



## THE ESTEVAN 2016 SASKATCHEWAN SUMMER GAMES HAVE BEGUN

The torch relay kicked off the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games yesterday evening. Cooper Fox led off the torch relay carrying the flame from City Hall to the corner of 4th Street and 12th Avenue. A total of 37 torch bearers took turns parading the flame around Estevan before lighting the Games cauldron at Affinity Place to signal the start of the Saskatchewan Summer Games.

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## Exploring The Sports Hall of Fame

Future Saskatchewan Summer Games athletes, from left, Simon Craig, Jude Craig and Carter Nelson, check out the travelling Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame exhibit that is parked outside the Civic Auditorium. The free exhibit (donations are welcome) will be open to the viewing public from July 24 to 28.

## TIME TO GET THE ACTION STARTED

The opening ceremonies of the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games are in the books and now that the greetings and salutations are out of the way it's time to get down to business.

The basketball teams kickoff the action with Team Saskatoon lining up against Team Parkland Valley at Estevan Comprehensive School (ECS) at 8 a.m. for the opening tilt of the female basketball competition. At the same time, Team

Lakeland and Team Parkland Valley will meet in boys' basketball action at Affinity Place. All nine male and female teams will hit the hardwood today with the final game, a female basketball match between Team South East and Team Rivers West, tipping off at 8 p.m. at Affinity Place.

The male and female basketball competitions are two of seven sports that will have members of each of the participating zones facing off against one another with only the golf competition reserving today for a practice round. At the end of the day, medals will be awarded in two of the sports.

Athletics competitors in female long jump, female shot put and male pentathlon will be the first Games participants to face their final round of play. The female long jump and female shot put finals begin at the ECS track and field facility at 9:30 a.m.

while the male pentathlon athletes will run the 100m race at 9:30 a.m., compete in the high jump event at 10:10 a.m., make a throw in the shot put competition at 1 p.m. and finally take a last leap in the long jump feature at 2:30 p.m. Medals for each of these sports as well as the other 11 finals will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at ECS.

Not far away, the individual triathlon event will also be taking place. At 2 p.m. ages 14-15 participants and at 3:30 p.m. ages 12-13 athletes will vie for their chance of bringing home an individual medal in the triathlon, which will see the kids first race in the pool at the RM of Estevan Aquatic Centre, then jump on their bikes for a spin around the nearby streets before finally ending the competition with a running sprint to the finish line. Medal winners will get their hardware at 5:30 p.m. at the RM of Estevan Aquatic Centre.

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