



2026

CANADIAN NATIVE FASTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

PRINCE<sup>BC</sup>  
GEORGE

# Who We Are

The Spruce City Men's Fastball Association, alongside the Prince George River Kings Fastball Club, represents a proud and deeply rooted fastball tradition in Prince George, built on excellence, partnership, and community legacy. We were the Canadian Native Fastball Champions in 2023.



The PG River Kings have established one of the most celebrated legacies in Indigenous sport.

- Originating as the Lumber Kings in 1992
- both Canadian and North American Championships in 1993 and ultimately securing eight Canadian Native Championship titles and six North American championships.
- River Kings have played a vital leadership role by fostering partnerships across Indigenous communities, hosting youth clinics throughout Western Canada, and supporting the growth of fastball programs, tournaments, and sporting events.
- Some of our athletes have represented Prince George at the World Championships on multiple occasions.



## Scope of the Canadian Native Fastball Championship Event:

50 to 80 National Teams coming to Prince George

Est 1,200 athletes plus extended fans, family and friends for approx 2,500 people

3<sup>rd</sup> time hosting this event in 10 years

This event is a cultural gathering where indigenous communities can meet and celebrate both sport and heritage.



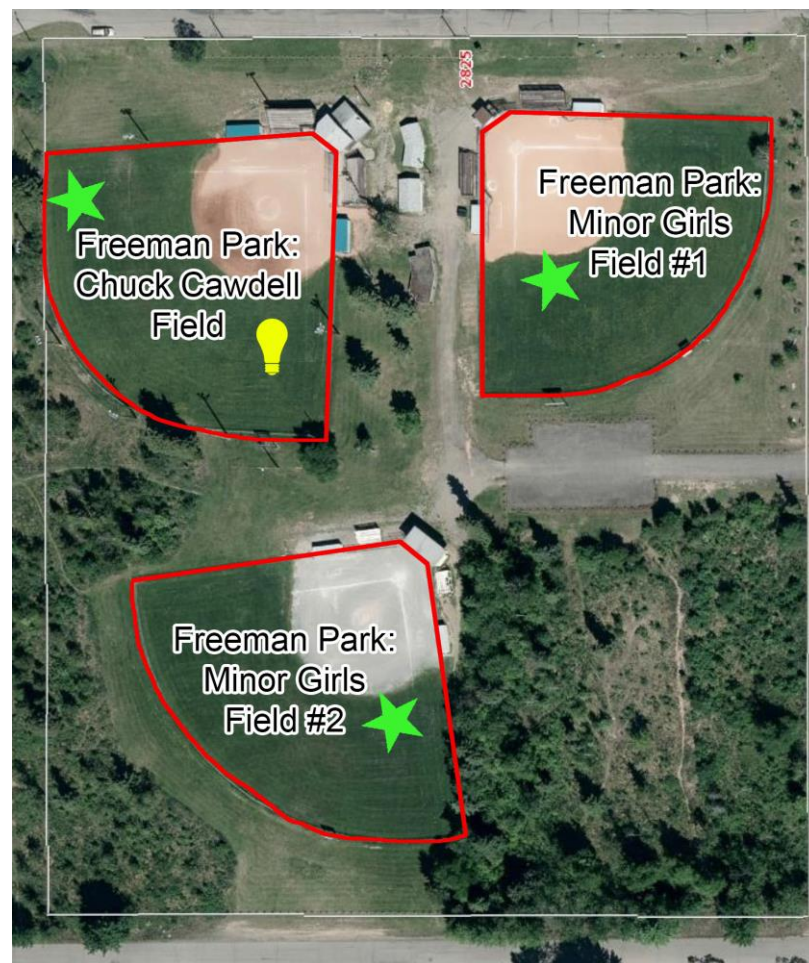
## Facilities:

Prince George is a true fastball community, with passionate fans, skilled players, and top-quality facilities. For the 2026 Canadian Native Fastball Championships, we proposed three excellent city-operated venues: Carrie Jane Gray Park, Freeman Park, and Nechako Park.

Across these sites, there are a total of ten diamonds, five of which are fully lit for evening play. To support the event, telephone and reliable internet connections will be provided as needed for VIPs and media representatives. A dedicated, sheltered work area will be available for media coverage throughout the championship.

Player and spectator safety is a priority. First Aid services will be supplied by St. John's Ambulance, the trusted provider for all major events in Prince George. An ambulance will be stationed on site throughout the tournament to ensure prompt emergency response.

