

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SPORT, AND RECREATION FUND

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

I am pleased to present the Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund (PASR) Annual Report for 2024-2025. The report is required under the *Western Canada Lottery Act* and provides an overview of the Western Canada Lottery Program's financial performance, along with highlights of the programs supported by the PASR Fund over the past year.

This report offers insight into our continued efforts, key achievements, and the ongoing challenges we face. The PASR Fund remains a vital contributor to the Northwest Territories' active living sector, supporting programs and initiatives that benefit communities across the territory.

Since the release of the *NWT Active Living Framework 2023-2033* in October 2023, MACA has continued to advance the development of an accompanying Action Plan, including a monitoring and evaluation process. This work is being guided by an Implementation Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from the Indigenous Sports Circle NWT (ISCNWT), NWT Recreation and Parks Association (NWTRPA), Sport North Federation (SNF), and Mackenzie Recreation Association (MRA).

I remain encouraged by the meaningful progress made this year in expanding safe, inclusive, and culturally grounded opportunities for active living. These efforts are made possible through the dedication of community organizations, leaders, and countless volunteers who champion recreation, sport, and physical activity throughout the Northwest Territories. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to building healthier, stronger communities.

Vince McKay
Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs



MOT DU MINISTRE

J'ai le plaisir de présenter le rapport annuel du Fonds pour l'activité physique, le sport et les loisirs (le Fonds) pour 2024-2025. Ce rapport est requis en vertu de la *Loi sur la loterie de l'Ouest du Canada* et fournit une vue d'ensemble des résultats financiers du programme de la loterie de l'Ouest du Canada, ainsi que les faits marquants des programmes soutenus par le Fonds au cours du dernier exercice financier.

Il donne un aperçu de nos efforts continus, de nos principales réalisations et des défis que nous continuons de rencontrer. Le Fonds reste un appui important du secteur de la vie active aux Territoires du Nord-Ouest (TNO), puisqu'il soutient des programmes et des initiatives qui profitent aux collectivités de l'ensemble du territoire.

Depuis la publication du Cadre pour une vie active aux TNO 2023-2033, le MAMC a continué de travailler à l'élaboration d'un plan d'action connexe, comprenant un processus de suivi et d'évaluation. Ce travail est guidé par un comité consultatif de mise en œuvre, qui comprend des représentants du Cercle sportif autochtone des TNO, de l'Association des parcs et loisirs des TNO, de la Sport North Federation et de l'Association récréative du Mackenzie.

Les importants progrès réalisés cette année pour offrir des occasions d'activité physique sécuritaires, inclusives et ancrées dans la culture autochtone sont encourageants. Ces efforts sont le fruit du dévouement d'organisations communautaires, de leaders et d'innombrables bénévoles qui défendent les loisirs, le sport et l'activité physique dans l'ensemble du territoire. Je vous remercie de votre soutien continu et de votre ferme détermination à bâtir des collectivités plus saines et plus fortes.

Vince McKay
Ministre des Affaires municipales et communautaires



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund Annual Report 2024-2025

The *Western Canada Lottery Act* (the Act) requires that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, within 180 days following the end of each fiscal year, table a report on the Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation (PASR) Fund in the Legislative Assembly which includes:

- a) The total amount paid into the Fund in the preceding fiscal year;
- b) Details of each disbursement from the Fund, including the recipient, the amount paid and a description of the purpose of the disbursement; and
- c) The value of the Fund at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

The Western Canada Lottery Program experienced an 18% increase in sales from 2023-2024. While this growth is encouraging, it is important to note that it reflects a comparison to low sales in the previous year. Despite the improvement, and the absence of funding any major Games in 2024-2025 fiscal year, sales remain insufficient to significantly impact the recovery of the PASR Fund. Overall, lottery sales continue to face challenges and are struggling to gain momentum amid economic pressures and increased competition from other forms of gaming.

The PASR Fund balance as of March 31, 2025, was negative \$2,752,105. This deficit is within the parameters set out by the Financial Management Board, which states the fund can accumulate a maximum deficit of up to \$3 million or a maximum surplus of \$1.5 million. Total disbursements from the PASR Fund were \$6,659,931. Additional details on the PASR Fund and its disbursements can be found in the financial reports contained in this report.



SOMMAIRE EXÉCUTIF

Fonds pour les activités physiques, les sports et les loisirs Rapport annuel 2024-2025

La Loi sur la loterie de l'Ouest du Canada (la Loi) exige que le ministre des Affaires municipales et communautaires dépose auprès de l'Assemblée législative, dans les 180 jours suivant la fin de chaque exercice, un rapport sur le Fonds pour les activités physiques, les sports et les loisirs (le Fonds) qui comprend les éléments suivants :

- a) le montant total versé au Fonds au cours de l'exercice précédent;
- b) les détails de chaque décaissement du Fonds, y compris le bénéficiaire, le montant payé et la description de l'objet du décaissement;
- c) la valeur du Fonds à la fin de l'exercice précédent.

Le programme de la loterie de l'Ouest du Canada a connu une augmentation de 18 % des ventes depuis l'exercice 2023-2024. Bien que cette croissance soit encourageante, il est important de noter qu'elle reflète une comparaison avec les faibles ventes de l'année précédente. Malgré cette amélioration et l'absence de financement de grands événements sportifs pour l'exercice 2024-2025, les ventes restent insuffisantes pour contribuer de manière importante à la restauration du Fonds. Dans l'ensemble, les ventes de loterie restent difficiles et continuent de se développer face aux pressions économiques et à la concurrence croissante d'autres types de jeux.

Au 31 mars 2025, le Fonds présentait un déficit de 2 752 105 \$. Ce déficit est conforme aux paramètres fixés par le Conseil de gestion financière, qui établit que le fonds peut accumuler un déficit maximum de 3 millions de dollars ou un excédent maximum de 1,5 million de dollars. Le total des décaissements du Fonds s'élève à 6 659 931 \$. Vous trouverez davantage de détails sur le Fonds et ses décaissements dans les rapports financiers présentés dans ce rapport.

INTRODUCTION



The Northwest Territories Lottery Commission operates the Western Canada Lottery Program. It has agreements with the Western Canada Lottery Corporation and the Government of Nunavut for the purpose of conducting and managing the sale of Western Canada Lottery products pursuant to the Western Canada Lottery Act (the Act) and regulations in both the NWT and Nunavut. The Western Canada Lottery Program receives a management fee for overseeing lottery operations on behalf of the Government of Nunavut.

The Western Canada Lottery Corporation (WCLC) is a non-profit organization authorized to manage, conduct, and operate lottery and gaming-related activities on behalf of its member provinces: Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. The Governments of Yukon, Northwest Territories (NWT), and Nunavut participate as associate members. WCLC is a participating member of the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation, which is incorporated to manage and conduct national lottery games on behalf of His Majesty the King in right of all provinces and territories.

In the NWT, the Western Canada Lottery Program serves as the sole distributor of WCLC lottery products. The program is responsible for the development and maintenance of a network of private retail outlets across the territory, ensuring residents have access to lottery services and products.

