



North American **INDIGENOUS GAMES 2023**

HALIFAX • NOVA SCOTIA

**Team Colorado**



THE SPIRIT  
STRONG • BRAVE • TRUE

**Mission Statement of Team Colorado**

*Each Athlete will be prepared physically and mentally to perform at his/her personal best while remembering that it is a privilege to represent Team Colorado and this community.*





**FRIENDS MADE  
GAMES PLAYED  
CULTURE SHARED  
LEGACY LIVES**

# Halifax, Nova Scotia

July 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023



**NAIG Participants Number 2023: 5250**

**Colorado Participation 2020: 150\***

**Colorado Participation 2017: 77 athletes & coaching**

**Colorado Participation Now: athletes & coaching**

**Pjila'si The Mi'kmaw Nation**

# Team Colorado

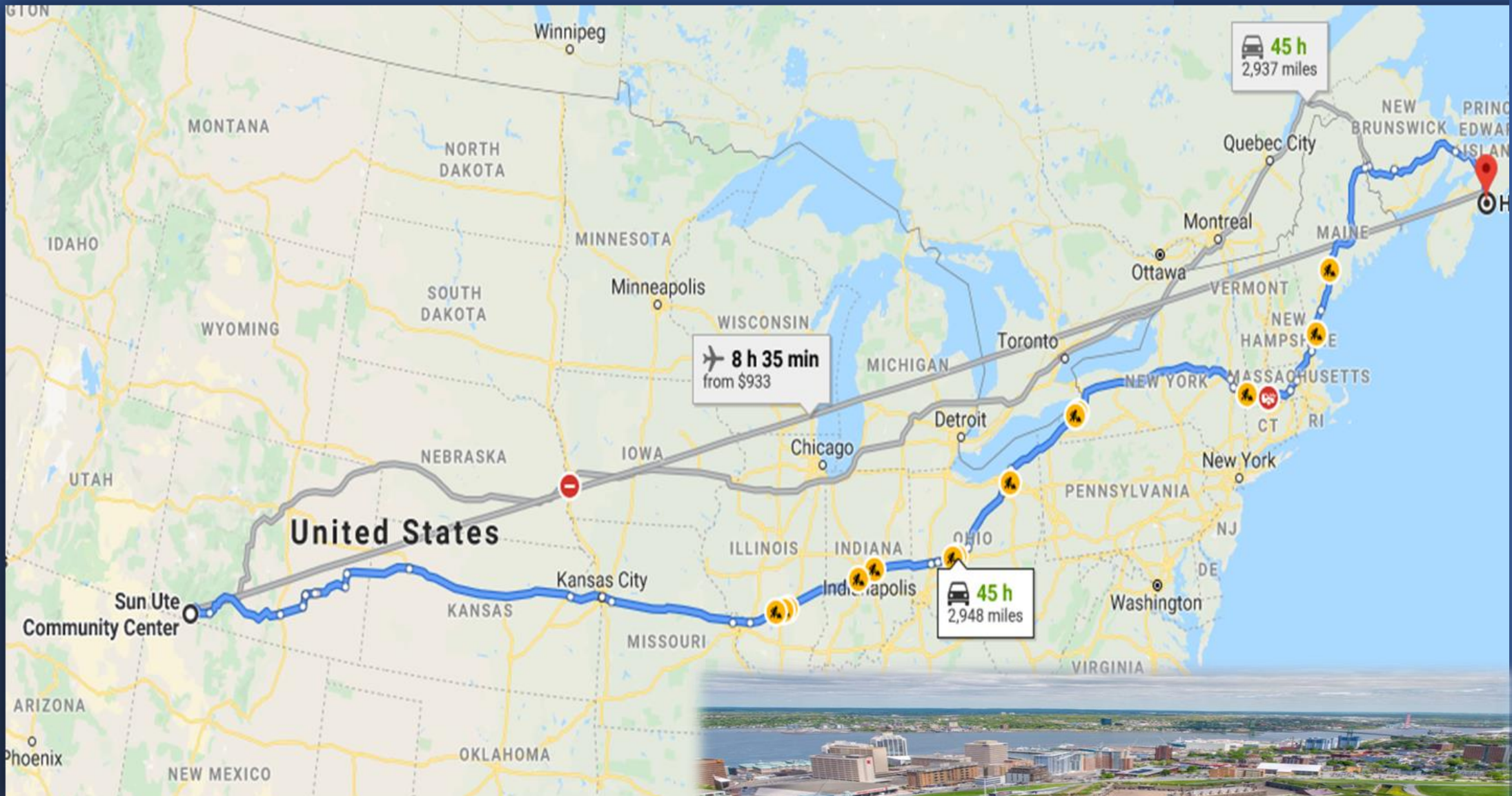
Participated in six of the eleven games and will be going back for number seven in 2023.

