

Sport North
Federation

TSO President's Handbook



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FEDERATION

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About Us

The Federation's members provide guidance, while its programs and policies are implemented by a volunteer board of directors.

OUR MISSION

Sport North Federation supports its members to provide quality sport opportunities through out the NWT.

OUR VISION

In the Northwest Territories, all residents have opportunities for active, life long engagement in sport delivered through a well-coordinated system.

Sport North Federation has four categories of membership:

Sport Members: Territorial Sports Organizations (TSO) incorporated in the NWT, which are affiliated with their respective national bodies where such bodies exist and recognized by the government of the Northwest Territories as the governing body for a sport or activity and whose aims and objectives are directed at promotion and development of sport within the NWT.

Affiliate Members: recreational organizations and multi-sport umbrella organization incorporated in the NWT who has sport and recreation as their prime objective.

Associate Members: individuals, private firms or organizations who support the objectives of the federation.

Honorary Members: are so named in recognition of their outstanding service to the federation or to sport in the NWT.

Membership fee

The fee to be a member is \$100 per year. This is paid at the annual general meeting in May of each year.

Board of Directors

The board of directors of Sport North is made up of eight (8) individuals: President, Vice President, And six (6) directors. All board members serve on a volunteer basis and are elected by the membership at The Annual General Meeting (AGM).

2023 Board

- Colin Pybus President
Inuvik
- Stacey Christie Board Member
Inuvik
- Nichole McDonald Board Member
Inuvik
- Melissa Johns Board Member
Fort Smith
- David Shears Board Member
Yellowknife
- Alex Godfrey Board Member
Yellowknife
- Lisa Murphy Board Member
Inuvik
- Veronica McDonald Board Member
Yellowknife

A portrait of Colin Pybus, the President of Sport North. He is a middle-aged man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a black polo shirt with the Sport North logo on the chest. The logo features a stylized 'S' and 'N' with a star and the text 'SPORT NORTH' and '1982'.

Colin Pybus
Sport North President

BENEFITS OF SPORT NORTH MEMBERSHIP

- Access to the Western Canada Lottery Program Funding.
- Access to participate at Canada Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada 55+ Games.
- Access to Sport North Rising Star and KidSport Funding Programs.
- Sport North staff assistance in Multi-Sport Games Planning.
- Sport North staff assistance with funding applications & accountability.
- Complimentary use of Don Cooper Building Boardroom.
- Discounted Hotel and Airline rates with Sport North Partners.
- Vote at the Sport North AGM.
- Promotion of your TSO's activities and events via Sport North website, social media.
- Opportunity to network with Territorial Sport Organizations at Sport North sponsored events.
- Payroll Services for your TSO using Sport North Ceridian System.
- Access to Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan.
- Procedural and Governance advice, assistance with updating/creating TSO by-laws, constitution & other policies.



Admission of Active Member

No organization shall be admitted as an Active Member unless:

- It has been approved by the Sport North Board of Directors;
- It has paid membership dues as determined by the Board and it meets the Sport North Active Membership Policy for membership as established by the Board;
- It meets the requirements outlined in the Sport North Membership Policy.



PROGRAMS

Awards

Each year, in conjunction with the Sport North Annual General Meeting held in May, The Federation distributes its awards. Nominees must be member in good standing with their Territorial Sport Organization. There are nine awards categories:

- Team of the year
- Coach of the year
- Dennis Crane-Official of the Year
- Male athlete of the year (Senior, Junior and Youth)
- Female athlete of the year (Mary Beth Miller-Senior, Robin Mercer-Sproule-Junior, and Youth)
- Delma Kisoun Memorial- Community Contributor
- Corporate Contribute
- Gary Hoffman Memorial-Active For Life
- Ruth Inch Memorial-Contributor to Sport

