

2004 MTS Manitoba Games - AGM Report

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2004 being a Manitoba Games year, created a busy events calendar in 2004. During 2003 we focused on starting development in some of our weaker regions. We continued to work on regional development opportunities leading up to the regional and provincial Games. Program work also related to planning of all the regional events and the Finals.

Participation #'s

	Regions	2000	2004 participated	2004 registered	Total final team at 2004 Games
Central	10	9	12	6	
Eastman	10	9	10	5	
Interlake	10	15	17	12	
Norman	11	12		9	
Parkland /Host	7	20	20	16	
Westman	11	18	18	11	
Winnipeg	54	39	40	13	
Total	113	122		72	vs. 46 in 2000

~In the 2 regions where we focused on developing (Interlake & Parkland), we did show an increase in participation. Having a volunteer in the region promoting the development and assisting with initiatives made a big difference. Thanks to Nancy Drad (Interlake), Donna and Bill Davidson & Sherri Clifford (Parkland).

~While none of the regionals teams were full, due to increased team sizes we did have higher provincial numbers than in 2000.

Regionals

~Most regionals had misfortunate weather/cold water which affect numbers (walk-ups)

~Some great new volunteers/courses were developed. Carman (Central) race director indicated he would consider doing a KOS race there in the future and the recreation department was quite interested also. Birtle (Westman) also contacted us with interest to host a future KOS/adult event that would be sanctioned.

~ All the regional events were well organized and the cooperation/working relationship with the regional sport offices and hosts were good.

~A few regional teams did some development sessions with their teams once selected. Would recommend we provide more assistance to do this in all regions in 2008.

Finals in Dauphin/ Riding Mountain

- ~Donna and Bill Davidson put on an excellent Provincial Final event in Riding Mountain. Course was changed slightly from the yearly KOS course (bike route had a road closure) and it worked out very well with the overall set-up of the event.
- ~Volunteers they coordinated and prepared were all wonderful.
- ~Regional coaching teams regions were good, all seemed to do a good job with their athletes for pre-event preparation(practise day) and the event day.
- ~A number of Sport Mb and Manitoba Games Council reps were present at the event and commented on the high quality organization.
- ~ Free Press writer was at the event and used the event as a lead story on the Friday.

Wrap-up

- ~Will need to do an evaluation report soon for Sport Manitoba. Plan to solicit input from the regions, regional event directors, and coaches to get feedback.
- ~Application to be included in the 2008 games is due in late October 2004. Things to consider for 2008: distances, age groups, additional event at finals, clinics in regions, etc.