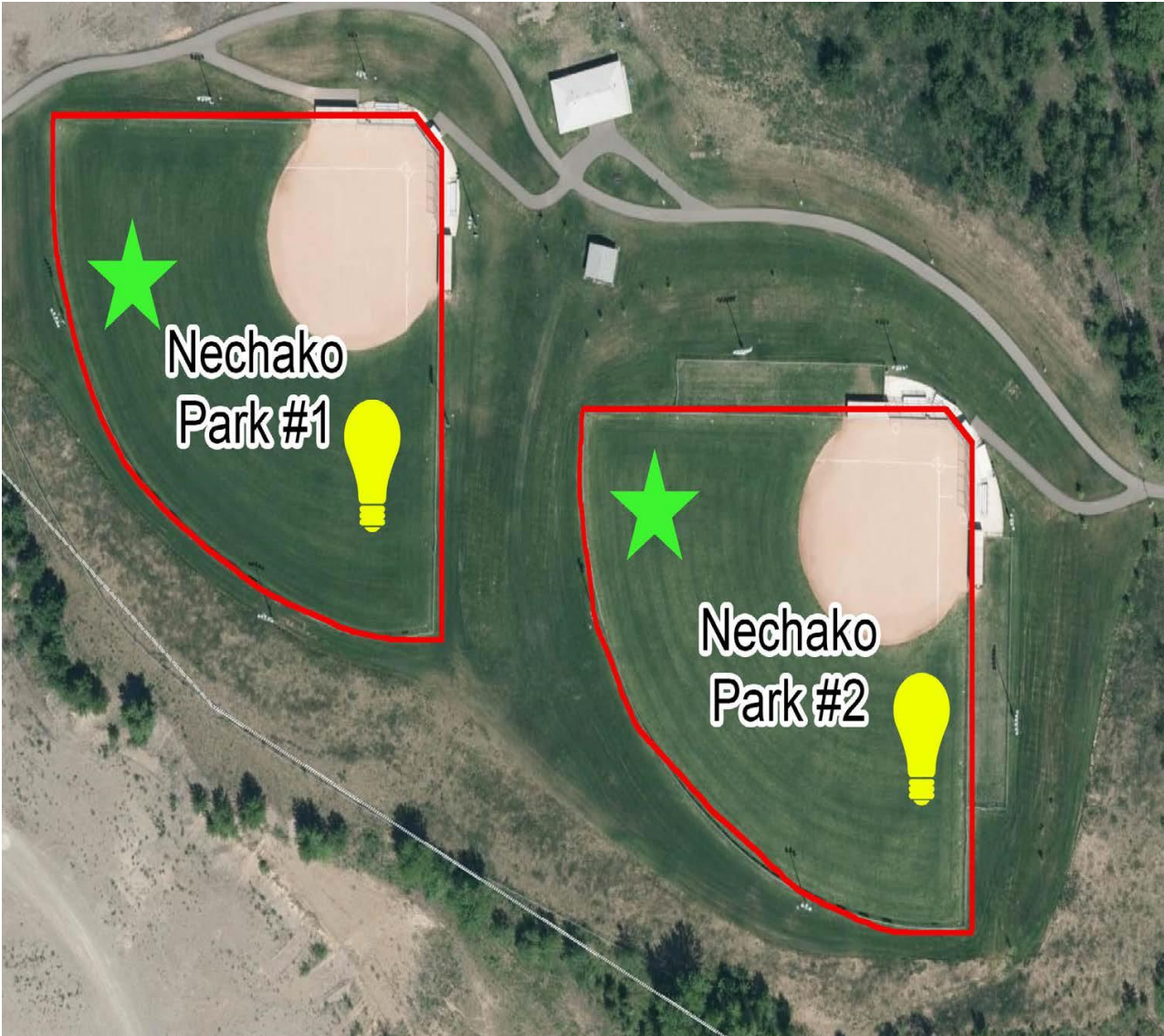
## Freeman Park



Carrie Jane Gray Park (Citizen Field now called City Field will not be used)



Nechako Park



## EXPERIENCED EVENT STAFF

Harley Desjarlais - Chairman

Chad Ghostkeeper - Entertainment Coordinator

Robbie Antoine - Fundraising & Event Coordinator

Keith Henry - Marketing and Promotions  
Coordinator

Lauren Harvey- Volunteer Coordinator &  
Secretary



An aerial photograph of a river valley. A wide river flows through the center, surrounded by lush green forests. In the background, a town is visible, and the sky is overcast. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

Tourism Impact:

STEAM Report for 2026 Canadian  
Native Fastball Championship

Economic Impact Est.  
\$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000

## Accommodation and Visitor Experience

Tourism Prince George plays an integral role in supporting major sporting events through coordinated accommodation planning and visitor experience development. The organization will assist event organizers by helping to secure appropriate room blocks, and athlete-friendly amenities. Leveraging strong relationships with the local hospitality sector, Tourism Prince George helps ensure teams, officials, and spectators are well accommodated and supported throughout their stay.

In addition to accommodation support, Tourism Prince George can provide city activity recommendations

## Our Hotel Partners

These hotels have already provided RFP's for the event

- Grama's Inn
- Courtyard by Marriott
- UNBC Accommodations
- Anavada Inn & Suites
- Ramada Inn PG
- Prestige Prince George Lodge
- Prestige Treasure Cove Resort
- Best Western Plus Downtown
- Sandman Hotel & Suites
- Sandman Signature

A man wearing a white baseball cap with a red maple leaf and the word "CANADA" on it, and a blue and white plaid short-sleeved shirt, is smiling and holding a piece of fried food, possibly a fry, on a white paper napkin. He is standing at an outdoor event under a white canopy tent. In the background, a woman with curly hair wearing a purple jacket is looking towards him. The table in front of him has a colorful patterned tablecloth with watermelon and citrus slices, a roll of white paper towels, and a bag of french fries. The scene is outdoors with trees and a grassy area visible in the background.

