

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)**

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

#### ***How will my athlete(s) get to the Games?***

The local delegation head will make arrangements for the delegation to fly or drive to the Host City which is Denver, CO.

#### ***How will the athletes be transported once at the Games?***

The Host Society (CIGS) will provide a transportation schedule for athletes and coaches which will allow them to take buses to athletic venues.

#### ***Will visiting families (spectators) be able to use athlete transportation?***

No. Spectators must provide their own transportation while at the Games.

#### ***What happens if an athlete misses his/her bus?***

Most buses run every 30 minutes and athletes will be given transportation schedules upon arrival. If an athlete has missed the bus and must be at an athletic venue promptly, the athlete will be instructed to call the local delegation head for assistance.

#### ***Who has permission to transport my athlete(s) during the Games?***

Host Society credentialed and qualified staff, as well as delegation coaches over 21, and your delegation head may transport your athlete(s). In addition, drivers for the Games transportation bus system will be permitted to transport Games athletes.

### **SPORTS:**

#### ***Where will I be competing at during the Games?***

CIGS has secured top notch venues for the 16 sports competitions. Most of the venues are located on college campuses, athletic clubs, regional sports pavilions and the Olympic Training Center.

#### ***Is my athlete(s) guaranteed playing time the entire week of the Games?***

Each delegation has its own policy with regard to playing time. However, all coaches are encouraged by the NAIG Council and the local delegation head to give each athlete a significant amount of playing time. The host's sport management work with the CIGS Games Sport Commissioners to make sure competition formats promote the greatest amount of playing time for each athlete.

***How many Games will my athlete(s) be able to play?***

The amount of playing time will vary from sport to sport and based upon how far the team advances in the competition.

***What do athletes do once they have been eliminated or the competition is over?***

Athletes will have the opportunity to visit other venues, spend time with friends, and observe other athletic competitions. There are also activities such as the Cultural Village. Many athletes enjoy watching the finals of various sports and cheering on their own delegation and others. During the week, athletes may have the opportunity to visit Six Flags Amusement Park or Water World to cool off.

***Why can't athletes participate in two sports?***

Athletes may participate only in one sport because of issues with scheduling, concerns for the athlete's health, and to allow a larger number of athletes to participate in the Games.

***How do we find out our athlete(s)'s athletic schedule and the scores?***

CIGS will make their best effort to post scores in a timely manner. Scores will be posted on the Host City's website [WWW.NAIG2006.COM](http://WWW.NAIG2006.COM) as well as posted daily at each sport venue.

***What if our team does not have enough athletes to field a team?***

In the event that a state cannot assemble an entire team for a particular sport, the local delegation head may apply through the CIGS office to create a mixed team with athletes from another delegation. Your local delegation head can explain this in more detail and is the only person who can apply for athletes to participate on a mixed team. There is no guarantee that the CIGS Games office will be able to accommodate all requests.

***What type of awards will be provided to the athletes?***

Medals will be awarded to athletes/teams that finish in the top three in each event. Additionally, an overall team championship will be determined at the end of the competition.

***What do athletes do between athletic competitions?***

If an athlete has time, in between athletic competitions, he/she will have the opportunity to visit other venues, visit with friends, go to the Cultural Village, or observe other athletic competitions.

## **SECURITY:**

### ***Who is responsible and involved in providing security for the Games?***

The Host Society, CIGS, has worked closely with a wide variety of local, state and federal agencies to determine the security needs for the Games.

### ***What are credentials and why are they needed?***

Credentials are visible identification badges for athletes and coaches to help the host's security team determine who should be admitted into Games venues, keep venues secure, and also provide the athlete's medical information on the back. If credentials are lost, replacement credentials are available at the accreditation center, for a fee.

## **MEDICAL:**

### ***What happens if my athlete(s) gets injured?***

Medical personnel are available at most athletic venues and at the hub. If an athlete is injured, the on-site staff will evaluate the situation and determine the next course of action. If there is no medical personnel on site, which may be the case for some non-contact sports, the athlete would be taken to, or in an emergency, to the local hospital or urgent care center. In the event of an injury, the athlete's delegation head will be notified immediately. The delegation head will then contact the parents.

### ***Why do I need to provide a medical form filled out by my doctor within the past six months?***

It is important for the Games medical staff to have the most up-to-date medical information on each athlete to ensure the athlete receives the best care in the event of an injury or emergency.

