



## **ABORIGINAL SPORT CIRCLE**

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## **THE ABORIGINAL SPORT CIRCLE ANNOUNCES WINNIPEG AS THE 2023 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST**

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The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) is pleased to announce the host for the 2023 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) has been awarded to Winnipeg, Manitoba. The event will take place May 7-13, 2023, at the Seven Oaks Arena with over 500 participants expected to be in attendance.

“The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) is excited to award the 20<sup>th</sup> National Aboriginal Hockey Championships to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2023. This is a significant anniversary for one of Canada’s preeminent Indigenous sporting events and the ASC is confident the host society, the City of Winnipeg and the participating teams will do this momentous milestone proud.” Rob Newman, ASC President

“As a former coach involved with the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, I have witnessed first-hand the incredible power of connection and the thrill of accomplishment that the players, coaches, officials, parents and volunteers experience at these games. While the event is always special, it is with extra anticipation and pride that I look forward to Winnipeg 2023 and the celebration of 20 years of National Aboriginal Hockey Championships.” Matt Tapper, Chief Executive Officer, ASC

“Manitoba is excited to host the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Winnipeg. We look forward to celebrating this elite hockey event with the players, coaches, families and our communities. It is an honour to share our culture and support Indigenous youth across Canada. On behalf of the host community, we are thrilled to invite you to Manitoba.” Wendy Creed, NAHC 2023 Chair

“It is with great pride and excitement that we are returning to Winnipeg for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Aboriginal Hockey Championships. I look forward to continuing the great tradition of the NAHC both sharing culture and tradition as well as showcasing the best male

and female Indigenous U18 Hockey players in the country.” Jeff Spencer, ASC Hockey Committee Chair

The 2023 NAHC will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual event. It provides a forum for elite 13- to 17-year-old Indigenous male and female youth, attracting participation from First Nation, Inuit and Metis across thirteen provinces and territories. This annual event helps foster cultural unity and pride as well as an opportunity to celebrate the athletic abilities of Indigenous athletes from across the country.

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