

Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Northwest Territories Selection Process for the Traditional Games Program – Dene Games

Northwest Territories (NWT) Traditional Games athletes have an opportunity to display their athleticism within Dene Games at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Athletes within the Dene Games disciplines from all communities within the NWT are encouraged to apply. Individuals will be chosen based on their ability to demonstrate and explain their skills, their commitment to a healthy lifestyle, and their ability to promote their culture and the NWT.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used to select each athlete:

- Must be between 18 and 25 years of age on September 1, 2009.
- Must attend the mandatory selection camp hosted on the K'atlodeeche First Nation from September 11-13, 2009.
- Must attend the mandatory training session in Yellowknife, October 2 to 5, 2009.
- Must be available during one or more of the following phases during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games:
 - Phase 1 – February 10 to 22, 2010
 - Phase 2 – February 18 to March 1, 2010
 - Phase 3 – March 9 to 23, 2010
- Athletes will be selected based on their overall performance within each respective discipline and their ability to communicate their knowledge of their sport/discipline to the public.

How to Apply

To apply for the program, individuals must submit a Cover Letter and a Resume that provides the following:

- Your past experiences/achievements/awards within Dene Games, academic or others;
- Your views on the cultural importance of Dene Games, and why you are interested in participating in the Traditional Games Program;
- Interests and plans for the future;
- Education level or job for those not attending school;
- An outline on your commitment to a healthy lifestyle;
- Language abilities;
- Proof of Age (i.e. Drivers Licence, General Identification Card); and
- Two letters of reference from a teacher, coach or other community leaders.

Application Deadline

The deadline for the submission of applications is **July 3, 2009**. Please submit your application to Mr. Gary Schauerte, Manager Sport and Recreation Programs at:

Email: gary_schauerte@gov.nt.ca
Fax: (867) 920 6467
Mail: 600, 5201 50th Avenue
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3S9
By Hand: 4908 49th Street
Yellowknife, NT

Selection Process

Once the application deadline has passed:

1. A committee will review the applications, and identify athletes who will be invited to attend a selection camp hosted on the K'atloodeche First Nation (Hay River Reserve) from September 11-13, 2009.
2. At the selection camp, athletes will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate a number of traditional games, their commitment to a healthy lifestyle, and their ability to demonstrate their knowledge of cultural relevance of traditional games.
3. Once all the necessary criteria and conditions have been met, selected athletes will be officially notified of their acceptance in the program.

Eight athletes (four females and four males) and two coaches (one from each gender) will be selected for each of the three phases of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Two alternates (one female and one male) will also be identified.

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) will announce the final list of selected participants. All selections, once announced, are final.

Selected athletes will receive a 2010 Vancouver Olympics Pan Territorial Program uniform. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) will cover transportation, lodging and meal costs during the selection camp, training events and 2010 Games. No other form of remuneration will be paid to participating athletes.