2023 Award Recipients

- Team of the year: Team Wainman, Curling
- Coach of the year: Jeff Hipfner, Squash
- Dennis Crane-Official of the year: Blair Chapman, Speed Skating
- Mary Beth Miller Senior Female: Kerry Galusha, Curling
- Junior Male: Sage Acorn, Speed Skating
- Robin Mercer-Sproule-Junior Female: Kali Skauge, Speed Skating
- Youth Male: Seiya McEachern, Speed Skating
- Youth Female: Sofia Ardiles, Squash
- Ruth Inch-Contributor to Sport: Joan Hirons, Plus 55 Games
- Delma Kisoun-Community Contributor: Thorsten Gohl, Table Tennis
- Corportate Contributor: Gas Town
- Gary Hoffman Memorial- Active for Life: No Winner

Hall of Fame

The NWT Sport Hall of Fame was created to celebrate NWT athletes and sport builders who attained a high level of excellence and brought recognition and honour to the Northwest Territories. Through the NWT Sport Hall of Fame, Sport North recognizes and shares the sport stories of the Territories' great athletes, builders and teams. Their stories will be celebrated and showcased to continue to inspire NWT youth to live healthy, active lives and set their goals high.

Team NT

The NWT is represented by its athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers at competitions across the North and Canada. Sport North supports these participants and encourages you to get involved in these events:



Arctic Winter Games

- Occurs every two years
- The Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alaska, Nunavut, Northern Alberta, Greenland, Sampi, and Nunavik send participants.
- The hosting site rotates between each major jurisdiction.
- The NWT sends over 350 participants to each Arctic Winter Games.
- The selection of athletes is determined by each TSO (either by a camp or competition at the Territorial Trials).



Canada Games

- The Canada Games is a biennial sporting event held every other year, summer and winter alternating.
- The NWT send approximately 130-150 participants to these games.
- The selection of athletes is determined by each TSO, through a combination of camps and competitions.



Funding

KidSport



KidSport is a national organization that brings sport and kids together—So ALL Kids Can Play! It is designed to help children facing financial obstacles to participate in community sport programs.

KidSport provides support for registration fees, community programs, and by making sure they've got the equipment they need. The amount of funding available is based on fundraising initiatives and will vary from year to year. Money is raised through contributions from the corporate sector, as well as through special activities and events.

Scholarships

The Sport North Scholarship program provides financial assistance to NWT Students who have successfully completed their first year at a recognized Post Secondary Educational institution. Preference will be given, but not limited, to students in the field of Physical Education, Sport Administration, Recreation, Sport Sciences or Education (majoring in Physical Education).

Scholarships Winners 2023

- Kyra McDonald
 - Inuvik
 - Hockey
- Chloe Malin
 - Yellowknife
 - Judo
- Ruby Piggot
 - Yellowknife
 - Biathlon
- Michael Sadler
 - Yellowknife
 - Basketball



Funding

High Performance Athlete Grant

In order to assist in the pursuit of excellence, the Sport North Federation and the Department of Municipal & Community Affairs (MACA—GNWT) have teamed up to provide grants up to \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000 to eligible athletes.

The High Performance Athlete Grant Program provides financial support to high-performance athletes from the NWT for sport training, equipment, and other eligible expenses.

Rising Star

The Rising Star program is intended to provide athletes with financial assistance to participate in sport-specific summer camps that contribute to their learning and development through the athlete pathway (Long-Term Athlete Development) in the Train to Train category.



Coach Development

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) provides standardized, inclusive, and safe sport education to coaches and coach developers across 65 sports. In partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada, Sport North delivers courses in the NCCP Community Sport, NCCP Competition, and NCCP Instruction streams. NCCP Training focuses on developing five core and seven coaching competencies, which help coaches become more effective and drive more meaningful impact on their participants' experience.

<https://coach.ca/national-coaching-certification-program>

The NCCP Multi-sport Training Modules cover topics relevant to all sports.

