



2026 TONY COTE SUMMER GAMES

Sponsorship Opportunities

JULY 26-31, 2026.

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF HISTORY
TREATY NO. 6**

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Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of the Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs (BATC), we are proud to announce that we will be hosting the 2026 Tony Cote Summer Games on July 26-31, 2026 in The Battlefords. This province-wide event brings together Indigenous athletes from across Saskatchewan to compete in a wide range of summer sports including soccer, track and field, softball, volleyball, and more.

All funds raised will go directly toward planning and delivering the 2026 Tony Cote Summer Games, helping to cover critical costs such as athlete accommodations, meals, transportation, facility rentals, and cultural programming.

Your support will play a vital role in bringing this important event to life, while also fostering youth empowerment, community pride, and the celebration of Indigenous identity through sport.

We sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this important journey.



Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs

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The Story Of The Games

The Tony Cote Winter and Summer Games, formerly known as the Saskatchewan First Nation Winter and Summer Games, were established in 1974 by **Chief Tony Cote**, the Council of the Cote First Nation, and their community members. This visionary initiative was created in response to the widespread exclusion of First Nation youth—particularly those under the age of twenty—from mainstream sport systems. The Games were developed to provide meaningful athletic opportunities, foster cultural pride, and promote unity among Indigenous youth across the province.

Several factors contributed to the low participation of First Nation youth in organized sports. Most communities lacked proper facilities and infrastructure, which were instead located in surrounding towns and villages. On-reserve education typically extended only to Grade 9, offering limited or no recreational programming through schools. Many First Nation youth felt uncomfortable engaging in mainstream sports, as they were often the only Indigenous participants and there was a lack of First Nation representation. Economic challenges also played a significant role, including large family sizes, limited transportation, low income, poor social conditions, isolation, and various home-related responsibilities. These barriers existed despite the presence of a highly competitive circuit of sports, cultural, and recreational events during that time.

Its objectives include identifying Saskatchewan participants with the potential to advance to higher levels of competition—such as Provincial Teams, National Competitions, the Canada Games, Western Canada Summer Games, and the North American Indigenous Games—while also enhancing community development through upgraded equipment, improved facilities, trained officials, cultural appreciation, and a strong volunteer base. The program promotes the development of athletes, coaches, and officials across all Tribal Councils in the province and serves as a provincial showcase to raise public awareness and support for amateur sport in Saskatchewan. Additionally, it contributes to local economic and tourism growth. As a developmental tool, the Tony Cote Games support the holistic advancement of sport and community across the province.



**TOTAL
ATTENDANCE:**

20,000 OVER
5 DAYS

**OUT-OF-TOWN
VISITORS:**

93%

**ESTIMATED SPEND
PER DAY**

\$130

**INDIGENOUS
SPEND FACTOR**

10%

What is the **Value** of Indigenous Events?

In 2024, the Indigenous tourism sector in Canada is estimated to have generated \$3.7 billion in revenue, contributing \$1.6 billion to Canada's GDP and supporting approximately 34,700 jobs.

The Indigenous Spend Factor is a conservative estimate commonly used in economic impact modeling to reflect increased spending behaviour during Indigenous-led cultural or sporting events.

**TOTAL ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE
2026 TONY COTE SUMMER GAMES**

\$14,300,000

2026 TONY COTE GAMES SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
JULY 25

SUNDAY
JULY 26

MONDAY
JULY 27

TUESDAY
JULY 28

WEDNESDAY
JULY 29

THURSDAY
JULY 30

FRIDAY
JULY 31

PIPE CEREMONY

1ST HALF TEAM
ARRIVAL

2ND HALF TEAM
ARRIVAL

REGISTRATION - DEKKER CENTRE (NORTH BATTLEFORD)

ATHLETES VILLAGE - THE RIDGE (BATTLEFORD)

FOOD SERVICE - ACCESS CENTRE (NORTH BATTLEFORD)

GAME RESULTS CENTRE - DEKKER CENTRE (NORTH BATTLEFORD)

