



News Release

Nunavut athletes heading to Canada Winter Games

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 11, 2011) – Twenty-one Nunavummiut are making final preparations for the 2011 Canada Winter Games which open today in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

“This is Nunavut’s sixth trip to the Canada Winter Games and we are so proud of each our athletes,” said Premier Eva Aariak. “The dedication and time you have put into your training and sport is admirable. Best of luck and know that Nunavummiut will be at home cheering for you as you compete over the coming days.”

Team Nunavut consists of 21 athletes, eight coaches and managers, three Nunavut artists and seven support staff. The athletes will be competing in badminton, judo, speed skating and table tennis. Nunavut’s artists will represent Nunavut at the National Artistic Program.

“On behalf of Nunavummiut, I extend my very best wishes to the athletes, artists and support staff who are representing Nunavut at the Canada Winter Games,” said Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, the Hon. James Arreak. “I would also like to acknowledge the many volunteers who have helped prepare the athletes for the games, their generous contribution of time and a skill is so valuable to our communities.”

The Canada Games are held every two years, alternating between summer and winter. Nunavut began competing in the Canada Games Program in the summer of 2001.

The 2011 Canada Winter Games are being held February 11-27th in Halifax, Nova.

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