# ALL MY RELATIONS

## Community Support

Community support is a foundational strength of Prince George's bid to host the Canadian Native Fastball Championship. The event has received strong endorsement from local Indigenous organizations, sport associations, municipal partners, tourism stakeholders, and community leaders.

Letters of support included within this submission demonstrate a unified commitment to hosting a successful championship and highlight the collaborative partnerships that will contribute to event delivery, volunteer engagement, athlete support, and cultural programming.

- Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
- Takla Nation
- Binche Whut'en
- Stelat'en First Nation
- Nak'azdli Whut'en
- Saik'uz First Nation
- Burns Lake Native Development Corporation
- City of Prince George
- Tourism Prince George
- Northern BC Tourism Association
- Treasure Cove Casino & Resort

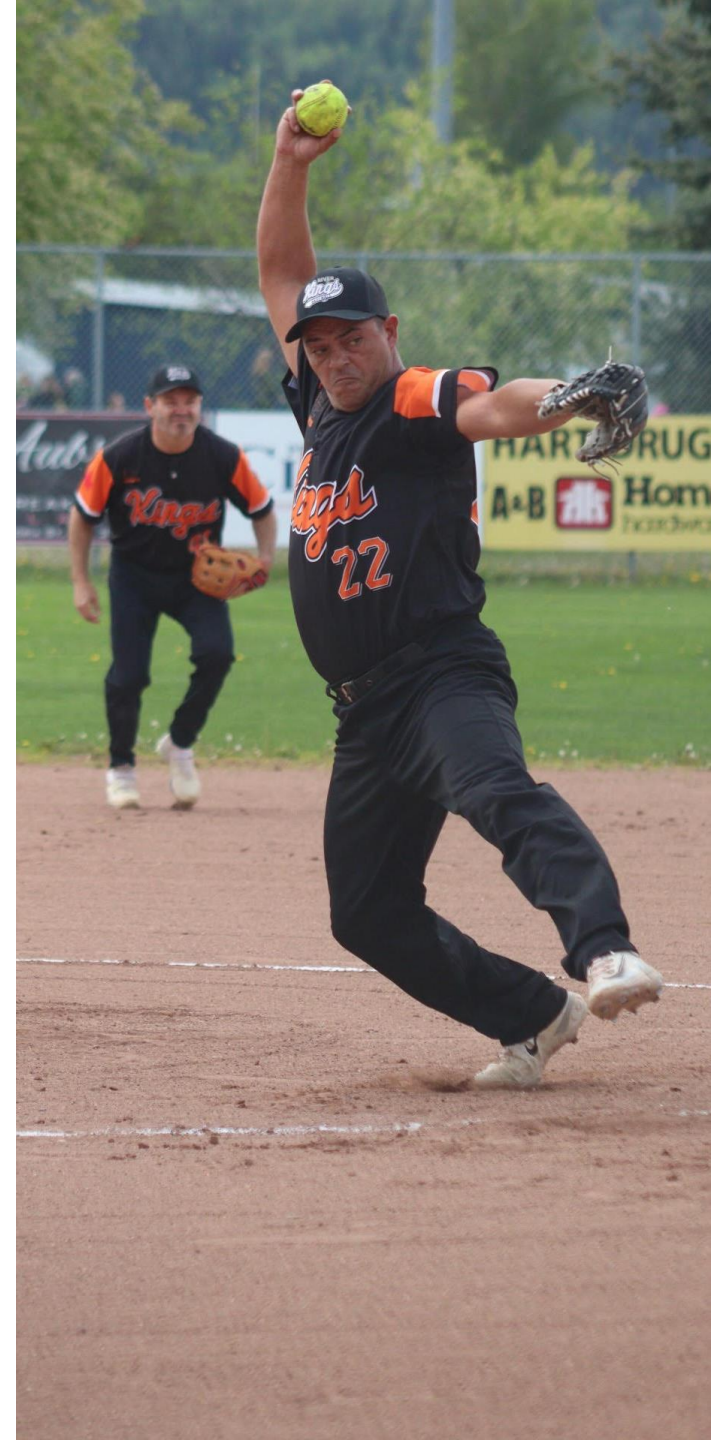
## A Lasting Legacy

Hosting the Canadian Native Fastball Championship in Prince George will create a lasting legacy beyond the final pitch.

The event will strengthen the region's fastball tradition while building capacity in coaching, volunteerism, and event hosting, ensuring the community remains well-positioned for future competitions.

It will also leave a meaningful cultural impact. By celebrating Indigenous sport, tradition, and excellence, the championship will foster stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities while inspiring youth through high-level competition, mentorship, and skill development.

From a tourism and economic perspective, the event will showcase Prince George as a premier host for major sporting events. Visiting athletes, families, and fans will support local businesses and experience the community's welcoming spirit, quality facilities, and strong partnerships, leaving a legacy of increased participation, strengthened collaboration, and lasting community pride.



Thank you!

