



Living Skies Indigenous Basketball League Opens Registration

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Saskatoon, SK – The Aboriginal Friendship Centres of Saskatchewan, One Love Basketball Inc., with support from the Government of Canada, and other community stakeholders are proud to announce the launch of the Living Skies Indigenous Basketball League (LSIBL).

LSIBL is open for registration for the inaugural season of the first ever, provincial-wide basketball league for Indigenous youth, in Saskatchewan. There will be girls & boys teams in two age groups, Junior (11-14) and Senior (15-17). The league will plan to run Fall 2021, registration is now open to secure a spot! To kickstart the league LSIBL is offering Spring camps in May & June 2021.

The LSIBL will allow youth to develop and showcase their skills on the basketball court while offering workshops that address social and cultural topics like:

- Resiliency
- Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Nutrition
- Resume Writing and Interview Skills
- Goal Setting
- Guest Speakers

“The coordinators and staff of the Living Skies Indigenous Basketball League are excited for the official launch! We have big aspirations for the league and are looking forward to providing more opportunities for the youth across Saskatchewan.”

– Paige Crozon, Manager LSIBL

“One Love Basketball can’t wait to see sport back in the lives of our youth. This league has been a dream of ours for years and we are excited to be a part of the incredible team of people making this a reality. This league will be a way for kids to get back to being kids and having fun while benefiting from the well rounded development the game of basketball offers.”

– Mike Tanton, Co-Founder One Love Basketball Inc. & Chef de Missions of Saskatchewan for North American Indigenous Games



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LSIBL:

Coming Fall 2021... LSIBL will be offered weekly in each community with Coordinators and Managers working closely with Friendship Centres, schools and communities in the area. The Divisions include:

- North – Buffalo Narrows F.C., Ile-a-la Crosse, La Loche F.C., North West F.C. (Meadow Lake)
- Central – Battlefords I.M.F.C., Kikinahk F.C. (La Ronge), Prince Albert I.M.F.C., Saskatoon I.M.F.C.
- South – Newo-Yotina F.C. (Regina), Qu'Appelle Valley F.C., Yorkton

Living Skies Indigenous Basketball League's goal is to bring communities together through basketball. It starts with the youth participating, and involves the parents, communities, and local governments all doing their part. For today, and for the future- to help provide sustainable change for the youth, and our communities.

SPRING CAMPS:

Funded by Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, LSIBL will be offering Spring basketball camps for youth ages 11-17 in communities across the province. Camps will include: on-court sessions, workshops & cultural education sessions. Camp locations include:

Saskatoon: May 15	Prince Albert: May 16	Buffalo Narrows: May 22 & 23
Meadow Lake: May 29	North Battleford May: 30	Regina: June 5 La Ronge: June 12

"With the help from Canadian Tire Corporation, Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund is able to once again provide immediate and needed financial support to community sport organizations impacted by the pandemic. Dedicated to removing barriers to sport and play, Jumpstart has prioritized projects like Living Skies Indigenous Basketball League, that actively support this mission and bring communities together through inclusive sport programming in the communities they serve."

- Scott Fraser, President, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities

REGISTER TODAY: www.livingskiesbasketball.com

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