OPENING
CEREMONIES

CLOSING
CEREMONIES

SPECIAL EVENTS - TBD

CROSS
COUNTRY

ATHLETICS - CENTENNIAL PARK (NORTH BATTLEFORD)

ARCHERY
PRACTICE

ARCHERY - BATTLEFORD FLATS

GOLF
PRACTICE

GOLF - JACKFISH LODGE

CANOEING - MURRAY LAKE, COCHIN

BEACH VOLLEYBALL - ESTONS PLACE (NORTH BATTLEFORD)

SOFTBALL - CENTENNIAL PARK (NORTH BATTLEFORD)

SOCCER - CENTENNIAL PARK (NORTH BATTLEFORD)



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Timeline of the Games

1974| Cote First Nation
 1975 | Cote First Nation
 1976 | Beardy's First Nation
 1977 | Cote First Nation
 1978 | Cote First Nation
 1979 | George Gordon First Nation
 1981 | Muskeg Lake Cree Nation
 1983 | Peepeekeesis First Nation
 1984 | Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council
 1985 | Mosquito First Nation
 1986 | Saskatoon District
 1987 | Kahkewistahaw First Nation
 1988 | Waterhen First Nation/MLTC
 1989 | George Gordon First Nation
 1990 | Sturgeon Lake First Nation
 1991 | Mistawasis First Nation
 1992 | Kawacatoose First Nation
 1993 | Sakimay First Nation
 1994 | Montreal Lake Cree Nation
 1995 | Poundmaker First Nation
 1996 | Ahtahkakoop First Nation
 1997 | Whitecap Dakota Nation
 1998 | Cowessess First Nation
 1999 | Big River First Nation
 2000 | Little Pine First Nation
 2001 | La Ronge First Nation
 2003 | Flying Dust First Nation
 2005 | Kawacatoose First Nation
 2007 | Red Pheasant First Nation
 2009 | Onion Lake
 2011 | Thunderchild
 2013 | Muskoday
 2015 | Ochapowace
 2017 | File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council
 2019 | Flying Dust First Nation
 2021 | cancelled due to COVID
 2022 | James Smith
 2024 | Lac La Ronge Indian Band
 2026 | Battleford Agency Tribal Chiefs



COMPETING TEAMS



COMPETING SPORTS

ARCHERY



SOFTBALL



CANOEING



BEACH VOLLEYBALL



ATHLETICS



GOLF



SOCCER



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The Significance of Celebrating Treaty no.6

WHY THIS ANNIVERSARY MATTERS TODAY?

HONOURING THE ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES AND THEIR
VISION FOR MUTUAL RESPECT, COMPASSION, AND
SURVIVAL.

RENEWING TREATY OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING
HEALTHCARE (MEDICINE CHEST CLAUSE), FAMINE
RELIEF, EDUCATION, RESERVE RIGHTS,
HUNTING/FISHING, AND MORE.

FOSTERING AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS OF
SASKATCHEWAN, ALBERTA, AND BEYOND ABOUT
TREATY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

ADVANCING RECONCILIATION, NATION-TO-NATION
PARTNERSHIPS, AND COMMITMENTS BY BOTH
GOVERNMENTS AND INDIGENOUS NATIONS.

BUILDING A POSITIVE PATHWAY FOR TOMORROW'S
GENERATION

"LET US NOT THINK OF OURSELVES,
BUT OF OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN."

Send your sponsorship inquiries to

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Leveled Sponsors

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	Treaty 6 Level	Fort Carlton Level	Fort Pitt Level	Medicine Chest Level	Education Level
PACKAGE CONTENTS PRICE	\$250,000	\$100,000+	\$50,000+	\$25,000+	\$10,000+
Opening Ceremonies Remarks	✓				
Logo On Medal	✓				
Special Event Sponsor Recognition	✓	✓			
Medal Presentation	✓	✓	✓		
A Digital Welcome Message	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VIP Banquet Invitation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physical/Digital Signage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteering Opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Summer Games Merchandise	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note: All cheques or payments directed to Battleford Agency Tribal Chiefs Inc. c/o 2026 Tony Cote Summer Games