The Western Canada Lottery Program, operating under the name Northwest Territories and Nunavut Lotteries, is managed by a dedicated team consisting of one manager and two staff members. The team reports to the Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), Director, Sport, Recreation and Youth.

Further details on the financial operations of the program are provided in the Financial Statements.

- Note 1 outlines the basis of presentation for these statements.
- Note 2 describes the nature of the program's operations.

As of March 31, 2025, there were 36 active retailers in the NWT offering lottery products through the Western Canada Lottery Program, a decrease of one following a retailer closure due to a structural fire in Yellowknife. Businesses located in both the NWT and Nunavut are eligible to apply to become lottery retailers. Applications are submitted to the Lotteries Commission, where they are reviewed against a predetermined set of criteria to ensure compliance and suitability.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Position Overview

The Western Canada Lottery Program recorded gross sales of \$5,732,768 in 2024-2025, representing an 18% increase over the previous year. This growth was largely driven by improved performance in draw-based national lottery products, particularly LOTTO MAX, where sales are strongly influenced by jackpot sizes. Following a year with fewer large jackpots, LOTTO MAX rebounded in 2024-2025, offering 56 jackpots of \$50 million or more, compared to just 29 in the prior year. The launch of a new draw-based game, Lightning Lotto, also contributed positively to overall sales.

However, Scratch and Win sales declined by 6%, likely due to the absence of a major product launch in this category. In contrast, previous years benefited from the strong market response to new products like Plinko®, which generated significant player sales.

While the overall increase in sales is encouraging, it is important to recognize that this growth comes in comparison to a low-performing year. Despite the improvement and in the absence of funding any major events or Games in 2024-2025, lottery sales remain insufficient to make a meaningful contribution to the recovery of the PASR Fund.

Financial Statements

The following Financial Statements are presented:

Physical Activity, Sport, and Recreation Fund Balance

Statement of Operations

Schedule 1: Schedule of Lottery Revenue, Net

Schedule 2: Contributions to Organizations and Active Living Programs

Schedule 3: Contributions to Multi-sport Games

- Note 1 - Basis of Presentation
- Note 2 - Nature of Operations
- Note 3 - Net Sales for the period ended March 31, 2024
- Note 4 - Number of Terminals as of March 31, 2024
- Note 5 - Fund Operating Parameters

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Northwest Territories Lotteries
Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund Balance
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	2024 Activity Unaudited	
Opening Balance, April 1, 2024		(2,243,656)
Revenue (Statement of Operations)	5,732,768	
Less: Contributions to Organizations (Schedule 2)	(4,479,401)	
Less: Contributions to Multisport Games (Schedule 3)	(638,740)	
Less: Administration Expenses (Statement of Operations)	(1,123,076)	
		(508,449)
Balance as at March 31, 2025		(2,752,105)

Northwest Territories Lotteries
Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Statement of Operations
For the year ended March 31, 2025


	2024/2025 Budget	March 31, 2025 Unaudited	March 31, 2024 Unaudited
Opening Fund balance, Note 1	(2,243,656)	(2,243,656)	(13,012)
Revenue			
	5,682,000	5,732,768	4,865,935
Expenses			
Compensation and Benefits	363,378	468,411	347,295
Grants, Contributions and Transfers	5,043,013	4,940,530	5,815,168
Travel	7,400	380	6,206
Material and Supplies	143,000	115,237	122,498
Purchased Services	57,200	36,144	60,183
Utilities	-	-	-
Contract Services	540,002	500,440	518,890
Fees & Payments	204,500	177,611	150,368
Controllable Assets	7,000	-	70,171
Computer Hardware/Software	2,000	2,465	5,802
	6,367,493	6,241,217	7,096,579
Net Income	(685,493)	(508,449)	(2,230,644)
Year End Fund Balance	(2,929,149)	(2,752,105)	(2,243,656)

Northwest Territories Lotteries
Schedule 1 - Schedule of Lottery Revenue, Net
(amounts derived from Western Canada Lottery Corporation financial statements and includes sales of Nunavut)
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	March 31, 2025 Unaudited	March 31, 2024 Unaudited	March 31, 2023 Unaudited
SALES			
Lottery Ticket Sales - see Note 3	22,744,107	19,733,127	21,526,374
Interest and other income	119,172	76,252	40,323
	<u>22,863,279</u>	<u>19,809,379</u>	<u>21,566,697</u>
DIRECT EXPENSES			
Free Tickets - see Note 3	1,142,850	1,021,662	1,206,981
Prizes	12,388,955	10,535,705	11,111,478
Retailer Commissions	1,204,003	1,052,465	1,149,061
Online Transactional Costs	144,338	34,949	
Ticket Printing	512,370	283,425	294,730
	<u>15,392,516</u>	<u>12,928,206</u>	<u>13,762,250</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>7,470,763</u>	<u>6,881,173</u>	<u>7,804,447</u>
EXPENSES			
Amortization	221,769	153,930	152,886
Communications	117,305	113,731	109,471
Cost of premises	29,587	14,221	14,583
Draws and winning numbers publication	4,750	3,692	4,255
Employee development	7,557	5,505	3,101
Equipment Maintenance and Purchase	71,688	86,251	102,918
Federal Government	233,252	212,624	213,549
Freight and product transport	3,939	3,973	3,787
Goods and services tax	135,286	102,866	109,974
I. L. C. expense	21,808	12,124	18,800
Insurance and bank charges	11,501	10,293	24,604
Media & advertising	234,803	229,133	167,362
Overhead allocation	(363)	(343)	(273)
Presentations, publications and miscellaneous	2,268	8,125	4,324
Professional fees	156,829	111,705	96,893
Promotion	9,621	7,357	8,657
Supplies	1,453	1,582	1,848
Travel	2,714	2,285	1,641
Wages and Benefits	347,268	271,021	281,194
	<u>1,613,035</u>	<u>1,350,075</u>	<u>1,319,574</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>5,857,728</u>	<u>5,531,098</u>	<u>6,484,873</u>

Northwest Territories Lotteries
Schedule 2 - Contributions to Organizations and Active Living Programs
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	March 31, 2025 Unaudited	March 31, 2024 Unaudited
REVENUE		
Lottery Contribution	-	-
MACA Contribution	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENSES		
Aboriginal Sports Circle of the NWT	800,000	800,000
Inuvik and Sahtu Sport and Recreation	177,611	77,918
Active Living	-	70,890
Mackenzie Recreation Association	360,000	360,000
NWT Recreation and Parks Association	800,000	800,000
Sport North Federation	800,000	800,000
Territorial Sport Organizations	1,541,790	1,523,616
	<u>4,479,401</u>	<u>4,432,424</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>(4,479,401)</u>	<u>(4,432,424)</u>



