



Report from the Battlefords SSFA 2024 Games Committee

Hello everyone,

The Battlefords SSFA 2024 Games committee is providing this update of information in order to inform members and non-members of the preparations and events of the 2024 Battlefords SSFA Games.

Our games committee has been hard at work preparing for the Battlefords SSFA 55+ Curling Provincial and the Summer Games. Our committee members are: Games Chairperson- Al Gabert, Admin. And Registration- Randy Graham, Finance- Barry Verhoeven, Ceremonies and Events- Gail Sack, Public Relations, Promotions and Advertising- Eric Johnson, Human Resources- Doug Fehr, Friends of the Games- Mark Richardson, Transportation, Accommodations and First Aid- Herb Sutton. The Committee is planning on putting together a fantastic games package for the participants.

The SSFA Provincial Curling competitions will be held on March 4-6, 2024 at the Northland Power Curling Center in North Battleford. This is a 6 sheet facility has more than enough ice to accommodate our competitions. This year the curling competitions will have the following categories:

1. 55+ Men
2. 55+ Women
3. 55+ Mixed – true mixed format
4. 65+ Men
5. 65+ Women
6. 65+ Mixed – true mixed format
7. 75+ Open – team can consist of any mixed of men or women – **This is a new category this year**

All of these competition categories can participate in the CSFA Games in Quebec if they so choose.

8. Stick Curling – 55+ age – each team consists of 2 people- it is an open event so you can have any combination of men or women on the two person team. **(This competition does not advance to the CSFA Games in Quebec)**

The Curling Competition special events will be as follows:

Mon. March 4/24 – Registration – 9:00 am - continuing until all teams check in.

- 12:00 pm – possible first draws for the tournament
- 5:00 pm – assemble for the parade of athletes
- 5:30pm – opening Ceremonies
- 6:00 pm – finger food and cash bar in the foyer of the curling rink



Tues. March 5/24 – 9:00 am - Curling continues throughout the day

- 6:30pm – Banquet in the Curling Rink Foyer
- A few messages and speakers
- Music and cash bar throughout the evening

Wed. March 6/24 – 10:00 am – Playoffs

1:00 pm. – Closing Ceremony

The Battlefords SSFA 2024 Summer Games Report

Preparations are well underway for the Battlefords SSFA 2024 Games. Our poster will be ready for distribution in the next week and it is hoped that we can reach hundreds of seniors throughout the province and our participation level for the 2024 SSFA Provincial Games will be very strong.

The events planned for the Summer Games are as follows:

Five Pin Bowling, Cribbage, Golf, Kaiser, Pickleball, Poetry and Short Story writing- Theme this year is Active Aging - Mind and Body, Lawn Bowling, Slo-Pitch softball, 8 Ball Pool, Swimming, Track and Field and a new Activity this year – Photography.

Also remember that the Predicted walk is part of the Track and Field competition and is open to anyone.

The planning committee will be offering the Opening Ceremonies on the Tues. with the Athlete Parade on the Evening of Tues. June 11, 2024. There will be food offered at the Opening Ceremony on Tues. Wed. June 12, 2024 will see all events running as well as a Banquet at 6:30 pm. Thurs. June 13, 2024 will have the finals in most activities as well as the Closing Ceremonies being held in the early afternoon.

We look forward to a fun packed 3 days of activities and accommodations and hope many seniors will consider this opportunity to come out and participate and see old friends and hopefully make some new ones.

That is all for now from the Battlefords SSFA 2024 Games Committee.

Al Gabert – Games Chair