### ***How will the high altitude affect athletes competing in the Games?***

The Colorado thin air and climate is different if you have not competed in it before. Athletes perform better if, prior to coming to Colorado, they hydrate themselves by drinking 32-48 ounces of water daily for a week. While in Denver, they should drink 12-16 ounces of water at breakfast. After practicing or competing, make sure they drink at least 16 -20 ounces of water. If they are feeling light headed or dizzy they should immediately see the medical personnel at the venue or Athlete's Village. With the thin air, nose bleeding is very common, so make sure you carry tissue and see the medical personnel for treatment of this condition.

### ***How do I communicate health issues about my athlete(s)?***

Parents will be asked to fill out a medical information form as part of their registration process. In addition, parents should communicate any medical conditions or issues directly to their delegation heads. Any documented information will be kept confidential and parents are encouraged to be

honest on their forms so that the delegation head is prepared to deal with any situation that may arise.

***Are there trainers at each venue and will they do taping?***

Although medical personnel will be available at most venues, they will not be available for taping. Athletes and coaches will be responsible for all taping.

***Who is authorized to give my athlete(s) clearance to play after he/she is injured?***

Clearance may be given only by the hub medical personal after they have examined the athlete and are confident they are well enough to participate and would not risk further injury. Athletes, delegation heads, coaches and parents are not authorized to give clearance.

**HOUSING:**

***Where will I be staying for the Games?***

CIGS has secured Athlete Villages for the athletes (13-19) to reside during the Games. Most of the Athlete's Villages are located on college campuses with dormitories and dining facilities that will serve two meals a day. Each of the athletes Villages will have 24 hours a day security. Senior participants must secure their own housing.

***How are athletes villages designated?***

Teams are assigned to Athletes Villages based upon the size of the delegation and when the Host Society receives their registration for the Games. Athletes will be assigned to an Athlete's Village based upon teams and not the sport they are participating in.

***What if an athlete is not happy with his/her lodging accommodations?***

Changes in Athlete's Villages will not be made unless the safety or security of an athlete is of concern, or there is a medical condition such as an allergy or dietary issue.

***Are athletes guaranteed to be housed with their friends?***

No. The housing of athletes is very complex and although the Host Society will make every effort to accommodate requests, they may not be able to do so. Therefore, requests are not guaranteed. When requesting a roommate, make sure that person also requests you and that you are compatible, including allergies, cleanliness, etc.

***What are the sleeping accommodations that we can expect for athletes?***

Athletes will be housed in dorms on college campuses which meets the Host Society's highest standards:

- Safe environment with control access in and out of the building
- Beds to sleep in and showering facilities
- Ability to segregate based upon gender
- Food Services and dining facilities associated with the property

***What meals and assistance, such as laundry, can the athletes expect from their hosts?***

Breakfast and dinner will be provided by the Host Society. Laundry facilities will be provided, but athletes are expected to do their own laundry when needed.

***Should athletes bring gifts?***

Athletes are encouraged to bring gifts (trading pins) to trade with other athletes during the Games

**FOOD:**

***Who is eligible for Village meals at the Games?***

The Host Society is responsible for providing meals to athletes from 13-19 years of age. Athlete's who are 20+ are on their own for food and lodging. Each of the Athlete's Villages will be equipped with healthy nutritious food so that athletes can compete at their best. Breakfast will consist of eggs, bacon or sausages, cereal, muffins, fresh fruits, and assorted juices, milk and water, etc. Dinner will consist of meals such as chicken, beef, steak, pasta, vegetables, fresh fruit, assorted juices, etc.

***Is there food available for vegetarians or other meal restrictions?***

Yes. Each Village will offer vegetarian and other options at each meal. Please let CIGS know that your athlete(s) is a vegetarian or have a restricted diet on the registration and provide suggestions for food items that your athlete(s) is accustomed to eating.

***Are there drinks and snacks provided for the athletes during the day?***

No snacks, but water dispensers will be provided for athletes and coaches at all venues throughout the day. Athletes are encouraged to carry and keep the water bottle that they receive at orientation with them at all times and to make sure that it is filled with water. Spectators are responsible for their own food and drinks.

