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**NAIG USA Inc. Milwaukee 2011 NAIG withdraw from hosting the 2011 NAIG**

On June 28, 2010 the North American Indigenous Games Council received official correspondence from President of NAIG USA Inc. (Milwaukee 2011) stating their position to withdraw their hosting obligations for the 2011 event. The correspondence was received in advance of a deadline requiring NAIG USA Inc. to show financial statements, an updated business plan and other organizational information that would help determine their readiness to host the NAIG in 2011.

The Council responded by accepting their decision to withdraw from hosting with the understanding that this decision will undoubtedly cause some negative reactions to the teams and participants throughout Canada and the USA.

The Aboriginal Sport Circle, the domestic franchise holder for the NAIG in Canada, has convened its' Board of Directors and Canadian NAIG Council representatives to discuss this issue and formulate a plan for alternative competitive opportunities in 2011. The board members are representatives mandated from each Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body in Canada, those same organizations are mandated to speak on behalf of their region at the NAIG Council table.

The ASC will also be meeting with partners and other agencies to discuss the impacts these decisions will have on items such as the NAIG Funding Framework for Hosting, Team Preparation and Travel.

The NAIG Council is preparing to meet in Winnipeg, MB, Canada in August 2010 to discuss the next steps in terms of competitive opportunities in the summer of 2011. The Aboriginal Sport Circle will be assisting the Council in their efforts to overcome this challenge and advance the NAIG movement.

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