

2019 Regional Youth Traditional Handgames Tournament

To whom it may concern,

The High Prairie Aboriginal Interagency Committee is planning our 4th Annual High Prairie Traditional Pow Wow on Saturday May 4th 2019. This year at the Pow Wow we are hosting our 4th Annual Regional Youth Traditional Hand Games Tournament. The tournament will take place at the Gordon Buchanan Recreation Centre in High Prairie Alberta. Registration will start at 10:00am with the tournament beginning at 11:00 am sharp. Last year's tournament was a huge success and we are hoping to make it bigger and better this year.

We would like to invite one elementary team (age 8-11) and one junior high/senior high (age 12-18) team from each school division/community to partake in this tournament. This will be a one day tournament on Saturday May 4th 2019. The entry fee for one team to participate in the tournament will be \$200.00. The entry fees are a cost recovery and will go towards purchasing prizes for the winning team/s, to pay our elder who oversees the tournament, venue costs, and drummers/referee's.

The Deadline for Registration and entry fees will be April 27th 2019.

Entry fee cheques can be made out to:

High Prairie Aboriginal Interagency Committee
Memo: Hand Games Registration
Bag 900-17 Peace River, AB, T8S 1T4

One team will consist of 8 players and 1 spare player for a total of 9 players. Each team must have one drummer (if possible, more drummers are welcome) to accompany the team and drum for them for each game they play. The drummer can also be a player if the drummer is in the age category of the team. 11 prizes will be awarded to the winning team/s so if there are more than the specified numbers not everyone will receive a prize. It is also mandatory that each team have an adult coach to help the team out with organizing themselves and for supervising the team throughout the day. **Supervision for teams will not be provided and is up to the schools/community to provide as organizers will not be responsible for the teams attending.**

The tournament format will depend on the number of entries, but we are hoping to use a Triple Knockout format, a double knock out format may be used if we have many teams enter then time will be an issue. Time limits for the games may also be put in place for the games if needed.

We would like each School Division/ community to have a banner or flag to represent their school/community and that participants will take part in the 2nd Grand Entry for our Pow Wow at 6 pm taking place next door at the Sports Palace Arena.

Participants will be allowed to take part in the feast at the Pow Wow (5pm) which will be stew and bannock. There will be food vendors on site which teams can access when they are not playing so players can bring cash with them. I do recommend teams bring lunch or snacks with them as only supper will be provided.

We are hoping our tournament will be finished by 6:00 pm but we cannot guarantee what time we will finish.

If teams need accommodations there are hotels in town. Schools may be willing to open their doors to accommodate teams, this would have to be arranged by the team supervisors and the schools. This is not guaranteed but is a possibility. Teams would be responsible to take care of this not the tournament organizers.

Thank you
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