	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited
Territorial Sport Organizations		
Archery - Note 6	20,000	20,000
Arctic Sports/Dene Games - Note 6	-	40,000
Northern Games-Note 6	20,000	20,000
Athletics	65,790	65,790
Badminton	20,000	20,000
Basketball	100,000	100,000
Biathlon	20,000	20,000
Bowling	20,000	20,000
Boxing	20,000	20,000
Broomball		(48,777)
Cross Country Skiing	100,000	100,000
Curling	82,500	82,500
Dog Sledding	47,500	47,500
Figure Skating	20,000	20,000
Golf		(9,397)
Gymnastics	47,500	47,500
Hockey	100,000	100,000
Judo	100,000	100,000
Karate	20,000	20,000
Kayak	20,000	20,000
Shooting	31,000	31,000
Snowboarding	47,500	47,500
Soccer	100,000	100,000
Softball	82,500	82,500
Special Olympics	20,000	20,000
Speed Skating	82,500	82,500
Squash	65,000	65,000
Swimming	100,000	100,000
Table Tennis	20,000	20,000
Taekwondo	20,000	20,000
Tennis	47,500	47,500
Volleyball	82,500	82,500
Wrestling	20,000	20,000
	<u>1,541,790</u>	<u>1,523,616</u>

Northwest Territories Lotteries
Schedule 3 - Contributions Multisport Games
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	March 31, 2025 Unaudited	March 31, 2024 Unaudited
REVENUE		
MACA Contribution	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Sport North Federation-2022 Canada Summer Games		
Sport North Federation-2023 Arctic Winter Games		
Sport North Federation-2023 Canada Winter Games		
Sport North Federation-2024 Arctic Winter Games	613,740	1,017,912
Aboriginal Sports Circle of the NWT-2023 NAIG		
Aboriginal Sports Circle of the NWT-2024 NAIG		463,640
NWT 55+ Games Association	25,000	50,000
	638,740	1,531,552
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(638,740)	(1,531,552)

1. Basis of Presentation

The financial information in these reports for the year ended March 31, 2025 is prepared by the NWT and Nunavut Lotteries and internally verified by MACA Finance Staff. This information has not been subject to an audit, review or compilation engagement by a professional accountant.

2. Nature of Operations

NWT and Nunavut Lotteries has agreements with the Western Canada Lottery Corporation (WCLC) and the Government of Nunavut for the purpose of conducting and managing the sale of Western Canada Lottery products pursuant to the *Western Canada Lottery Act* and regulations in both the NWT and Nunavut.

For managing lottery operations on behalf of the Nunavut Government NWT and Nunavut Lotteries receives a management fee based on the Net Income of Nunavut Lottery Operations.

3. Net Sales for the period ended March 31, 2025

Net sales as reported by the WCLC is net of the free ticket amount. The financial information in this report identifies the free ticket amounts as a separate line item and added to the net sales amount as reported by the WCLC.

	\$	%
Eastern Arctic / Nunavut	4,200,032	19.44%
Western Arctic / NWT	17,406,484	80.56%
	21,606,516	100.0%

4. Number of Terminals as at March 31, 2025

	#	% of Total Sales
Eastern Arctic / Nunavut	14	28.00%
Western Arctic / NWT	36	72.00%
Total Number of Terminals	50	100.0%

5. Fund Operating Parameters

Due to the variable nature of lottery ticket sales and funding to support programs like multisport games, the Fund has been authorized to accumulate a maximum deficit of up to \$3 million. If the Fund is projected to exceed this limit, the Minister must present recommendations to the Financial Management Board to address the shortfall. The Fund has also been authorized to accumulate a maximum surplus of \$1.5 million. If the Fund is projected to exceed that limit, the Minister must submit recommendations to the Financial Management Board to utilize the funds above \$1.5 million in accordance with the Act.

6. Archery, Northern Games, Arctic Sports and Dene Games

Funding for these sports is provided to the Indigenous Sports Circle NWT. An overpayment of \$20,000 for Dene Games in 2024 was recovered in 2025.

PRIZE WINNERS

WHEN YOU PLAY, EVERYONE PLAYS!

Smiles were created across all regions of the territory, as residents dreamed of a big lotto win while supporting local active living initiatives. This year saw more major prize winners and a higher total amount of winnings than the previous year.

Notable Winners of 2024-25:



I couldn't believe it!

Yellowknife Winner of \$1 Million on Lotto 6/49



It was a really great feeling!

Aklavik Winner of \$50,610 on Keno



I just sat there stunned!

**Yellowknife Winner of \$1 Million on the
Scratch & Win product, Majestic**



ATTACHMENT A

TERRITORIAL SPORT AND RECREATION ORGANIZATIONS

This section outlines activities carried out by Territorial Sport and Recreation Organizations, supported by contributions from the PASR Fund in 2024–2025 (see Schedule 2 – Contributions to Organizations). While organizations also receive funding from other sources such as fundraising, fees, and sponsorships, the figures reported here reflect PASR Fund contributions only. Due to variations in reporting, some outcomes may also be supported by other funding sources.



INDIGENOUS SPORTS

CIRCLE OF THE NWT

Established in 1999, the Indigenous Sports Circle Northwest Territories (ISCNWT), formerly known as the Aboriginal Sports Circle NWT, was created through a consensus-building process to address the need for more accessible and equitable sport and recreation opportunities for Indigenous peoples across the NWT.

ISCNWT empowers communities by promoting culturally relevant programming, building local capacity, and supporting athlete and coach development in ways that reflect community values. The organization focuses on creating programs based on community interests and strengths, helping communities grow in areas they find meaningful.

The mission of ISCNWT is to promote and enhance community wellness and cultural awareness through sport, recreation, and traditional activities.

In 2024–2025, ISCNWT supported the following programs and services:

1 - Events

NWT Archery Championships

Through collaboration with local communities, regional archery competitions were organized, and access to equipment was improved. Judge workshops strengthened event delivery, leading up to the 2025 Archery Championship in Hay River (September 2024), which welcomed 67 archers from seven communities and highlighted strong competitive spirit and community engagement.

Traditional Games Championships

The Traditional Games, held in Yellowknife in February 2025, brought together 260 participants from 26 schools representing 23 communities. The event served as a vibrant showcase of competition and skill development in Northern Games and Dene Games, while fostering youth engagement and celebrating cultural traditions.





Annual Awards Dinner

The ISCNWT Annual Awards Dinner was held on December 7, 2024, in Yellowknife. The event celebrated Indigenous excellence in sport and culture.

