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ASC: The ASC Welcomes the 20th National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

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May 2, 2023, Ottawa, ON – The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) is pleased to sponsor the 2023 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) hosted in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 7 to 13. A collective of Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sports bodies, the ASC is Canada’s national voice for sport, physical activity, and recreation for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people.

This is the twentieth NAHC event, which the ASC founded in 2002 to provide an annual forum for elite Indigenous hockey players across Canada. “Players, coaches, and those supporting them all contribute to the excellence of these athletes,” says Matt Tapper, CEO of the ASC. A focal point of grassroots and regional Indigenous hockey development, the NAHC features both girls’ and boys’ teams.

Tapper himself has served on the coaching staff for the female Team Atlantic. He emphasizes the potential of hockey – and sports in general – to promote a healthy, active lifestyle, as well as teamwork and leadership for Indigenous youth. The NAHC also helps foster cultural unity and pride, celebrating the abilities of Indigenous athletes from across Canada.

“This is a significant anniversary for one of Canada’s finest Indigenous sporting events and the ASC is confident the Host Society, Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council and the participating teams will do this momentous milestone proud.” Rob Newman, ASC President

The National Aboriginal Hockey Championships will convene at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex on May 7, 2023. It will continue every day until both male and female champions are awarded on May 13.

For more information about the ASC and the Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sports Bodies that its work supports, please visit <https://www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca/>.

For more information on the 20th NAHC, teams, schedules and how to watch please visit this years tournament website at <https://nahc2023.ca/>

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