



Tickets on sale tomorrow for the 2017 Canada Summer Games

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WINNIPEG (November 17, 2016) Tickets to the largest multi-sport and cultural event in the country will go on sale tomorrow, Friday, November 18 at 10AM through Ticketmaster. This is the first opportunity to secure tickets to see Canada's best young athletes compete and be a part of the opening and closing ceremonies in Winnipeg next summer.

In an announcement today at St.Vital Centre, Jeff Hnatiuk, President and CEO of the 2017 Canada Summer Games Host Society officially opened the Games' seasonal merchandise kiosk, welcomed Official Ticket Sponsor, Manitoba's Credit Unions, and unveiled details of the packages going on sale tomorrow morning.

The Niibin Package, bundles opening and closing ceremonies tickets along with sport week one and two passes into an inclusive Games experience package. A special Niibin Family Package is available at a discounted price for families with two adults and two children. Those who purchase a Niibin Family Package on or before December 31, 2016 will receive a free gift. Special early bird pricing for the Niibin ticket package is in effect until December 31.

"In 2017 we'll celebrate 50 years of amateur sport at the Games, and we're inviting everyone to join us for the celebration by getting their tickets to be part of it all," said Hubert Mesman, Co-Chair of the 2017 Canada Summer Games Host Society. "Hosting these Games is a once in a generation opportunity and is not to be missed. We couldn't be more excited to showcase Manitoba to our visitors and welcome our country's best young athletes."

Passes are also available for the first and second week of sport competition. Week one sport passes include non-medal competition for: basketball, baseball, soccer, softball and beach volleyball. Week two sport passes include non-medal competition for: soccer, softball, indoor volleyball and wrestling.

"The Canada Games are the largest national multi-sport event for our promising athletes. The country's top young competitors—some of whom will wear the maple leaf at future Olympic and Paralympic Games—will no doubt make big waves at the Winnipeg 2017 Canada Summer Games. Next year will be a year-long celebration as Canada celebrates the 150th anniversary of Confederation. I encourage all Canadians to support athletes from their communities as they participate at the Games in Winnipeg next summer," said the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities.

"This is a very exciting time and I hope all Manitobans consider the great variety of sports and high level athletes we will have the chance to watch here in the province," said Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Rochelle Squires. "These are the best amateur athletes in the country, competing at the highest level,

in many amazing venues. I encourage everyone to take part in this celebration of sport and help us to show the rest of the nation how Manitoba supports the events we proudly host.”

Individual day passes, ceremonies, and medal competition tickets will be available for purchase in the new year. Once purchased, ticket passes and packages will be mailed starting March 1, 2017. To purchase tickets or for more information about ticket packages, visit canadagames.ca/2017

“We are thrilled to host the 2017 Canada Summer Games, and I can’t wait for the opportunity to show Winnipeg off to the entire nation,” said Mayor Brian Bowman. “With tickets officially on sale tomorrow, it brings us that much closer to the hottest summer in half a century, and I encourage all Winnipeggers, Manitobans, and Canadians to get involved by purchasing tickets or finding time to volunteer!”

“I’m very pleased that our sponsorship will make possible free admission at a number of sport venues. Credit unions are generous supporters of all kinds of events and causes, all the time. But they’ve stepped up especially quickly and enthusiastically to support the Canada Games – largely, I think, because they’re such a natural fit with our own cooperative values,” said Marilyn Brennan, SVP Governance & Strategy at Credit Union Central of Manitoba.

Also included in today’s announcement was the opening of a seasonal merchandise kiosk featuring official 2017 Canada Summer Games gear. The kiosk is located across from Tip Top Tailors in St. Vital Centre and will be open through December 31, 2016.

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About the 2017 Canada Summer Games:

Winnipeg, Manitoba will host the Canada Summer Games July 28 – August 13, 2017. Featuring 16 sports, over 250 events and a major cultural festival, the 2017 Canada Games will welcome over 4,000 athletes and coaches and more than 20,000 visitors. Celebrating the Games’ 50th anniversary and Canada’s 150th birthday, the Canada Games are this country’s largest multisport event for young athletes. They will leave a lasting legacy of new and enhanced sport facilities, volunteer and leadership development that will benefit athletes and the broader community for years to come. canadagames.ca/2017

About Manitoba’s Credit Unions:

Manitoba’s 34 credit unions provide financial services to 650,000 member-owners from 184 branches in 111 communities. As cooperatives, credit unions are owned and governed by their members. Together, they return tens of millions of dollars to the communities they serve every year, in profit sharing, donations, sponsorships and scholarships. Through their sponsorship of the 2017 Canada Summer Games, Manitoba’s credit unions are proud to make possible free admission at a number of sport venues.

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