The following awards were presented:

- Sport Award
- Community Builder Award
- Coach Award
- Language and Culture Award
- NWTTA Teacher Award

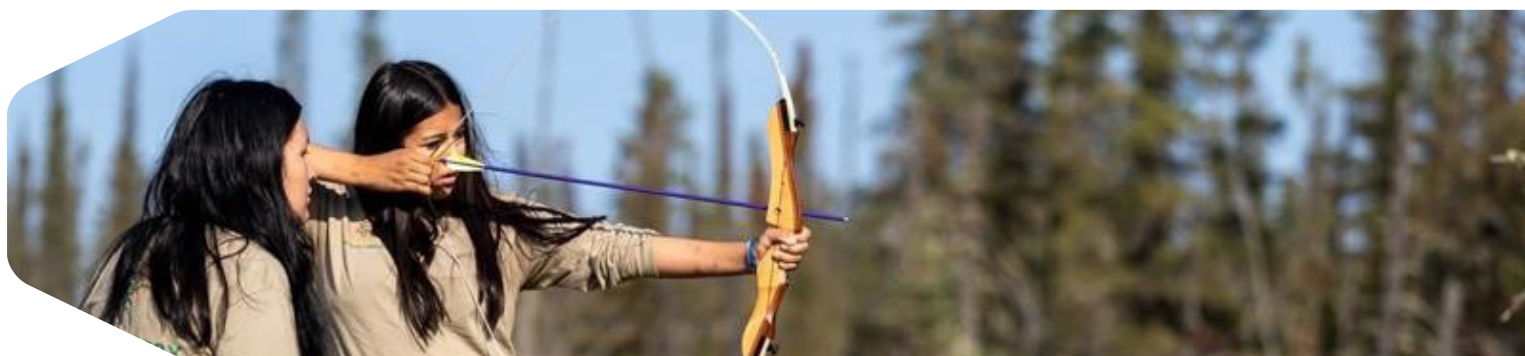
PASR Contribution: \$181,155

2 - Community Programming

ISCNWT's Community Development Program is designed to assist communities with sport, recreation, and cultural activities that are meaningful and beneficial to the community and its participants. The goal of the program is to build capacity and reduce barriers to access to sport and recreation.

The ISCNWT, in collaboration with Basketball NWT, Volleyball NT, Dene Games NT, NWT Hockey, Speed Skating NT, and Soccer NT, successfully delivered a range of programs and initiatives across multiple communities. These efforts included support for equipment purchases benefiting schools and local organizations throughout the territory. Through its Community Programming division, ISCNWT plays a pivotal role in fostering relationships between communities and territorial sport organizations. This engagement strengthens collective goals and promotes physical literacy, cultural revitalization, and community cohesion across the NWT.

PASR Contribution: \$305,470



3 - Leadership Development

In 2024–2025, the ISCNWT continued to expand leadership development opportunities for Indigenous people and communities across the NWT. The organization strengthened its partnerships with national and territorial bodies to ensure culturally relevant and accessible training programs were available. Leadership development initiatives reached 27 communities across the NWT, with programming designed to build local capacity and support community-led sport and recreation. Training opportunities in 2024-2025 included:

Aboriginal Coaching Module

The Aboriginal Coaching Module (ACM) is designed to help individuals coaching Indigenous youth with information and teaching support on the uniqueness of Aboriginal cultures, values, and lifestyles. In 2024-2025, there were ACM courses delivered in Yellowknife, Fort Liard, Inuvik, Fort Good Hope, Hay River, and Ulukhaktok.

Indigenous Coach Development Program

The Indigenous Coach Development Program (ICDP) is designed to assist Territorial Sport bodies to fund, mentor, identify, and develop Indigenous coaches from communities across the NWT. In 2024-2025, the ICDP program saw participation from Archery NT, Dene Games NT, NWT Kayak, NWT Snowboard, NWT Wrestling, Soccer NWT, Table Tennis NWT, Volleyball NT, and Hockey NWT. The NWT will continue to foster Indigenous coaching talent and promote inclusivity within sport throughout the NWT, supporting sustainable growth and ensuring cultural relevance in coaching practices.

Indigenous Communities: Active for Life

The Indigenous Communities: Active for Life is a full-day workshop created with guidance from Indigenous leaders throughout the country. Culturally tailored resources and guidance act as a vehicle toward individual and community holistic development to inspire community leaders. Workshops in 2024-2025 were hosted in Fort Liard, Hay River and Yellowknife.

Indigenous Long-term Participant Development

These workshops and accompanying resources are designed to help sport and physical activity leaders and organizations enhance their understanding of how to support Indigenous participants and athletes in their programming. 2024-2025 saw the ISCNWT work with NWT Hockey, NWT Softball and NWT Archery on this initiative to meet the needs of participants and enhance community engagement across the NWT.

PASR Contribution: \$43,582



4 - Core Program Management and Staff

Supports the core functions around program management and staff, as well as other operating costs such as board operations, insurance, audit and finance costs, information technology, and staff development.

Additionally, this contribution allows ISCNWT to stay connected with the Aboriginal Sport Circle national initiatives and maintain strong partnerships with all Provincial and Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies across the country.



PASR Contribution: \$269,793

Program	Budget
Events	\$181,155
Community Programs	\$305,470
Leadership Development	\$ 43,582
Core Program Management and Staff	\$269,793
Total PASR Fund Contribution	\$800,000

For more information about the organization and their programs, visit www.iscnwt.ca or contact their office.



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NWT RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION



The NWT Recreation and Parks Association (NWTRPA) was established in 1989 to serve the needs and interests of NWT recreation leaders. Directed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the organization has evolved to become the leading recreation organization in the NWT. Since its inception, the NWTRPA has continued to focus on advocacy, education, information sharing and networking.

The NWTRPA works with communities across the NWT to promote recreation by supporting leaders, communities, and partners. The NWTRPA envisions a territory where everyone has access to recreation programs and spaces that foster healthy families, strong cultures, and vibrant communities.

In 2024-2025, NWTRPA supported the following programs and services:

1 - Professional Development

The NWTRPA organizes several events and workshops to support the training and professional development of people leading recreation programming in a wide variety of sectors, including community development, healthcare, long-term care, community wellness, justice, education, and on-the-land programming.



Annual Conference

The NWTRPA Conference, an educational event, was held October 2024 in Yellowknife. Centred on the theme “Resilience in Recreation,” it brought together community leaders and stakeholders from across the territory. Highlights included a powerful keynote featuring survivor stories that underscored the importance of perseverance as well as sessions focused on land-based leadership and meaningful elder engagement. Participants also took part in interactive workshops designed to foster collaboration and strengthen connections among territorial leaders, promoting a shared vision for resilient recreational initiatives.

Foundations of Northern Youth Recreation Leadership (FNYR)

NWTRPA transitioned from the HIGH FIVE® program to a more territory-specific approach with the launch of the Foundation of Northern Youth Recreation Leadership (FNYRL) training program. Designed to equip young leaders with the skills and knowledge necessary to support youth recreation in Northern communities, FNYRL was piloted twice, reaching 14 participants. The curriculum was also revised to include new learning outcomes that emphasize mental health promotion and incorporate Indigenous perspectives, strengthening its relevance and impact.

Recreation North

Recreation North is a partnership between the three territorial recreation and parks associations to provide accessible, culturally relevant, and meaningful training opportunities for Northerners working and volunteering in recreation. In 2024-2025, recreation training was delivered in Dettah. Efforts toward long-term partnership agreements and business continuity planning are ongoing and remain a key focus.

Recreation for Mental Health Training

The NWTRPA, in partnership with Recreation Nova Scotia, continued to embed mental wellness themes into training and conference programming. Participants gained a deeper understanding of the distinction between mental wellness and mental illness and learned how to design inclusive recreation spaces and programs that address common mental health barriers. Participants left with a renewed perspective on how recreation can positively impact lives. In 2024-2025, no formal Recreation for Mental Health was delivered, but content was embedded in FNYRL training.

