summer Student

## 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 2017-2018 Board of Directors:

- Les Skinner, President (Inuvik)
- Stacie Bengts (Yellowknife)
- Chantal Steitzer (Yellowknife)
- Robert Sholto Douglas (Fort Smith)
- Richard Daitch (Fort Smith)
- James Wong (Fort Smith)
- David Poitras (Fort Smith)
- Tim VanOverliw (Yellowknife)



# 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 2017, 129 NWT kids received support totalling over \$27,000.

Sport North and our members offer coaching development clinics, from entry level to high performance level. 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 NT 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.

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, 47 individuals were funded, totalling \$60,000 in grants 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, 27 athletes (13 female and 14 male) representing nine sports, 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. Nine individuals, one team and one sponsor were recognized at the 2017 Awards Banquet held in November, 2017, and two athletes and a builder were inducted into the 2017 NWT Sport Hall of Fame – inducting three individuals.



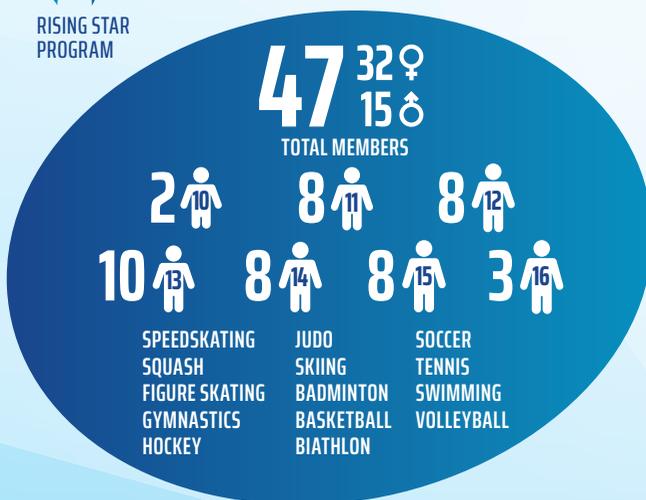
**MICHAEL GILDAY** | ATHLETE | SPEED SKATING



**ANTOINE MOUNTAIN** | ATHLETE | CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING



**PAT BOBINSKI** | BUILDER | BIATHLON



# 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 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.

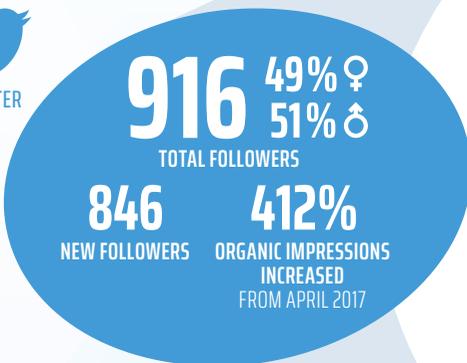
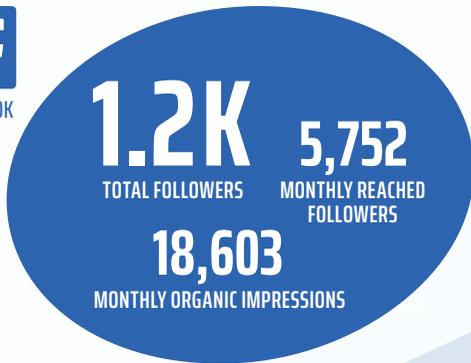
Twice a year, the Federation hosts Sport North membership meetings that provide our members with an opportunity to share information and discuss essential issues. This year, Sport North introduced a video to capture all the highlights of our membership.



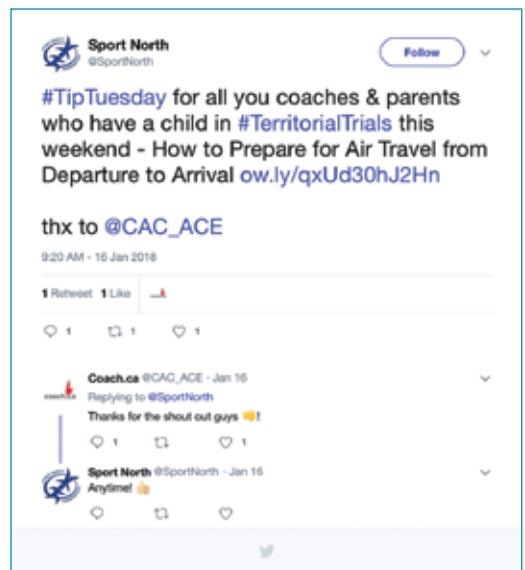
# SPORT NORTH SOCIAL MEDIA

To enhance the communication with our members and the public, Sport North uses social media to promote events, results and success throughout the NWT.

