



2018 Masters Indigenous Games

The Masters Indigenous Games will take place in Toronto, Ontario from July 12 – 15, 2018.

The 2018 Masters Indigenous Games will be the first event of its kind in North America. These Games will provide an opportunity for Indigenous adults to compete against others around the world. With four age brackets, everyone over 20 is welcome!

The games are hosted by the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO), who are the Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body (PTASB) for Ontario. They have a strong history of hosting major events including: the 2017 North American Indigenous Games, 2016 National Aboriginal Hockey Championship, the 2016 Ontario Aboriginal Summer Games and now the 2018 Masters Indigenous Games.

The contemporary sports included are:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Canoe (marathon)
- Golf
- Ice hockey
- Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball

The Traditional Sports will be:

- Archery
- Lacrosse
- Standing Kick
- Tug of War
- Teepee building

Q and A

Are there tryouts?

No, this is an inclusive event designed to **maximize participation**. Unlike the North American Indigenous Games, there is no contingent that anyone must compete under. Numerous teams from the same area can be entered and anyone can enter a team with Indigenous athletes from around the world.

Venue locations and scheduling?

The majority of venues will be at Downsview Park in Toronto, Ontario. There are some sport competitions that will be held offsite, however they will typically be within a 10-30 minute driving distance of Downsview Park.

Schedules will be released after the final roster deadline has occurred. For more information, please check the Sport Technical Package.

What are the age categories for this event?

The age categories are:

20 - 34

35 - 44

45 - 54

and 55+.

You may choose to compete in a younger age bracket but you cannot move up in age.

Example: if Kelly is **42**, she may compete in either the 20-34 or the 35-44 bracket. She may NOT compete in the 45-54 bracket.

What are the gender divisions? Will there be co-ed based play?

Currently, there will only be male and female competition categories for the majority of sports, with the exception of badminton and canoe.

When do team rosters need to be submitted?

The final deadline for submitting rosters is May 31, 2018. If your final team roster is not submitted by this time there is no guarantee of availability of space.

Are there a maximum number of individuals on teams?

Each sport has different requirements in terms of athletes per team. Please refer to the 2017 NAIG Sport Technical Package for more information. Our Technical Package will closely follow that of the 2017 NAIG.

How do I sign up as an individual if I want to play in a team sport?

If you are unable to get a full team together, you may sign up individually and will be placed on a team from a pool of other individual registrants.

Will you be checking status to ensure Indigenous ancestry?

Yes, all participants will be asked to provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry. In Canada that includes: Status Cards, Metis Registration Numbers, and other accepted documents. For international Indigenous participants, the form of identification is considered sufficient in each country will be accepted.

Can you participate in more than one sport?

No, unfortunately due to the condensed timelines of this event (3 days of competition), there is no guarantee that schedules will not conflict.

Registration

What does the registration fee cover?

Your registration fee provides your sport participation, access to all event areas and a Masters Indigenous Games welcome package!

Are accommodation or meals provided?

No, your registration fee does not include accommodation or meals. There are options for accommodation available in the "Visitor Information" portion of our website.

How do you register teams?

The team captain registers their team and sends invites to their teammates. Teammates will then accept the invitation and register with the team.

In order to reserve a slot for your team, the captain must pay a fee equal to that of 3 participants. This fee is non-refundable, but is payment for 3 players.

- o On or before September 15, 2017 = \$564 (\$188 x 3)
- o On or before February 28, 2018 = \$600 (\$200 x 3)
- o After February 28, 2018 = \$675 (\$225 x 3)

Your team must meet the minimum requirements in the Sport Technical Package by May 31, 2018 to be guaranteed a team spot.

Are teams responsible for their own uniforms?

Yes, teams must provide their own competition uniforms. If required, a basic uniform for teams can be provided at an additional cost (all individual registrants in team sports MUST pay this additional cost).

What are acceptable methods of payment?

Online with credit cards. Cheques OR money orders payable to:

Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario

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