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NEW DATES ANNOUNCED FOR SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES IN REGINA

50th Anniversary Saskatchewan Winter Games Rescheduled to February 19-25, 2023!

REGINA, SK – The Saskatchewan Games Council and the Regina Host Organizing Committee are pleased to announce that the Saskatchewan Winter Games originally scheduled for February 20-26, 2022 will now be held in 2023! A decision not to proceed with the February 2022 Games was made under the advice of the Saskatchewan Health Authority due to COVID-19 and rising cases of the Omicron variant. Our decision was made to prioritize the health and safety of participants, and all involved.

After consultation with Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) and the Districts for Sport, Culture and Recreation, the Games will be held February 19-25, 2023. The Games will feature competition for young athletes in 17 winter sports. All sports that were originally included on the 2022 sport calendar have committed to participate in 2023.

2023 will be the 25th Saskatchewan Games. We will celebrate 50 years of providing exciting and memorable experiences for hundreds of young athletes from every corner of our province. The Games will bring fans and spectators to Regina from across the province for this weeklong event creating an estimated economic impact of over \$3M.

“Following our decision to postpone the Games, we are excited to share our new dates and redirect our planning efforts towards February 2023,” said Valerie Sluth, Chair, Regina Host Organizing Committee. “We would like to thank all of our sponsors, stakeholders, and volunteers for their continued support. We look forward to continuing the celebration the 50th Anniversary of the Saskatchewan Games in Regina next year!”

“With the announcement of these new dates, I’m more confident than ever that the Regina Host Organizing Committee will be able to host the Games the way we envisioned by providing a safe and unforgettable experience for the athletes, coaches, volunteers, spectators and sponsors,” said Mark Bracken, Saskatchewan Games Council Executive Director. “The new February 2023 schedule will allow Games participants a greater opportunity to maximize their experience, while ensuring the Games provide a full range of sport and cultural experience to all.”

The Saskatchewan Games are one of the largest amateur sporting events in Saskatchewan, seeing participation from over 2,000 athletes, coaches, and officials and over 1,000 volunteers from every corner of the province. Inclusion is a large focus of the Saskatchewan Games, both Special Olympic and Para-athletes participate alongside able-bodied athletes that reflect the cultural diversity of our province. Held every two years, alternating between summer and winter, the Games provide an opportunity for the province’s developing athletes, coaches, and officials to experience an exciting multi-sport event in preparation for higher levels of competition, including the Canada Games, North American Indigenous Games, the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Updates and additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

About the Saskatchewan Games

First established in 1972, the purpose of the Saskatchewan Games is to provide an opportunity for the province's developing athletes, coaches, and officials to participate in an exciting multi-sport event in preparation for a higher level of competition. The Saskatchewan Games also leave behind valuable legacies that benefit each host community for years to come. To learn more, visit www.saskgames.ca

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