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The North American Indigenous Games 2023 Age Eligibility

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Council is thrilled to join the NAIG 2023 Host Society in announcing that the 10th games are set to take place July 15 to 23, 2023 in Kijipuktuk (Halifax) and Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia.

“It has been a long journey since the postponement of the 2020 Games, the NAIG Host Society has worked very hard along with our key partners to secure plans for NAIG to happen in 2023” said Shannon Dunfield, NAIG Council President.

NAIG Council looks forward to joining everyone in Kijipuktuk (Halifax) and Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia to be part of celebrating and cheering on our athletes while they compete in their sports as well as seeing the old and new friendships created.

The age eligibility for athletes for NAIG 2023 will be:

19U - 2004 and later

16U - 2007 and later

14U - 2009 and later

The spirit of NAIG is focused on providing opportunities to improve the lives of all who participate by supporting and creating a space to celebrate, share, educate and be proud of our athletes and all 700+ Nations from across Turtle Island.

Please go to www.naig2023.com and follow NAIG Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts @naig2023 for updates.

About NAIG 2023: The event will be the largest multi-sport and cultural event ever to be held in Atlantic Canada. More than 5,000 athletes, coaches and team staff from 756 Indigenous nations will take part in cultural celebrations, and compete in 16 sports across 21 venues, with the help of 3,000



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volunteers. NAIG 2020 was originally due to take place from July 12 to 18 in Kijipuktuk (Halifax), and Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia and has now been set to take place on July 15 to 23, 2023.

About North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Council: The NAIG Council is the International Governing Body for NAIG and helps actualize the collective potential of the bodies, minds, and spirit of our people and their hopes and dreams. The Council oversees all matters pertaining to the Games, including the inclusion of purposes and philosophies during the event that are consistent with the cultural, spiritual and traditional values of the peoples represented in the games. In all activities, the Council ensures the promotion and encouragement of holistic, individual development that assures mental, physical, emotional and spiritual growth.

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