

Team Alaska Arctic Winter Games

The Mission & Purpose of Team AK

- Our Mission: To promote the values of respect, fair-play & confidence in Alaskan youth, through participation in international sport competitions and cultural exchange
- Our Purpose: Team Alaska organizes and selects youth athletes to compete in the Arctic Winter Games, a high-profile circumpolar sport competition for northern and arctic athletes.

Established in 1968 as a nonprofit. Participating in the Games since 1970.

What are the Arctic Winter Games?



An International, biennial, cultural & sporting event for youth in the circumpolar North.

In the beginning...

Founded in 1969 under the leadership of

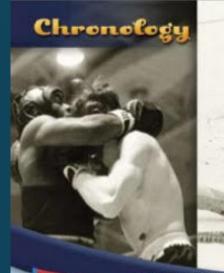
- Governor Wally Hickel
- Stuart Hodgson (Commissioner for the Northwest Territories) &
- -James Smith (Yukon Commissioner)



Ken McKinnon, first president of the AWG Corporation; Walter Hickel, Governor of Alaska; and Maleom Fraser, first Director of the AWG Corporation, welcome Alaska's partnership in the Arctic Winter Games in 1968.

Then & Now





Yellowkaiji March 8-14, 1970

Sports (10)

badminton, basketball, boxing, curling, cross-country skiing, figure skating, bockey, shooting, table tennis, volleyball

Contingents & Ulus*

Contingent	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Tota
NWT	34	20	10	64
Alaska	22	17	20	59
Yukon	7	2.5	21	53

Participants: 500

The Governing Bodies

International Committee

Team Alaska (and the 8 other Delegates)

The Biennial Host Community









The 9 Delegates

Arctic Winter Games



Alaska as Host to the Arctic Winter Games

- 1974 Anchorage
- 1982- Fairbanks
- 1988 Fairbanks
- 1996 Chugiak/Eagle River
- 2006 Kenai Peninsula Borough
- 2015 Fairbanks





- 300 Athletes
- 50 volunteer coaches & chaperones

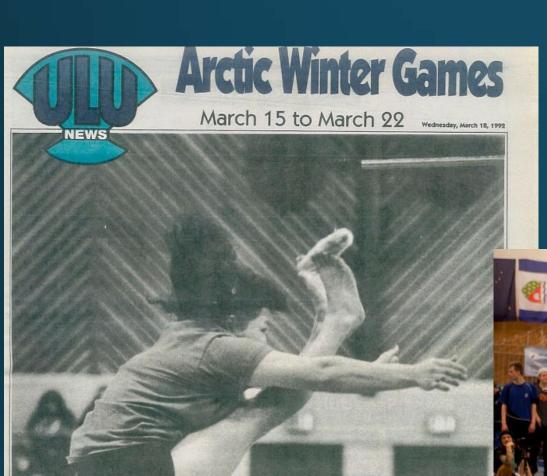


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Traditional Sports

- Arctic sports (high kick, kneel jump, arm pull)
- Dene games (finger pull, snowsnake, pole push)
- Dog mushing





GOING FOR THE GOLD:

Nicole Johnson of Fairbanks, Alaska makes a six-foot, three-inch kick to win a Gold Ulu in the Women's Two Foot High Kick at Yukon College on Monday night. Star Photo by Mike Thomas



Nordic Sports

- Biathlon ski
- Biathlon snowshoe
- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Snowboarding



Indoor Sports

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Wrestling





Ice Sports

- Curling
- Figure skating
- Hockey
- Speed skating

The Culture of the Arctic

