



ANNUAL REPORT



2022-2023

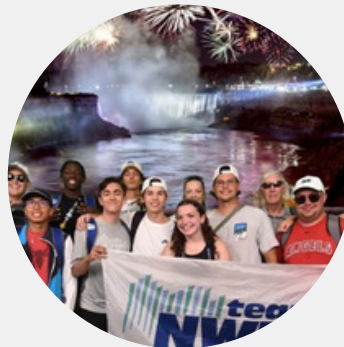
Executive Summary

Sport North was involved in four major games in 2022-2023: the Canada Summer Games, in the Niagara region, Ontario, Canada 55+ Games in Kamloops, B.C, Arctic Winter Games in Wood Buffalo, Alberta, and Canada Winter Games in Charlottetown, PEI. Our athletes, coaches, and volunteers represented the Northwest Territories with pride, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship.

Despite the challenges posed by Covid, we began to emerge from the restrictions during this year, which led to a surge in sport participation. We thank everyone for their perseverance during these difficult times.

Sport North started the year with the planning of our new strategic plan, which will guide us until 2028. We are looking forward to working with our membership to create an even stronger community for sports, and are excited to continue promoting sport in the Northwest Territories.

Thank you to the TSO's who continue to move sport forward!





President's Message

Greetings and best wishes for everyone! I am proud to be able to deliver the 2022 President's Address for the Sport North Annual Report. I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the many rich and diverse Indigenous and cultural groups that make up the fabric of the Northwest Territories and build the framework for the communities that we all live, work and play in. The ongoing contributions made by each group is valued, appreciated and essential. I also want to share thanks to the Sport North Federation's Territorial Sport Organization (TSO) membership for your support and continued dedication to your sports and the communities you build.

A return to normal. Something that for two and half years, we all asked and looked forward to. Gymnasiums, arenas, training areas and recreation facilities open. Athletes traveling, school teams competing and our first Major Games since 2019. All wonderful, and desperately needed returns for the overall health of our youth and communities. With this influx of events, tryouts, Games and more, comes with it a huge increase in effort, organization and demands on our sporting partners. In a 18 month span, we will have a Canada Summer, a Canada Winter, North American Indigenous and two Arctic Winter Games; not to mention countless Territorial championships, major tournaments, high school competitions and team tryouts. We must be aware and empathetic to the burden these events have on our staffs, coaches, officials, volunteers, and athletes, as well as their families. Burnout of these key contributors to the sports we all love is a real concern. Whether through workload, mental health, financial, academic or other capacity issues – this stretch in NWT sporting history will be our most challenging to deliver.

With that challenge in front of us, it is also a stretch that can be our most successful. There is positive energy and desires for engagement all over. The appetite for sport and active participation is high, and in front of us, a great opportunity to push inclusion, equity, and safe sport principles. We can deeply look at our past-practices, with an eye for modifying, updating, or changing how we do business to better suit the new sporting landscape we face coming out of the pandemic.

In closing, I would like acknowledge and thank the Sport North staff, the TSO membership, our partner organizations, sponsors, my fellow Board of Directors and the vast collection of volunteers, coaches, officials, athletes, parent/guardians, and all those who offer their support to make sport in the NWT possible.

Thank you | Quyanainni | Hai Cho | Kinanāskomitin | Merci | Huy ch q'u

Colin Pybus
President
Sport North Federation





2022-2023 Award Winners



2022
Congratulations
To our Sport North Winners

Robin Mercer-Sproule Memorial Junior Female Athlete of the Year:
Jenna Demarcke
Hay River

Junior Female Athlete of the Year:
Tai Leatham
Vellowknife

Mary Beth Miller Memorial-Senior Female Athlete of the Year:
Margot Flemming
Vellowknife

Youth Female Athlete of the Year:
Teresa Martin
Vellowknife

Youth Male Athlete of the Year:
Nikhillesh Cohil
Vellowknife

Coach of the year:
Stephanie Parkes
Inuvik

Delma Kisoun Memorial – Community Contributor:
Elaine Keenan
Bengts Vellowknife

Ruth Inch Memorial Contributor to Sport:
Jeannie Scott
Vellowknife

Corporation of the Year:
Aurora Ford
Hay River

Team of the year:
Team Calusha
NWT Wide

Dennis Crane Memorial-Official of the Year:
Craig Hockridge
Vellowknife

Active for Life:
Joan and Dennis
Bevington
Fort Smith





Sport North Scholarships

The purpose of the Sport North Scholarship is to encourage academic success for NWT students who are engaged in sport activities. Preference will be given, but not limited, to students in the field of Kinesiology, Physical Education, Sport Administration, Recreation or Education (majoring in Physical Education). Dedication to sport and academic excellence are taken into consideration in determining scholarship recipients.