ICA Associates Inc. Facilitator Training

This facilitator training consists of two courses – Group Facilitation Methods and Meetings that Work. In 2024-2025, over a one-week period, training was provided to 20 participants from Behchoko, Deline, Fort Resolution, Inuvik, Łutselk'e, Tulita, and Yellowknife. These courses are endorsed by the International Association of Facilitators and offer hands-on learning with practical, real-world applications. These courses helped build facilitation capacity and enhance leadership in strategic planning, community engagement, and organizational development across the NWT.

Activate NWT

During 2024-2025, the NWTRPA launched the foundational phase of Active NT, a youth-focused initiative supported by the Canada Service Corps. Efforts centered on promotion, recruitment, and outreach across the NWT, with microgrants introduced to spark interest and training workshops to build momentum.

PASR Contribution: \$216,943

2 - On-the-Land Programs

The NWTRPA continued to advance land-based initiatives through targeted training, mentorship, advocacy, and community engagement. Training offerings reflected community priorities and included paddling instruction, mental wellness, and logistical support. In partnership with the Department of Health and Social Services, wilderness first aid training was delivered across the NWT to promote injury prevention. During the 2024–2025 season, the NWTRPA helped administer \$1,154,450 in grants through the NWT On the Land Collaborative and supported 54 projects that connected residents to land, culture, and community. Additional highlights included nine in-kind training events in seven communities, Paddle Canada certification for 31 youth from nine communities, and expanded support for camp programs and staff. Land-based themes were further explored at the NWTRPA Conference through sessions focused on risk management and mental wellness.



PASR Contribution: \$123,797

3 - Active Communities

Elders in Motion

The Elders in Motion initiative aims to enhance recreation access and quality for older adults in the NWT by strengthening the skills of those working with Elders. A regional Fall Prevention training was held alongside the NWTRPA Conference, engaging 100 participants from 15 communities in a hands-on learning experience centered on 10 active living exercises.

Walking Challenge

Walk to Tuk, the largest and longest recreational physical activity event in the NWT, was held over nine weeks during January and February 2025. The annual winter walking challenge returned with renewed cultural significance. Following a comprehensive review, the program was realigned with the NWTRPA's goals of decolonization and reconciliation. The initiative engaged 3,000 participants from 26 communities—including schools and workplaces—who formed 257 teams to conceptually walk the 1,658 km journey from Fort Providence to Tuktoyaktuk. Together, they recorded a total of 289,225 km and 3,806,092 minutes of physical activity, marking an increase from the previous year.


PASR Contribution: \$207,637

4 - Core Program Management and Research Initiatives

Research and reconciliation initiatives at NWTRPA actively support all six strategic goals by strengthening programming and advancing the northern recreation sector. These efforts focus on decolonization, reconciliation, and racial equity, with two major multiyear projects currently underway:

- How I Survived: A research project examining the intersection of recreation and the history of residential and day schools in the NWT. The initiative includes a podcast that explores colonial impacts on recreation while honouring the resilience and creativity of students and survivors.
- Developing a Northern Definition of Recreation: NWTRPA launched a collaborative project to establish a culturally meaningful definition of recreation tailored to Northern communities. This initiative brought together Elders, youth, community leaders, and recreation professionals to explore how recreation is understood and practiced across the NWT. The goal is to deepen understanding and improve engagement in recreational activities by recognizing the unique cultural, environmental, and social contexts of Northern life. The definition will serve as a foundation for future programming, policy development, and advocacy efforts, ensuring that recreation in the NWT reflects and respects Indigenous values, traditions, and ways of being.

This fund supports administrative staff and core operating costs such as board operations, insurance, audit and finance costs, information technology and staff training.



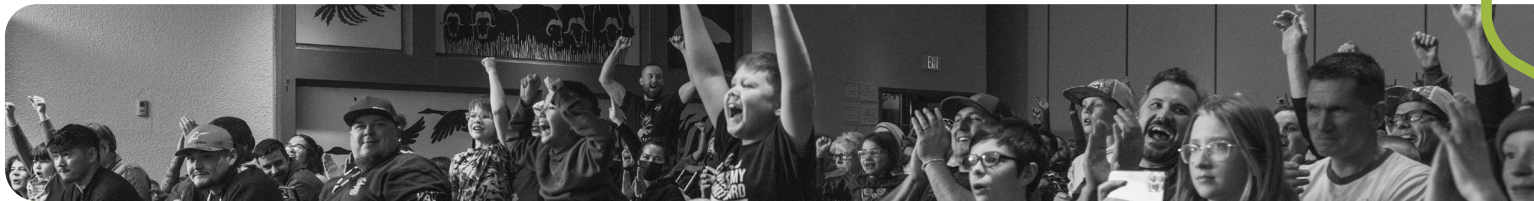
PASR Contribution: \$251,623

Program	Budget
Professional Development	\$216,943
On-the-land Programs	\$123,797
Active Communities	\$207,637
Core Program Management and Research	\$251,623
Total PASR Fund Contribution	\$800,000

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SPORT NORTH FEDERATION

Incorporated in 1976, the Sport North Federation (SNF) continues to play a central role in promoting and developing amateur sport across the NWT. The SNF supports territorial sport organizations, athletes, coaches and sport volunteers through a variety of programs and services.

SNF envisions an NWT where people are active, healthy, and engaged in sport and physical activity, which will result in the enhanced well-being of people and communities. The SNF vision for the NWT is that all residents have opportunities for active, lifelong engagement in sport delivered through a well-coordinated system.

1 - Program Management

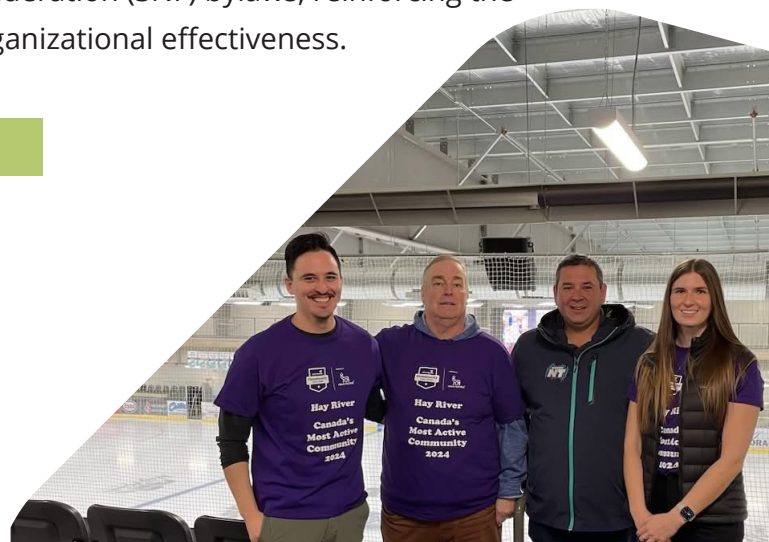
Administrative staff and core operating costs such as board operations, insurance, audit and finance, information technology and staff training did not change. The SNF annual general meeting was held in May 2024 in Yellowknife, NWT.

