

Prepare now for Winter Games

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The Saskatchewan Winter Games to be held in Kindersley Feb. 13 to 19, 1994 are just eight short months away. The Zone 1 Sports Council is already eagerly preparing for this year's Games.

Our goals for this year's Games include: to send a complete contingent of participants, coaches and managers to the Games; to improve our final standing from the previous Winter Games held in 1990 in Melville; to win the Joe Griffiths Award for the most improved Zone. (The comparison is based on a winter to winter and summer to summer basis. The trophy's name honors an outstanding contribution to amateur sport in Saskatchewan.) Our final goal is to provide the Zone 1 team with the best week they could possibly have.

The week of the Winter Games divides the sport calendar in half. Gymnastics, ringette,

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figure skating, men's volleyball, wrestling, cross country skiing (Special O events included), and men's curling will be held in the first half of the week (Feb. 13 to 16). Badminton, bowling (Special O events included), women's curling, hockey, karate, speed-skating (Special O events included), women's volleyball, and alpine skiing will be held in the second half of the week (Feb. 16 to 19).

To participate at the Games playoffs which will be held in the fall (September to December) athletes must be a resident of Zone 1. If a team has members from two or more Saskatchewan Games zones and is registered in a recognized league, it shall compete in the zone where the majority of their players reside. Athletes residing at an address outside of Saskatchewan are eli-

gible to compete in the Games if they meet several conditions. Please contact the Zone 1 Sports Council Office (429-2205) if you fit into this category or have questions about your eligibility.

A full contingent of Zone 1 athletes totals 221. Therefore, if all eight zones of Saskatchewan have full representation at the Saskatchewan Winter Games, 1,768 athletes will be participating in this event.

One more reminder to all coaches: to participate in the Saskatchewan Winter Games and the playoffs leading up to the Games, all coaches *must* be NCCP (National Coaching Certification Program) certified -- at least Level I. This means each coach must have his/her level I Technical and Practical in their specific Games sport, along with their Level I Theory.

Our next Zone 1 Level 1 theory will be held in Moosomin, July 10 and 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Contact the Zone 1 Office at 429-2205 to register, or for more information. The Zone 1 Sports Council is in the process of finalizing our fall NCCP Theory Clinic Schedule (September to December). This information will be supplied in future Zone 1 columns, or call the Zone 1 Sports Council at 429-2205.