



## RECREATION Department

### ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2024

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The Recreation Department is responsible for delivering recreational programs within the region, with a special focus on the youth of Nunavik.

#### PROJECTS, COLLABORATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VISITS

##### **2024 Summer Games**, Sanikiluaq

- Sanikiluaq hosted the 2024 Summer Games with a total of five teams, including four Nunavik communities participating. The team from Inukjuak won 1<sup>st</sup> overall.

##### Weekly update meetings

- Leading up to the Games, weekly meetings took place with event hosts to coordinate efforts and explore ways to contribute effectively.

##### Charter and flights

- Logistics for transportation by charter were coordinated with Local Recreation Coordinators (LRCs) from Inukjuaq, Ivujivik, Kuujuaq, and Kangiqsujaq.

##### Team

- Émile Maheu, Chris Martin, and Aysa Bakir were on-site to assist with logistics and support Nunavik teams attending and to help making sure the events ran smoothly.

##### Planning for next Summer Games.

- RTADAs are organizing a late-September meeting with LRCs to start a discussion around potential 2025 Summer Games in Nunavik.

##### **Cirqiniq camp** – June 22-29, Puvirnituq

- Émile Maheu, Aysa Bakir, and Chris Martin arranged participants' flights and contracts.
- Chris Martin assisted with on-site logistics.

##### **Professional development**

- Chris Martin accompanied Minnie Ittoshat (LRC) and Mary Tuckatuck (Assistant LRC), from Kuujuaapik, to a Sport-for-Life training session in Montréal, facilitated by Mataya Jim and Greg Henhawk of Sport-for-Life Indigenous Initiatives.
- Sport-for-Life has working alongside Kuujuaapik Rec Dept for some time as part of a project to promote physical literacy and to provide mentorship, tools and other resources such as the Playbuilder program, an online platform for planning physical activity and teaching sports and skills.
- Training involved advanced training in using the Playbuilder app, discussions on difficulties in implementing sport and health initiatives both in Nunavik and in other Indigenous territories, as well as discussing solutions, partnerships and training.

- Sport-for-Life remains available to provide mentorship and guidance to other communities that are interested.

### **Community visits**

- RTADAs provided technical assistance to Kangirsuk, Umiujaq and Kuujjuaraapik
- Kangirsuk: Meeting and training with new LRC
- Umiujaq: Meetings with stakeholders and touring of multiple infrastructures
- Kuujjuaraapik: Collaboration with Makivvik youth and basketball tournament

### **Upcoming**

- Visits to be determined. We will revise our objectives and reconnect with communities in the coming weeks.
- We encourage all LRCs and NVs to contact us for the preparation of our calendar of visits so we can better assist and plan with sports and recreation stakeholders in your community.

### **LOCAL RECREATION COORDINATORS TRAINING**

- Next LRC training from September 16-20 in Kuujjuaraapik
- Initial contact completed with LRCs, and online form sent to determine best time to meet
- Work on logistics such as accommodation, food, transportation, and other necessities began in August.
- Training topics to include:
  - LRC goals and objectives
  - Making funding requests
  - Role of KRG Recreation Advisors
  - Discussion on present and past roles and experiences
  - 2025 Arctic Summer Games and 2026 Arctic Winter Games

### **Upcoming**

Recreation and sports leadership conference in Iqaluit from October 18-20. Topics to be covered:

- Building Healthy Communities through Recreation and Sport Panel Discussion
- Grant Opportunities & Tips for Success
- Communication and Leadership in Recreation Settings
- Making a Difference in Your Community – A Community Development approach
- Spaces and Places – Managing & Preparing Your Facilities for Winter
- Regional Meetings (sharing regional challenges, solutions and best practices)

For more information, contact the Recreation Department or a Recreation Advisor. Deadline to register is September 16.

### **CIRQINIQ**

- June 17-21: Junior Instructor Training (supported by ESUMA) with seven participants from across Nunavik trained as CIRQINIQ young leaders in social circus
- June 22-28: Summer Camp in Puvirnituq involving social circus workshops (45 participants), and two workshops for ages 12 and under (33 participants)

- June 28: Puvirnituq CIRQINIQ Show with 225 people attending the show
- June 21-28: Completion of Cirkaskina Duo Exchange with three members of Artcirc (Igloolik, Nunavut) participating in the CIRQINIQ summer camp

### **Upcoming**

- Sept. 25-29: Three youth participants along with Senior Instructor will participate in cultural exchange hosted by Wemotaci and presented by our social circus partner, Cirkaskina.
- Senior Instructor Training (dates to be determined)
- September-December:
  - Five, two-week-long community visits with a focus on priority communities (TBD)
  - Continue to prioritize local workshops with Junior Instructors where possible

For information, contact Recreation Department, Cirqiniq FB page or [cirqiniqinstructors@gmail.com](mailto:cirqiniqinstructors@gmail.com)

## **ARCTIC WINTER GAMES 2026**

The next Arctic Winter Games will take place in March 2026 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Airline Charter: A call for tender closed in June and one bid was received. Canadian North will provide services to Team Nunavik for the 2026 Games.

Team Nunavik clothing: Based on AWG 2023-24 feedback received from athletes, coaches and mission staff, a list of potential clothing, separated by lots and specific sports, was put together. A call for tender is upcoming.

### **Team Nunavik online registration**

Online coaches' registration has been active since August; deadline to apply is October 4. We are looking for coaches for Arctic sports, Dene games, badminton, snowshoe, table tennis and managers for our cultural delegation.

Mandatory training for TNQ and AWG staff will be completed by Coaching Association of Canada.

### **Upcoming**

Team Nunavik pin design contest:

- The 2026 Arctic Winter Games marks the first time that Team Nunavik Québec participates as a full member of the Arctic Winter Games International Host Society (AWGIHS). To commemorate TNQ's participation, a new pin is being designed. An owl pin design has been representing the team for many years and with the team's new role within the AWGIHS, we want to feature Nunavik's unique artistic talent to create a one-of-a-kind piece that showcases the region. For Whitehorse 2026, TNQ is launching a pin design contest to represent the team's future participation.
- Eligibility: The design contest is open to all Nunavimmiut and Nunavik residents.
- The winning designer will receive a cash prize, a framed pin set and TNQ clothing items.
- Promotion, guidelines and rules will be soon made public via:
  - Posters

- Local FM radio
- Facebook posts on Team Nunavik Québec page
- KRG website

### Sports Nutrition webinar

- On September 18, with the collaboration of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services and First Nations of Québec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission, a webinar on sports nutrition will be presented to 2023-2024 TNQ members. English-French recordings and documents will be made available.
- Deadline to register is September 16.

### Promotion and calendar of events

- Promotion of the 2026 AWG starts in September, and a calendar of events will be available by mid-October that includes team information, registration, upcoming tryouts and available training.

For information, contact Philippe Chiasson through our TNQ Facebook page or email at [pchiasson@krg.ca](mailto:pchiasson@krg.ca)

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