



**Jeux de
l'Acadie**

Friday, April 14, 2023

Subject: Launch of the Selection Process for the Host Municipality of the 45th “Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie” in 2026

Dear Municipal Officials,

On behalf of La Société des Jeux de l'Acadie (SJA), this is to advise your council that the selection process will soon begin for the host municipality (or group of municipalities) of the 45th “Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie” to be held in 2026.

You are no doubt aware that the “Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie” is a major event for the municipality or group of municipalities selected to welcome the Acadian youth participants. In fact, more than 1,100 athletes are expected to converge in June 2023 in Memramcook, the municipality chosen to host the 42th “Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie.” The numerous economic, social, technical and other spin-off benefits generated by the “Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie” make it a showcase event with immeasurable positive impact on the communities responsible for hosting it. A study of the tourism and economic impact of the “Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie” has demonstrated that some 27,000 visitors attend the various sports competitions and generate economic spin-off benefits totalling more than \$1.2 million for the host municipality and an additional \$400,000 for the host province as a whole. Far beyond this economic impact, however, the social impact of hosting the games cannot be understated in terms of fostering and promoting the volunteer culture that develops throughout the community along with the awareness that when we work together, we can achieve anything! We celebrated our 40th anniversary in 2019!

An important information session will be held on **Monday, May 8th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by zoom**. The objective of this information session, which is **mandatory** for all municipalities seeking to apply for selection to host the 2026 “Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie,” is to provide the management team of La Société des Jeux de l'Acadie an opportunity to present the parameters and criteria that have been defined for the process of selecting the host municipality

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Municipalities interested in taking part in this information session are asked to **confirm their attendance by completing the enclosed form and returning it to our office via e-mail at info@jeuxdelacadie.org, May 1st 2023. Municipalities confirming their attendance in this manner may sign in up to three (3)** representatives to the information session. Municipalities applying as a group may send a total of up to five (5) representatives to the session on behalf of their group. It is important to note that attending the information session is not binding in any manner whatsoever on any municipality.

Municipalities seeking to proceed with application to host the games will have until Friday **June 16th, 2023, to confirm their intention. They will then have until Friday, September 8th, 2023,** to prepare and submit their application to the SJA.

A screening committee formed by the SJA will conduct a thorough evaluation of all applications in September and October 2023. This evaluation will include a review of the application documentation, a meeting with the provisional committee of each municipality and visit to each site.

In October 2023, at the banquet of the Annual General Meeting of La Société des Jeux de l'Acadie, the name of the municipality selected to host the **45th** "Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie" in 2026 will then be announced.

On behalf of the SJA, I consequently encourage your municipal council to seriously consider entering your municipality's name into the selection process to be the host municipality of the **45th** "Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie" in 2026. This selection process is a rewarding exercise in itself that we highly recommend.

We look forward to seeing you at the information session on **May 8th 2023**, when we will be pleased to review the various aspects of the selection process and to answer any questions you may have in this regard.

For additional information, please contact Mr Luc Arseneau, Executive Director of La Société des Jeux de l'Acadie, at 506-863-9677 or by e-mail at luc@jeuxdelacadie.org

Sincerely,

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