“Celebrating Our Volunteers – Together We Are Stronger Than Ever” was the theme of the 2025 Sport North AGM, emphasizing unity, appreciation, and the vital role of volunteers in strengthening the sport community. The AGM brought together Territorial Sport Organizations (TSOs), partners, and sector representatives to honour the invaluable contributions of volunteers. The event was designed to inspire appreciation, foster leadership, strengthen teamwork, and promote personal growth among TSO volunteers.

AGM Key Highlights:

- Partner Showcase: Introduced for the first time at the AGM, the Partner Showcase offered TSOs, partners, and industry professionals a platform to highlight organizational initiatives and share updates within the sport and recreation landscape.
- Governance Focus: The Sport North Board dedicated strategic attention to reviewing and updating the governance framework and Sport North Federation (SNF) bylaws, reinforcing the organization’s commitment to strong leadership and organizational effectiveness.

PASR Contribution: \$303,258



2 - Membership Services

SNF provided the following services to territorial sport organizations who chose to access them: administrative support including governance and policy development; financial management, funding application development, marketing support, volunteer and board development, logistics and event planning, and mediation/arbitration.

PASR Contribution: \$128,409

3 - Awards

The awards program received a total of 25 nominations, reflecting strong engagement across the sport and recreation community. In partnership with Joey Klein and ArTech Engrave, custom awards were designed and produced to celebrate northern artistry and support local artists and businesses.

All award categories were presented, with a standout moment in the Senior Male Athlete of the Year category. In an unprecedented decision, the selection committee named co-recipients—brothers-in-law—recognizing their shared achievement and unique story. This marked a first in the program's history and underscored the committee's commitment to honouring excellence in all its forms.

The following awards were presented:

- Youth Female Athlete of the Year
- Youth Male Athlete of the Year
- Robin Mercer-Sproule Memorial Junior Female Athlete of the Year
- Junior Male Athlete of the Year
- Mary Beth Miller Memorial Senior Female Athlete of the Year
- Senior Male Athlete of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Dennis Crane Memorial Official of the Year

PASR Contribution: \$27,200

4 - Scholarships

In 2025, the SNF partnered with the Yellowknife Community Foundation to implement online application processes for scholarship submissions. This initiative aimed to improve accessibility for applicants and encourage greater participation. The transition also effectively reduced the administrative workload for SNF staff. As a result of these enhancements, nine scholarships were successfully awarded.

PASR Contribution: \$20,963



5 - NWT Sport Hall of Fame

Due to regional wildfires, the Hall of Fame ceremony was postponed until the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May 2025 where the 13th athlete was inducted, the first since 2019. Eleven builders and six teams have been recognized since the Hall of Fame was created in 2012.

The Awards Committee continues to review the Hall of Fame program to ensure its relevance and impact. A dedicated Nomination Committee is actively involved in identifying and celebrating distinguished athletes, teams, and builders who have made notable contributions to sport and recreation across the NWT.

PASR Contribution: \$43,635

7 - Coaching

SNF, in collaboration with National Sport Organizations such as Respect in Sport, Canadian Women & Sport, and the Coaching Association of Canada, works to provide coach development opportunities for the NWT coaches. The goal is to improve access to coach training programs by reducing barriers.

Through a partnership with Alberta Sport's Multi Sport Calendar, 29 coaches successfully completed the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) modules over the course of the year. In addition, a new collaboration with Pacific Sport Vancouver Island provided eight seats in an eight-month virtual program, which included NCCP courses, applied coaching workshops, and mentorship opportunities. This initiative culminated in four graduates in May 2025. Themed professional development for TSOs was also delivered virtually, with four lunchtime Zoom webinars conducted throughout the year to promote continuous learning and engagement among coaches.

Areas supported by the program include:

- Women in Coaching
- Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Sport and MED Certified status obligations to attend the Arctic Winter Games
- Master Learning Facilitator training
- Coaching Association of Canada
- Officials Training

6 - Rising Star

The Rising Star program provides NWT athletes with financial assistance to contribute to their learning and development through the athlete pathway (Long Term Athlete Development) in the Train-to-Train category. In 2024-2025, 20 development grants were distributed, benefiting athletes in 10 distinct sports disciplines. The program demonstrated a targeted and impactful approach to advancing sport development throughout the territory.

PASR Contribution: \$50,000

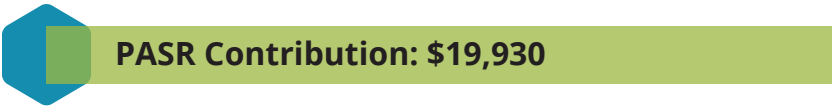


PASR Contribution: \$68,320

8 - High Performance Coaching/She Can Coach Program/They Can Coach

The She Can Coach Grant provides financial assistance to coaches who identify as female. This funding helps female coaches build coaching pathways by enhancing access to education and training opportunities at all levels. In 2024-2025, coaches in curling, hockey, snowboarding, soccer and figure skating received support through the program.

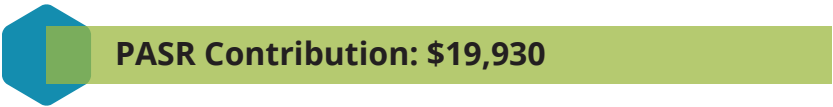
They Can Coach targets coaches looking to elevate their skills to the next level. It provides financial support to help coaches heighten their skill sets, develop networks and become role models for aspiring coaches across the NWT. They Can Coach offers support through funding for the following sports: table tennis, snowboarding, tennis, figure Skating, and badminton.



9 - Sport Excellence

To foster leadership and growth in athletes, SNF has created processes to provide opportunities for coaches and athletes to advance to higher levels of sport. SNF continued to seek partnerships with Southern Colleges for identifying and recruiting NWT athletes and collaborating with school placement programs.

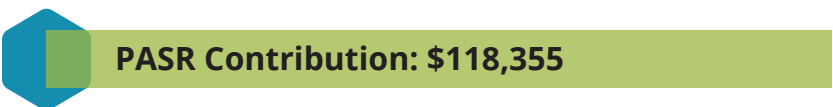
A key priority is aligning with the national sport organizations’ Athlete Pathway, and SNF is initiating the creation and implementation of an NWT Athlete Pathway that is not sport-specific, demonstrating our commitment to holistic athlete development and leadership in sport.



10 - KidSport

KidSport NWT is a branch of a national not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance for sport registration fees and equipment to kids aged 18 and under. Through a confidential application process, SNF provides grants so NWT kids can participate in sports.

Focused marketing efforts to promote grant programs significantly boosted viewership and engagement, resulting in a record number of applications compared to previous years. This expanded outreach enabled the distribution of 90 individual grants for registration and equipment across 14 different sports in 10 communities, including meaningful support to four previously unserved areas.