Brady Daniels
Yellowknife
Vancouver Island University
Sport and Recreation
Management

Christopher Mathison
Yellowknife
University of Calgary
Biomedical Engineering

Harrish Cassie
Norman Wells
St. Francis Xavier
Law and Justice

Mali Straker
Yellowknife
Algoma University
Psychology

Bronwyn Rutherford-Simon
Fort Smith
Mount Royal University
Physical Education



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.

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 elected 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.



President: Colin Pybus
Inuvik



Director: David Shears
Yellowknife



Director: Kacee MacLean
Yellowknife



Director: Madison Pilling
Fort Simpson



Director: Nichole McDonald
Inuvik



Director: Stacey Christie
Inuvik



Director: Alex Godfrey
Yellowknife



Director: Lisa Murphy
Inuvik



Staff



**Executive Director
Bill Othmer**



**Sport Consultant
Rita Mercredi**



**Finance Manager/Kidsport Coordinator
Tyler Rentmeister**



**Community Sport Development / Physical Literacy
Engagement Facilitator
Spider Jones**



**Marketing and Communication Officer
Whitney Weaver**



Excellence

The Federation assists athletes, teams, coaches and officials to achieve excellence through Rising Star and High Performance Athlete Grants.

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.

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.

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. In the year fiscal 2022-2023 we did not have a celebration due to Covid. we are fully planning on having a big celebration in 2023.





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.

The first Roger Walker Annual Golf Tournament in support of KidSport sponsored by Nahanni Construction was held on July 8th, 2022. We are thankful towards Kenny Ruptash for sponsoring the event with 27 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 as well, Aurora Ford sponsored the hole in one on hole 14.

With a long standing partnership with NWT/ NU Lotteries, Canadian North, Top of the World Travel Agency, Nova Hotels ,and Northwestel, Sport North consistently offers the 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 corporations.





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 Canada, Coaching Association of Canada, 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.





Participation

In the year 2022-2023, Sport North participated in four games: Canada Summer Games, Canada 55+ Games, Arctic Winter Games, and Canada Winter Games.

Rita Mercredi was the Chef De Mission for the Canada Summer Games and Canada Winter Games, Bill Othmer was the Chef De Mission for the Arctic Winter Games.

Tyler Rentmeister was responsible for the Canada 55+ Games.

The Canada Summer Games were held in Niagara Region, Ontario.

Mali Straker (Basketball), was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony and Emily Carroll (Volleyball), was the flag bearer for the closing ceremony.

A big highlight from the Canada Summer Games, is that Katie Hart broke the NWT record for the Senior Women's Javelin throw. As well, Katie broke the top ten in Canada for senior women's category.

The Canada 55+ Games were held in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Team NT captured 7 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 5 bronze medals.

Team NT had an amazing games, winning a silver in women's pickleball and having our first win in men's hockey.

The Arctic Winter Games were held in Wood Buffalo, Alberta.

At the AWG 2023 we received 43 gold medals, 28 silver medals, and 35 bronze medals. Kyra McDonald (Hockey) was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony and Sage Acorn (Speed Skating) was the flag bearer for the closing ceremony.

The Canada Winter Games were held in P.E.I.

Sofia Ardiles (Squash), was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony and Grady Stabel (Badminton), was the flag bearer for the closing ceremony.

At the Canada Winter Games, a major highlight is that our women's curling team, who won the gold medal at the Arctic Winter Games, won their game against Ontario. This is an amazing feat as beating a province, especially Ontario, is a huge accomplishment.



Social Media

TOP POST OF 2022-2023

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.



