



Press Release

Team Nunavik–Québec's Final Roster

Nunavik, Québec, February 4, 2012 – The final roster for Team Nunavik–Québec was announced today by chef de mission Jean Dupuis. A total of 53 athletes, six cultural performers, 11 coaches, and five mission staff will travel to the 2012 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) in Whitehorse, Yukon, from March 4 to 10.

Team Nunavik–Québec's athletes and cultural performers have been selected from 13 different communities. Mission staff and coaches, for their part, come from Kangiqsualujuaq, Kuujuaq, Puvirnituq, Inukjuak and Kuujuarapik.

Team Nunavik–Québec athletes will be competing in five different disciplines: Arctic Sports, Dene Games, Badminton, Table Tennis and Snowshoeing. The selection of these athletes is based on athletic performance, as well as participants' demonstration of sportsmanship and leadership qualities. Selected athletes must also meet minimum competition requirements set by the AWG International Committee.

The successful completion of the snowshoeing regional trials in Kangiqsualujuaq in the latter part of January made it possible to finalize the Team Nunavik–Québec roster. As well, further to a last-minute decision by the AWG International Committee, Team Nunavik–Québec was authorized to increase the size of its snowshoeing contingent from four to eight athletes.

The Northern Village of Kangiqsualujuaq in cooperation with the Recreation Department of the Kativik Regional Government organized the snowshoeing regional trials and badminton doubles training from January 20 to 22. Twenty-one athletes participated in the snowshoeing trials. Proud parents and supportive community members turned out in good numbers at the opening and closing ceremonies, and provided enthusiastic support throughout the weekend of events.

The AWG is a biennial, international sports competition for athletes and cultural participants from Nunavik, Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, northern Alberta, Greenland, Yamal (Russia) and Sapmi (Scandinavia).

The Kativik Regional Government is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development. The KRG Recreation Department is dedicated to the delivery of recreational activities for all Nunavimmiut, promoting healthy and active living, as well as encouraging participation in many different sports and recreation opportunities.

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Team Nunavik–Québec
Final Roster

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| Chef de Mission | Jean Dupuis |
| Assistant Chef de Mission | Valerie Rykhoff |
| Head Coach | Tunu Napartuk |
| Mission Office | Sarah Beaulne |

ARCTIC SPORTS

Mission Staff Jessie Mesher, Kuujjuaq

Coach – Tommy Palliser, Inukjuak

Coach – Sarah Nowrakudluk, Inukjuak

Junior Male

- Ned Gordon, Aupaluk
- Ahuya Snowball, Kuujjuaq
- Aloupa Putugu, Puvirnituk
- Juani Qinuajuaq, Puvirnituk

Junior Female

- Penina Weetaluktuk, Inukjuak
- Nellie Cain Snowball, Kuujjuaq
- Allison May, Kuujjuaq
- Linda Kowcharlie, Kuujjuarapik

Open Male

- Aisa Pirti, Puvirnituk
- Aibillie Cumberbatch, Inukjuak
- Jamessie Cumberbatch, Inukjuak
- Alek Airo, Kuujjuaq

Open Female

- Deseray Cumberbatch, Inukjuak

BADMINTON

Mission Staff Aftab Khan, Inukjuak

Coach – Mark Brazeau, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Coach – Jeanne Descoteaux, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Junior Male

- Jamie Eetook, Kangirsuk
- Traugott Annanack, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Junior Female

- Alacie Nutarak, Inukjuak
- Paasa Audlaluk, Ivujivik

Juvenile Male

- Erik Etok, Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Samuel Brisson, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Juvenile Female

- Joy Aragutak, Kuujjuarapik
- Andrea Brazeau, Kangiqsualujjuaq

CULTURAL CONTINGENT

Mission Staff Karin Kettler, Kuujjuaq

Performers

- Villisie Pinguartuq, Salluit
- Angel Deer, Quaqtuq
- Steven Alayco, Akulivik
- Louisa Papigatuk Argun, Salluit
- Louisa Naluiyuk, Salluit
- Sophie Tukulak, Kuujjuaq

DENE GAMES

Mission Staff Pat Tasse, Kuujjuaq

Coach – Christopher Martin, Kuujjuarapik

Junior Male

- Justin Lingard, Kuujjuaq
- Paulusie Irniq, Kangiqsujuaq
- Deon Hughie, Kuujjuarapik
- Paul Angnatuk, Quaqtq

Open Male

- Edua Jones, Inukjuak
- Papituqak Peters, Kuujjuaq
- Junior Lingard, Kuujjuaq
- Mario Rupert, Kuujjuarapik

Coach – Maakula Tukkiapik, Kuujjuaq

Junior Female

- Pamela Stevenson, Kuujjuaq
- Uttuqi Tukkiapik, Kuujjuaq
- Eva Angnatuk, Kuujjuaq
- Sianna Gordon, Kuujjuaq

Juvenile Female

- Leanna Angnatuk, Kuujjuaq
- Nancy Watt, Kuujjuaq
- Raven Gordon, Kuujjuaq
- Tapia Arreak, Kuujjuaq

SNOWSHOEING

Mission Staff Jean Leduc, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Coach – Darrel Emak, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Junior Male

- Elijah Etok, Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Conlucy Snowball, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Juvenile Male

- Jaaka Sam Annanack, Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Jimmy Emudluk, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Coach – Gillian Warner, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Junior Female

- Julia St-Aubin, Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Minnie Molly Snowball, Kangiqsualujjuaq

Juvenile Female

- Celina Wapachee, Kuujjuarapik
- Diane Inukpuk, Umiujaq

TABLE TENNIS

Mission Staff Adam Gardner, Puvirnituk

Coach – Andrew Meshier Epoo, Inukjuak

Junior Male

- Alec Saunders, Kuujjuaq
- Aisara Inukpuk, Inukjuak

Juvenile Male

- Chris Angiyou, Inukjuak
- Taamusi Echalook, Inukjuak

Coach – Amber Douthwright'

Junior Female

- Larissa Annahatak, Kuujjuaq
- Phoebe Oweetaluktuk, Inukjuak

Juvenile Female

- Charlotte Aculiak, Inukjuak
- Sasha Kokiapik, Inukjuak