Program	Budget
Program Management	\$303,258
Membership Services	\$128,409
Awards	\$ 27,200
Scholarships	\$ 20,963
NWT Sport Hall of Fame	\$ 43,635
Rising Star	\$ 50,000
Coaching	\$ 68,320
High-Performance Coaching	\$ 19,930
Sport Excellence	\$ 19,930
KidSport	\$118,355
Total PASR Fund Contribution	\$800,000

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MACKENZIE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1993 and registered as a non-profit in 2001, the Mackenzie Recreation Association (MRA) continues to be a driving force in enhancing sport and recreation opportunities across the Mackenzie region. In 2024–25, MRA remained committed to improving access, building community capacity, and fostering leadership through a variety of impactful programs and services. The mission of the MRA is to enhance the quality of life of the Mackenzie region residents through physical literacy and activity for life opportunities while fostering and supporting the development of recreation, volunteers, and leadership.

1 - Program Management

Program management includes the core expenses associated with running the organization: staff for administrative purposes, audits, bank charges, communications, insurance, legal fees, office supplies, membership fees, affiliation/sponsorship, phone, internet, webhosting, program materials, supplies, and promotional materials. The annual in-person meeting assisted with board development training, strategic planning, and policy and procedure development. It also helped to increase the competency and confidence of the membership and board.



PASR Contribution: \$165,000

2 - Signature Events and Recreation Initiatives

This year marked a successful run for all signature events, with many demonstrating notable growth in both participation and community engagement. The Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament remains the most popular MRA signature event.

The Scott McAdam Badminton Tournament continues to gain momentum, showing a steady rise in participant numbers annually. Across the Dehcho Region, MRA's three signature events consistently maintained strong attendance, reinforcing their value to the community.

Efforts are underway to build engagement in the Smash It Volleyball Tournament in Behchoko, with the goal of establishing it as a key regional event. Physical literacy remains a foundational element of programming, delivered through a combination of discussion, demonstration, active play, and intentional planning to support the development of fundamental movement skills.

Summer programming was also successful, with Splash Camps hosted in three communities, providing water safety education and swimming instruction. Additionally, a summer student facilitated a National Lifeguarding training course in Fort Simpson, contributing to enhanced aquatic safety across the region. For these events, the MRA offers hosting grants, hosting support and assistance, and travel support and assistance. These camps and competitions play a vital role in strengthening communities through sport, physical activity, and recreation. The MRA works closely with community leaders, communities, and territorial sport organizations to ensure collaborative, purposeful, and quality events are held.




PASR Contribution: \$140,000

3 - Professional Development and Capacity Building

This program area assists to build a community of competent and confident professional and volunteer recreation leaders. The program also aims to support communities to deliver training that responds and reflects to their individual needs, interests, capacity and that results in inclusive and safe programming.

The Recreation Initiative Grant Programs saw significant growth in participation this year, marked by the successful launch of the new Individuals and Family Grants, which received 169 applications—a 67% increase from the previous year. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Spring Gathering were also well attended, with quorum achieved and meaningful engagement fostering collaboration and shared visions among participants. While the Professional Development Grant saw lower uptake, efforts continue to encourage communities to take part in growth opportunities. The Recreation Leader Camp was a notable success, reaching its maximum capacity of 20 spots and welcoming 16 youth for a week-long immersive program. This camp remains a cornerstone initiative for nurturing youth development in the recreation sector.



PASR Contribution: \$55,000

Program	Budget
Program Management	\$165,000
Signature Events and Recreation Initiatives	\$140,000
Professional Development & Capacity Building	\$ 55,000
Total PASR Fund Contribution	\$360,000

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ATTACHMENT B

MACA SPORT AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE PASR FUND FOR MACA SPORT AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

The following section provides details on the activities carried out by MACA Sport, Recreation and Youth Division supported by the PASR Fund in 2024-2025 (see Schedule 2 above – Contributions to Organizations and Active Living Programs).


INUVIK AND SAHTU SPORT AND RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

A regional association like the Mackenzie Recreation Association (MRA) does not currently exist for the Inuvik and Sahtu Regions. MACA has established the Inuvik and Sahtu Sport and Recreation Reimbursement Program to provide programs to communities in these regions similar to those provided by the MRA.

In 2024-2025, the Inuvik and Sahtu Sport and Recreation Reimbursement Program provided financial support for:


1 - Professional Development

The Professional Development and Training Fund offers financial support to individuals affiliated with community governments who are pursuing professional development or training in recreation or sport. This initiative is designed to strengthen capacity and enhance expertise, ultimately improving the delivery of quality recreation services across the Inuvik and Sahtu Regions. In 2024-2025, recipients participated in a range of safety and facility maintenance courses and attended conferences contributing directly to the sustainability of their community infrastructure and programming.

 **PASR Contribution: \$35,135**

2 - Community and Regional Events

The Regional Sport Development Program offers reimbursement for eligible expenses to athletes and coaches, helping boost participation in physical activity and sporting events that promote healthy, active lifestyles. Funded initiatives for this cycle include travel support for regional school sports, northern and traditional games, table tennis championships, sport-specific development camps, and a volleyball tournament. These efforts are designed to strengthen community engagement between the Beaufort Delta and the Sahtu, fostering the growth and development of diverse sports and recreational opportunities across the regions.

 **PASR Contribution: \$142,476**

Program	Budget
Program Management	\$35,135
Signature Events and Recreation Initiatives	\$142,476
Total PASR Fund Contribution	\$177,611



ATTACHMENT C

TERRITORIAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS

DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE PASR FUND FOR TERRITORIAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS

SPORT	ORGANIZATION	PROGRAMS	FUNDING
Archery	Archery NT, ISCNWT	Competitions Equipment Archery Judge Workshops	\$20,000
Athletics	Athletics NWT	Administration Coach Development Athlete Development Track and Field Event	\$65,790
Badminton	Northwest Territories Badminton Association		\$20,000
Basketball	Basketball NWT	Administration Board Development Player Development Summer Camps Regional Tournament	\$100,000
Biathlon	NWT Biathlon Association	Administration Travel Support for National Competition Training Camp Equipment	\$20,000
Bowling	NWT 5 Pin Bowlers' Association	National Competition Territorial participation Coach Training	\$20,000
Boxing	NWT Boxing and Kickboxing		\$20,000
Cross Country Skiing	Cross Country Northwest Territories	Administration Leadership Development in 5+ Communities Coaching Courses Participant Development- Ski at School Equipment	\$100,000
Curling	Northwest Territories Curling Association	Administration Strategic Planning and Policy Development Ice Making Training Coach Development Athlete Development Championship Weekend Nationals	\$82,500



SPORT	ORGANIZATION	PROGRAMS	FUNDING
Dene Games	Dene Games NT, ISCNWT	Instructor Development Athlete Development Program Development Northern Games Traditional Games Championships	
Dog Sledding	Northwest Territories Dog Sledding Association	Coaching & Official development Support Clubs programs & Races School programs	\$47,500
Figure Skating	NWT Figure Skating Association		\$20,000
Gymnastics	Northwest Territories Gymnastics Association	Registration Platform Development Coach Development Westerns & National Competitions Program Development	\$47,500
Hockey	Hockey NWT		\$100,000
Judo	NWT Judo Association	Administration Coach Development Program Development Community Outreach Athlete Development Travel Competitions	\$100,000
Karate	NWT Karate Association	Coach Development Athlete Development Program Development National Tournament Travel	\$20,000
Kayaking	NWT Kayaking Association		\$20,000
Northern Games	Northern Games NT, ISCNWT	Participant Development Instructor Development Traditional Games Championships	\$20,000
Shooting Sports	Northwest Territories Federation of Shooting Sports	Safety Officer Training Instructor Fees Participant development Grants for travel Facility Cost Equipment updates	\$31,000