1.7 K
Followers on
Facebook

650 followers
on Instagram



934
Followers
On
Twitter

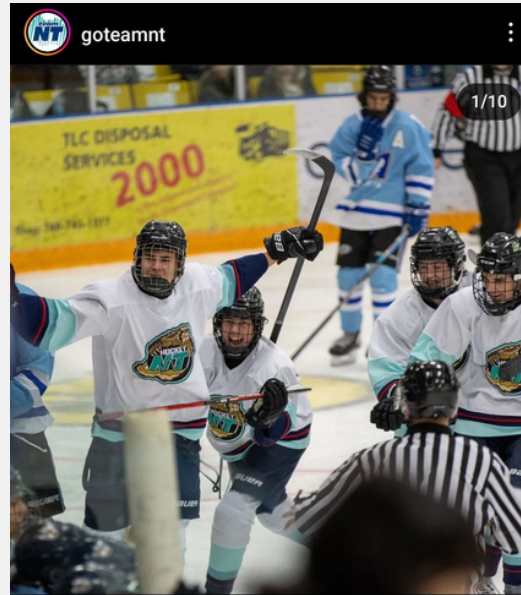


Social Media

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Followers on
Facebook**



**934
Followers
On
Twitter**

**2.2K followers
on Instagram**



Finance

SPORT NORTH FEDERATION
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 1,486,919	\$ 1,495,317
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	46,068	15,348
Due from related parties (Note 16)	204,031	303,799
Prepaid expenses	170,364	82,035
GST receivable	114,412	107,709
	2,021,794	2,004,208
Capital assets (Note 5)	5,619	8,191
Investment in Lex Borealis Ltd. (Note 3)	187,979	196,261
Investments (Note 12)	632,226	654,318
	\$ 2,847,618	\$ 2,862,978
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$ 250,090	\$ 39,899
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 13)	60,000	-
Wages payable	194,629	219,969
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	1,177,129	1,369,091
	1,681,848	1,628,959
Long-term debt (Note 13)	-	60,000
Accrued termination benefits (Note 15)	133,250	124,481
	1,815,098	1,813,440
NET ASSETS		
General fund	870,715	887,733
Restricted fund	139,098	139,098
Reserve fund	22,707	22,707
	1,032,520	1,049,538
	\$ 2,847,618	\$ 2,862,978

SPORT NORTH FEDERATION
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budget 2023	2023	2022
Revenues			
Core (Schedule 2)	\$ 263,358	\$ 361,894	\$ 328,320
Association Meetings (Schedule 3)	43,400	48,603	14,098
Membership Services (Schedule 4)	128,409	155,912	131,058
Scholarships (Schedule 5)	20,963	15,757	13,000
Awards (Schedule 6)	27,200	13,086	3,000
Hall of Fame (Schedule 7)	43,635	34,489	17,937
Safe Sport (Schedule 8)	-	30,000	-
Rising Star (Schedule 9)	50,000	44,596	3,000
Coaching (Schedule 10)	70,000	96,557	19,718
High Performance Coaching (Schedule 11)	19,930	19,930	19,930
Sport Excellence (Schedule 12)	19,930	19,930	19,930
Multi-sport (Schedule 13)	-	33,000	-
Kidsport (Schedule 14)	118,355	79,891	66,768
Kidsport - Fundraising (Schedule 15)	-	70,469	29,400
She Leads by Sport (Schedule 16)	-	2,500	-
Golf Tournament (Schedule 17)	-	31,130	16,921
Summary of Games (Schedule 18)	-	1,944,540	-
Non-recurring Programs (Schedule 22)	-	26,384	3,271
	805,180	3,028,668	686,351
Expenses			
Core (Schedule 2)	263,358	348,704	415,538
Association Meetings (Schedule 3)	43,400	48,603	14,098
Membership Services (Schedule 4)	128,409	155,912	131,058
Scholarships (Schedule 5)	20,963	15,757	13,000
Awards (Schedule 6)	27,200	13,086	1,051
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Safe Sport (Schedule 8)	-	30,000	-
Rising Star (Schedule 9)	50,000	44,596	(2,494)
Coaching (Schedule 10)	70,000	96,557	19,718
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Multi-sport (Schedule 13)	-	33,000	-
Kidsport (Schedule 14)	118,355	79,891	66,768
Kidsport - Fundraising (Schedule 15)	-	70,469	29,400
She Leads by Sport (Schedule 16)	-	188	4,418
Golf Tournament (Schedule 17)	-	4,993	6,341
Summary of Games (Schedule 18)	-	1,944,540	2,663
Non-recurring Programs (Schedule 22)	-	44,332	10,106
Common Vision Champions (Schedule 23)	-	32,426	48,517
	805,180	3,037,403	817,979
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses from operations	-	(8,735)	(131,628)
Investment income from Lex Borealis Ltd.	-	(8,283)	13,567
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ -	\$ (17,018)	\$ (118,061)

Thank You to our Sport North Members

- **ATHLETICS NWT**
- **AURORA HORSE ASSOCIATION**
- **BADMINTON NT**
- **BASKETBALL NWT**
- **CROSS COUNTRY NWT**
- **GOLF NT**
- **HOCKEY NWT**
- **NWT BIATHLON ASSOCIATION**
- **NWT BOXING AND KICKBOXING**
- **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 GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION**
- **NWT JUDO ASSOCIATION**
- **NWT KARATE ASSOCIATION**
- **NWT KAYAKING ASSOCIATION**
- **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 SNOWBOARDING**
- **NWT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**
- **NWT AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION**

AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

- **NWT SCHOOL ATHLETIC FEDERATION**
- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS NWT**
- **NWT SENIOR GAMES ASSOCIATION**

