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Team Nunavik–Québec: Athletes Looking to Excel at Coastal Trials!

Kuujuuaq, Québec, April 24, 2015 – After months of hard training and countless hours of practice, athletes from all over Nunavik will have an opportunity to compete at one of two Team Nunavik–Québec (TNQ) coastal trials. The trials are part of the TNQ selection process for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games that will be held in Nuuk, Greenland.

From April 24 to 26 and from May 8 to 10, a total of 158 participants will compete in Quaqtuaq or Inukjuak in six disciplines: Arctic Sports, Badminton, Cross-Country Skiing, Dene Games, Snowshoeing and Table Tennis. Organized by the Recreation Department of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), these competitions will determine which athletes are invited to the final regional trials to be conducted in Kangiqsualujjuaq next November.

This process leading to the final selection of TNQ participants requires a huge effort on the part of KRG and municipal recreation workers, consistent coordination, and dedicated volunteers. “We’re going through a long and meticulous process to be sure we have the best delegation possible to represent our region and its culture. We are truly lucky to be able to count on so many committed volunteers,” stated Nancianne Grey, TNQ Chef de Mission and Director of the KRG Recreation Department.

“All these young athletes have been training over the past months and we’re all excited to see what they will achieve. We want all Quaqtamiut and Inukjuamiut to visit the sport venues, attend the competitions and encourage Nunavik’s top athletes,” declared TNQ’s Coordinator, Karin Kettler.

The two-year TNQ development and selection process began in many communities late in the fall of 2014 with the hosting of successful local try-outs. TNQ athlete evaluation criteria include performance at the trials, time devoted to training, as well as behaviour and attitude.

Follow TNQ during the Ungava and Hudson coastal trials by visiting the Team Nunavik-Quebec Facebook page.

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The Arctic Winter Games 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 KRG 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.