Professional Development

- NCCP Empower +
- NCCP Mentorship
- NCCP Resistance Training
- Coach Developer Training
- Core Training for Learning Facilitators
- Core Training for Coach Evaluators
- Core Training for Master Coach Developers

Competition Introduction

- NCCP Basic Mental Skills
- NCCP Design a Basic Sport Program
- NCCP Make Ethical Decisions
- NCCP Planning a Practice
- NCCP Sport Nutrition
- NCCP Teaching & Learning

Additional Training Courses

- Fundamental Movement Skills
- Leading a Return to Sport
- Participation
- Mental Health in Sport
- NCCP Coach Initiation in Sport
- NCCP Coaching Athletes with a Disability
- NCCP Emergency Action Plan
- NCCP Making Head Way in Sport
- Safe Sport Training
- Support through Sport: Understanding Teen Dating Violence

Competition Development

- NCCP Advanced Practice Planning
- NCCP Coaching and Leading Effectively
- NCCP Developing Athletic Abilities
- NCCP Leading Drug-Free Sport
- NCCP Manage a Sport Program
- NCCP Managing Conflict
- NCCP Performance Planning
- NCCP Prevention and Recovery
- NCCP Psychology of Performance

Members

ACTIVE MEMBERS

- 5 Pin Bowling
- Athletics NWT
- Aurora Horse
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Biathlon
- Boxing & Kickboxing
- Broomball
- Curling
- Dog Sledding
- Fed. Of Shooting
- Figure Skating
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Judo
- Karate
- Kayak
- Cross Country NWT
- Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Softball
- Speed Skating
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

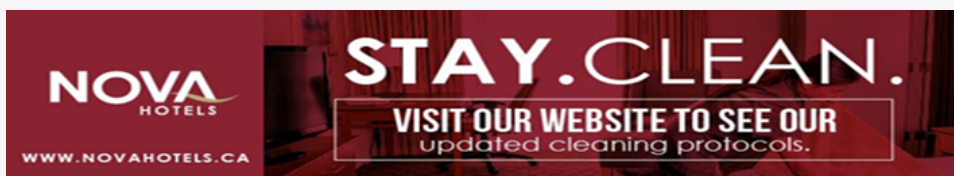
AFFILIATE MEMBERS and PARTNERS

- Canada 55+ Games Committee
- Special Olympics NWT
- Mackenzie Recreation Association
- Aboriginal Sports Circle of the NWT
- NWT Recreation & Parks Association
- NWT School Athletics Association



Corporate Partners

Our corporate and funding partners play a key role in sport development across the Northwest Territories. Our programs have benefited greatly from their continued support over the years. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize their contribution.



2023-2028 Strategic Plan Overview

Vision

In the Northwest Territories, all residents have opportunities for active, lifelong engagement in sport delivered through a well-coordinated system.

Values

We believe in values-based sport that is inclusive, equitable and inspiring. We value respect, integrity, collaboration and reconciliation.

Mission

Sport North Federation supports its members to provide quality sport opportunities throughout the NWT.

PARTICIPATION & PERFORMANCE

Support the delivery of values-based sport from participation to performance.

- 1.1** Promote diversity, equity and inclusion.
- 1.2.** Reduce barriers for children and youth through KidSport
- 1.3.** Assist emerging and high-performance athletes through funding programs.
- 1.4.** Coordinate and manage Team NT at the Arctic Winter Games and Canada Games.
- 1.5.** Celebrate NWT's sport accomplishments and heroes

LEADERSHIP

Advance sport through volunteer growth and coach development.

- 2.1** Initiate a strategic approach to diversify and encourage volunteerism in sport.
- 2.2.** Ensure volunteers have access to learning opportunities.
- 2.3.** Assess the training and professional development needs of coaches.
- 2.4.** Deliver leadership training and professional development on an annual schedule.

CAPACITY

Strengthen our members' capacity through targeted services and supports.

- 3.1** Communicate with members in a timely, relevant and targeted manner.
- 3.2.** Respond to members' needs for administrative and governance services and support.
- 3.3.** Facilitate opportunities to collectively explore innovative solutions to strengthen sport.
- 3.4.** Ensure services and supports remain relevant and useful to members.

OPERATIONS

Operate sustainably; aligning with current sport priorities and following standard business practices.

- 4.1** Advance reconciliation throughout operations, programs and services.
- 4.2.** Update the Constitution and Bylaws.
- 4.3.** Establish board and staff success through sound organizational development.
- 4.4.** Demonstrate accountability through strong reporting and financial management.
- 4.5.** Support implementation of the GNWT SPAR Framework and F/P/T priorities for sport

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