***Is there a variety of food served each day?***

The Host Society will work with their food contacts at each of the Athlete Villages to create an appealing and varied menu for the week. Meals are healthy and promote a well-balanced diet.

***Are meals included in our registration fee?***

Yes. All meals and lodging are included in the athlete's registration fee if you are 19 and under. All adults are responsible for their own meals and lodging fees.

**ATHLETE/COACHES CONDUCT:**

***What behavior could cause athletes to be sent home early?***

This is covered in the Athletes Code of Conduct. Please review it in the athlete confirmation kit provided by your local delegation head or go to the Games website [www.naig2006.com](http://www.naig2006.com)

***Who determines if an athlete should be sent home?***

The Host Society will have a Court of Honor. If an athlete or coach has a complaint made against him/her, the Court of Honor will review the complaint and determine if the actions of the person warrant a punishment. The punishments can range from a warning, being asked to sit out a game, to being sent home at their parents' expense. The Court of Honor's decision is final. Should local law enforcement intervene then decisions may be out of the committee's hands.

**THE OPENING CEREMONY:**

***Will athletes get tickets for family members to the The Opening Ceremony?***

Athletes will get into The Opening Ceremony with the Games accreditation. However, family members and general spectators will have to purchase a ticket, which will be very affordable.

***Is there a special seating section for each delegation?***

Yes, for coaches and athletes only. Visitors are not permitted to sit with the local delegations. However, a map will be provided, upon arrival at the venue, which will give spectators an idea of where to sit in order to see or be near their local delegation.

***Is transportation provided for visitors from the visitor's hotel to the Opening Ceremony?***

No. Visitors will be responsible for their own transportation during the Games.

***What is the schedule for The Opening Ceremony?***

Your local delegation head will be able to provide you with information regarding the Opening Ceremony.

**REGISTRATION:**

***How do I register for the 2006 North American Indigenous Games?***

Registration is a two-part process:

1. Begin by speaking with your team delegation head (Chef de Mission) regarding the process for your community, including sports which are offered, dates and registration fees.
2. All individuals wanting to participate in the 2006 NAIG must fill out an entry form that allows them to participate in the Games. Then they must fill a sport specific registration form to enter the competition for that particular sport. Remember, athletes are only allowed to participate in a single sport during the Games.

***What are the requirements for an athlete to qualify?***

Each athlete must be a member of a Native American Tribe and at least 13 years of age to participate. See specific rules under "Sports Technical Package" for sport specific requirements.

**MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS:**

***When can visitors/spectators spend time with athletes?***

Parents are encouraged to attend The Opening Ceremony and athletic competitions. However, parents are strongly discouraged from taking their athlete(s) out of Games activities. By taking athletes out of Games activities, they miss out on social opportunities, risk missing important time with their team and delegation, and can cause security issues if they cannot be accounted for.

***What activities can visitors/spectators participate in?***

Visitors and spectators will be allowed to attend athletic events as well as The Opening Ceremony. Visitors will not be permitted to use Games transportation, dine with the athletes, attend athlete only evening activities, or consume food or drinks that have been provided for coaches and athletes.

***Where should I stay if I attend the Games?***

Visiting families are encouraged to stay at official 2006 Games hotels. These hotels will have schedules and directions to athletic venues and The Opening Ceremony available. Spectators can get hotel reservation information on line at [www.naig2006.com](http://www.naig2006.com)

***In addition to the Games hotel, where else can I find information about the Games?***

The Host Society will have information available to you. Information regarding the Games is also available on the Games website, [www.naig2006.com](http://www.naig2006.com).

***Should I call the Host City to get information about the Games?***

No. Your local delegation head should be able to provide you with all the information you will need to have a positive Games experience for you and your athlete(s). Please do not call the Host City as they have much to do to prepare for an event of this magnitude.

***Will I have the opportunity to go shopping and buy souvenirs?***

Athletes will have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs from The Opening Ceremony, the Cultural Village and designated competition venues throughout the week. In addition, athletes can visit the shopping malls which are outlined in this notebook, as well as on the website.

***Will the 2006 NAIG be televised?***

Currently CIGS is looking to find a television partner that will broadcast the Games in Canada and the U.S. We hope to have secured a television partner a few months prior to the start of the Games.

**We hope this document has been helpful to you and provided you with valuable information and a better understanding of the 2006 Games. Should you have any additional questions, please contact your local delegation head.**