- Victoria, British Columbia (1997)
- Winnipeg, Manitoba (2002)
- Denver, Colorado (2006)

## Hosted

- Cowichan, British Columbia (2008)
- Regina, Saskatchewan (2014)
- Toronto, Ontario (2017)
- Halifax, Nova Scotia (2023)





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## Eligibility Requirements for Athletes

All athletes competing in the NAIG must be of Canadian and/or American Indigenous ancestry. All participants must provide proof of ancestry.

Tribal Identification Card or Certificate of Indian Blood

Academic Performance

- Grades **(2.0)**
- Attendance **(90%)**
- Excellent Behavior
- Community Service **(16hrs)**

Team Participation

- Practices
- Training Events
- Team Meetings

Athletes Residency

- must be permanent resident of the contingent they are competing for.
- Must live in the state that the athlete is playing for 180 days prior to the games. (6 months)

# Participant Fees

- **Individual Financial Responsibility**
  - **Coaches (HC, AC, MGR, & Chap)**
    - All coaches, managers, & chaperons will pay a fee (TBD)\*
  - **All Southern Ute Tribal Member Athletes**
    - (Fee covers registration, team apparel and portion of transportation)\* (TBD)
  - **All other American Indian Athletes**
    - (Fee covers registration, team apparel and transportation)\*(TBD)
- Passport and outside expenses (souvenir and outside meals\* not provided by the Host Society are the responsibility of the athlete)





# Passports: You Must have one to travel

- Forms must be filled out in **Black Ink**
  - If you make a mistake just line through it and add correction
- DS-11 is for new passports
- DS-82 is for a renewal of an adult's passport
- Things you need
  - Citizenship evidence
  - Identification
  - Proof of relationship (for children under 16)
- Photo
  - Can be done at the Ignacio Post Office or Durango Post Office
- Cost:
  - **\$120\*** (15 and younger)
  - **\$150\*** (adult passport)



# Code Of Conduct

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All participants of Team Colorado will uphold the rules and regulations that govern the North American Indigenous Games. All participants on Team Colorado which includes our Athletes, Coaches, Managers, and Mission Staff will display behavior in accordance with the Spirit of the Games. We will act as ambassadors for our family, our community and our province/territory/state. Under the leadership of the Chef de Mission and Mission Staff each member of Team Colorado shall:

1. Conduct themselves with the pride and dignity of our Grandmothers and Grandfathers.
2. Treat visiting teams, spectators, officials, Host Society Officials, and dignitaries with respect.
3. Be fair at all times.
4. Believe in the honesty and the integrity of your opponents and officials.
5. Play the game for the games sake.
6. Accept peacefully without question the decision of the officials.
7. Play hard and to the limit of your abilities regardless of discouragement. True athletes do not give up, nor do they quarrel, cheat, bet or show off.
8. Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, being neither boastful nor bitter.



# Background Checks

- ALL coaches, assistant coaches, team managers and any athlete over the age of 18 will need to do a background check.
- Background checks can be done at Human Resources at the Leonard C. Burch Building.
- Please let Recreation staff know when you plan on completing your background check so Human Resources staff are aware and have the correct paperwork ready for you.



# Recreation Staff:

- SunUte Community Center: 970-563-0214
- Virgil Morgan: 970-563-2652
- Tara Vigil: 970-563-2667
- Daphnee Washington: 970-563-2655