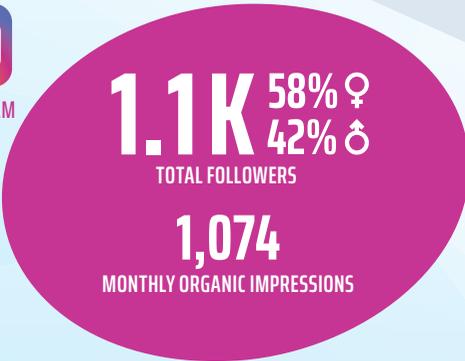
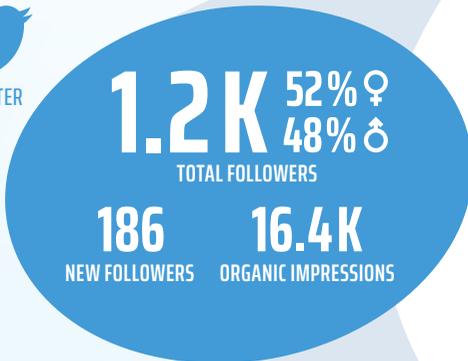
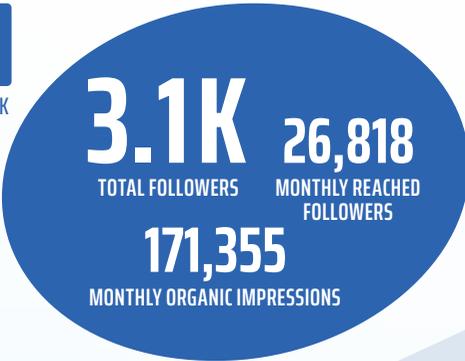
Along with our presence on social media, the Federation continues to provide success stories via traditional avenues. All these opportunities allow the Federation the opportunity to share our members inspiring stories and lessons learned.



## TOP POST OF 2017-2018



# TEAM NT SOCIAL MEDIA



## TOP POST OF 2017-2018



# PHOTO GALLERY



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (DRAFT)

MARCH 31, 2018, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MARCH 31, 2017

Unaudited draft prepared by management – for internal use only

	March 31, 2018 \$	March 31, 2017 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	942,528	1,690,148
Investments	-	-
Accounts receivable	32,430	270,317
Due from Sport and Recreation Council	920,730	-
Due from related entities	468,587	420,823
Due from government agencies	18,316	14,089
Prepaid expenses	12,459	1,005
	<b>2,395,049</b>	2,396,382
<b>Capital Assets</b>	<b>8,672</b>	8,672
<b>Investment in Lex Borealis Ltd.</b>	<b>855,566</b>	855,566
	<b>3,259,287</b>	3,260,620
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	89,339	171,302
Wages payable	89,147	84,076
Due to related entities	-	52,391
Deferred revenue	660,391	660,393
Due to Sport and Recreation Council	434,219	434,219
	<b>1,273,097</b>	1,402,381
<b>Accrued termination benefits</b>	<b>147,439</b>	147,439
	<b>1,420,536</b>	1,549,820
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
General fund	1,676,947	1,548,995
Restricted fund	139,098	139,098
Reserves fund	22,707	22,707
	<b>1,838,752</b>	1,710,800
	<b>3,259,287</b>	3,260,620

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES (DRAFT)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2018, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

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	Budget 2018 12 months \$	Actual 2018 12 months \$	2017 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Core	205,138	<b>209,503</b>	(140,287)
Association Meetings	37,900	<b>37,900</b>	73,154
Membership Services	125,191	<b>188,239</b>	356,327
SNF Scholarships	20,963	<b>21,963</b>	16,217
Awards	25,200	<b>25,200</b>	98,574
Hall of Fame	43,635	<b>43,635</b>	59,149
Volunteer	60,633	<b>60,633</b>	-
Sport 4 Life	22,644	<b>22,644</b>	739
KidSport	118,355	<b>114,253</b>	131,693
Rising Star	61,460	<b>61,460</b>	46,166
Coaching	69,177	<b>72,782</b>	188,832
Sport Excellence	19,993	<b>19,993</b>	-
HP Coaching	19,993	<b>19,993</b>	-
Games Management	153,736	<b>153,737</b>	-
Non Reoccurring Programs	-	-	1,071,717
Summary of Games	1,114,084	<b>1,068,392</b>	378,854
	2,098,102	<b>2,120,326</b>	2,281,135
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Core	239,563	<b>189,605</b>	270,020
Association Meetings	37,900	<b>36,573</b>	73,154
Membership Services	125,191	<b>143,131</b>	356,327
SNF Scholarships	20,963	<b>19,390</b>	16,217
Awards	25,200	<b>38,514</b>	98,574
Hall of Fame	43,635	<b>42,312</b>	59,149
Volunteer	60,633	<b>19,073</b>	-
Sport 4 Life	22,644	<b>8,591</b>	739
KidSport	118,355	<b>108,860</b>	131,693
Rising Star	61,460	<b>49,959</b>	46,166
Coaching	69,177	<b>74,251</b>	188,832
Sport Excellence	19,993	<b>19,993</b>	-
HP Coaching	19,993	<b>19,993</b>	-
Games Management	153,737	<b>153,737</b>	-
Non Reoccurring Programs	-	-	923,878
Summary of Games	1,114,084	<b>1,068,392</b>	200,628
	2,132,528	<b>1,992,375</b>	2,365,377
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	(34,426)	<b>127,952</b>	(84,242)

# SPORT NORTH MEMBERS

(19,248 MEMBERS FROM 33 COMMUNITIES)

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

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

NWT SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
FEDERATION

SPECIAL OLYM PICS NWT



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