



## Off-Ice Officials Volunteer Information

### About the NAHC:

The Aboriginal Sport Circle established the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) in 2002 to serve as the premier competition for young Indigenous hockey players.

There will be 16 teams of more than 500 athletes and 100 coaches, plus officials, dignitaries, and spectators travelling to Grande Prairie for the 2024 NAHC from across Canada. An exciting blend of sport and culture, this event provides a forum for elite Indigenous youth ages 14 – 18 to not only compete for sport glory, but to also come together in ceremony and comraderies. Many players, both female and male have gone on to notable careers in hockey and sport.

Grande Prairie will be the first ever Alberta community to host the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and we are thrilled to have this opportunity to share our great province with all participants and spectators. The event will provide various cultural initiatives and immersive experiences to share and celebrate the diverse culture and traditions of the Treaty 8 people.

### General Overview:

- Dates: May 6 – 11, 2024
- Location: Design Works Centre
- Tickets: unticketed free event
- Other Activities:
  - Opening and Closing Ceremonies featuring Indigenous entertainment
  - Athlete & Coaches Entertainment Night in the Eastlink Centre and Design Works Centre
  - Smudge tent located outside of the venue for all participants and spectators
  - Indigenous Vendor Alley located on second floor concourse of Design Works Centre during medal rounds
  - Northern Games in the Eastlink Centre Fieldhouse (open to the public)
- All volunteers will have access to the volunteer lounge with complimentary snacks and beverages and will receive a volunteer uniform

### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Available roles include penalty box, timekeeper, scorekeeper, and music
- We are seeking individuals who:
  - Have a good understanding of the sport, including rules and nuances
  - Are tech-savvy and familiar with using technology for scoring, timekeeping, music
  - Are able to adapt to unexpected challenges and make decisions on the spot
  - Possess high attention to detail, ensuring accuracy in scoring, timekeeping, and other tasks
  - Cultural sensitivity training may be required

If you are interested in signing up as a volunteer, please email [nahc2024@gmail.com](mailto:nahc2024@gmail.com)