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MEMO

To: Newfoundland and Labrador Schools / Coaches
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Re: 2018 NL Winter Games Regional Games Entry Application
Date: October 19, 2017

The 2018 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games are slated for March 10th – 18th, 2018 in Deer Lake, NL. The NLBA are responsible for conducting the Regional Play Downs to determine which teams will participate in the Games. Attached please find a Tournament Entry Form for teams interested in participating in the games.

The Age Classification will be U14 years of age. (Born in 2004, 2005, 2006 only). This will assist in identifying potential athletes for the 2021 Canada Summer Games in ON. A description of the regions and additional information can be found on our web site <http://www.nlba.nf.ca/Winter-Games.php#wgSites>. The play downs will be played under FIBA rules with minor modifications. This means the fair play (must have 10 players) is **not** in effect. Teams may play 5 players in the entire game if they so choose.

Please note: There is **no** registration fees for these play-downs. Teams simply need to complete the registration forms in full and forward to the NLBA office. **The deadline to register is November 5th, 2017.**

Athletes who have already qualified for the Games in another sport are not eligible to compete in the Regional Play Downs. This is a government rule and coaches are asked to poll their athletes prior to entering the regionals. If an athlete competed in the regionals in another sport but were unsuccessful in winning their region they are permitted to compete in other sport play-downs.

For additional information, please see the attached documents or go to the NL Winter Games website @ <http://www.nlgames.ca/>.

NOTES:

Motion passed at the 2015 and 2016 NLBA AGMs

- Alignment with Canada Games age provides a long term athlete identification process: The age for the 2018 NL Games be aligned with the Canada Games
- **Participation in the NL Games be moved to club teams: Participation in the NL Games 2017 will be club based as per NLBA provincial guidelines for definition of a club.**
- The NLBA will hold regional play downs in November 2017. The age will be U14 or born in 2004.

Attached