SPORT	ORGANIZATION	PROGRAMS	FUNDING
Snowboarding	NWT Snowboard Association	Coach Development Participant Development Territorial Competition	\$47,500
Soccer	NWT Soccer Association	Administration Awards Leadership Development Coach Development Referee and Officials Clinics Tournaments	\$100,000
Softball	NWT Amateur Softball Association	Administration Coach Development Implementing new programs Pitching Clinic Umpire Clinic Catching Clinic Hitting Clinic	\$82,500
Special Olympics	Special Olympics NWT	Administration	\$20,000
Speed Skating	Northwest Territories Speed Skating Association	Administration Coach Training Officials Training Participant Development Travel Support	\$82,500
Squash	Northwest Territories Squash Racquets Association	Administration Coach Training Official training Travel Support Program Support/Athlete Development Territorial Championships	\$65,000
Swimming	NWT Swimming Association	Administration Training Camps Coach Education Equipment Canada Summer Games Preparation Camps	\$100,000
Table Tennis	Table Tennis North	Administration Canadian Championships Territorial Championships Training Camps Referee and Official Training	\$20,000

SPORT	ORGANIZATION	PROGRAMS	FUNDING
Taekwondo	Northwest Territories Taekwondo Association	Administration Out-of-Territory Competition Travel Equipment	\$20,000
Tennis	Tennis NWT	Administration Program Development Participant Development Coach Development Facility Updates Travel Support NWT Tournament, Summer & Winter Equipment	\$47,500
Volleyball	Volleyball NT	Administration Player Development Camps Tournaments Territorials Beach Club Support Club Support	\$82,500
Wrestling	Northwest Territories Amateur Wrestling Association	Administration Athlete Development Coach/Instructor Development Athlete Camps	\$20,000
Total			\$1,541,790





ATTACHMENT D

MULTI-SPORT GAMES

DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE PASR FUND FOR MULTI-SPORT GAMES

MACA provided funding support to Team Northwest Territories (Team NT) through the Fund and from Department appropriations.

The Northwest Territories Multisport Games Committee is responsible for the governance and oversight of Team NT's participation in major multi-sport Games events and for recommending support for major single and multi-sport Games hosting opportunities in the NWT. The Committee is responsible for:

1. A long-term Games participation plan consistent with sport development objectives,
2. Multisport games budgeting,
3. Team NT policy on but not limited to; team selection and appeals, procurement, sponsorship and mission staff,
4. Open, transparent and proactive communication with all stakeholders and the public,
5. Providing support for opportunities for hosting multisport or major single sport western, national or international events in the NWT.

The ISCNWT manages Team NT for the North American Indigenous Games. Sport North Federation manages Team NT for the Canada Games and Arctic Winter Games. The Canada 55+ Society manages Team NT at the Canada 55+ Games.

Canada Games

The Canada Games are the largest amateur multi-sport event in the country, bringing together over 2,000 able-bodied athletes and athletes with physical and intellectual disabilities from all 13 provinces and territories. Alternating every two years between summer and winter editions, the Canada Games span more than 30 sports and showcase the very best in Canadian sport and spirit. They leave a lasting legacy in host communities from coast to coast to coast, promoting inclusion, national unity, and long-term sport development. For Team NT, participation in the Canada Games provides northern athletes with invaluable exposure to high-performance competition and helps build capacity in sport throughout the territory.

Arctic Winter Games (AWG)

The Arctic Winter Games (AWG) are a high-profile circumpolar sport and cultural event held every two years. They are a cornerstone of northern sport development, offering athletes the opportunity to compete in a unique environment that blends athletic excellence with cultural celebration and social connection. The AWG program features both internationally recognized sports and traditional northern and Indigenous events, promoting regional values and identity.

The AWG continue to play a critical role in youth engagement, talent identification, and interjurisdictional collaboration, contributing meaningfully to the long-term sustainability and vibrancy of sport across the North. Participation in the AWG provides athletes with meaningful competitive experience, exposure to multi-sport environments, and opportunities to develop sport-specific skills in a culturally rich setting.

Team NT typically fields nearly a full team of 355 athletes, coaches, cultural delegates, and mission staff. Sport North Federation works with territorial sport organizations to select participants in the months leading up to the Games.

2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

Team NT was represented by 352 participants in the Alaska 2024 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) in Matanuska-Susitna Valley (Mat-Su) Alaska, March 10 to 16, 2024. Participants included athletes, cultural performers, coaches, managers and mission staff from 19 communities from every region of the territory. Team NT was represented in 19 sports, as well as the cultural program and Gala.

In 2024–2025, GNWT funding supported Team NT's final preparations and participation in the 2024 AWG. The total GNWT contribution for the 2024 AWG was distributed across two fiscal years—2023–2024 and 2024–2025.



2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES (continued)

The overall cost of Team NT’s participation in the 2024 AWG was \$2,127,680, an increase of \$719,000 compared to the 2023 AWG. This increase was driven by the international location of the Games, expanded regional trials, complex travel logistics, and unforeseen flight disruptions. Despite these factors, regional participation levels remained stable.

PASR Contribution (2024-25): \$613,740

2024 Arctic Winter Games	Budget
PASR Fund Contribution (2023-24)	\$1,017,912
PASR Fund Contribution (2024-25)	\$613,740
Other Funding Sources and Registration Fees (SNF and MACA)	\$496,028
Total Games Cost	\$2,127,680



Canada 55+ Games

The Canada 55+ Games provide Team NT athletes with an opportunity to compete with peers from across the country in a range of sport and recreational events. Beyond competition, the Games foster social engagement and connection among participants.

Sports, recreation, and active living play a vital role in promoting physical health, mental wellness, social inclusion, and community strength. The Government of the Northwest Territories continues to support residents of all ages, including seniors, by providing assistance to attend this event and encouraging lifelong participation in active living. The Canada 55+ Society manages Team NT at the Canada 55+ Games. The team is organized and led by a group of NWT volunteers who coordinate the registration process for interested participants.

In August 2024, Team NT proudly participated in the Canada 55+ Games held in Quebec City, Quebec. A total of 58 participants from five NWT communities competed in a range of sport and recreational events, including ice hockey, pickleball, table tennis, swimming, curling, cribbage, bowling, bridge, tennis, golf, 8-ball pool, and track and field. Team NT earned 14 medals including five gold, four silver, and five bronze. The next Canada 55+ Games were originally scheduled to take place in Winnipeg in 2026 but have now been postponed to 2028 due to funding challenges and a surge in participation.

PASR Contribution (2024-25): \$25,000

2024 Canada 55+ Games	Budget
PASR Fund Contribution (2023-24)	\$50,000
PASR Fund Contribution (2024-25)	\$25,000
Total Planned Games Cost	\$75,000



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