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Sask Sport Inc. Hires Clay DeBray as New Métis Community Sport Consultant

In partnership with the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, Sask Sport Inc. is pleased to announce that Clay DeBray has been hired as the Métis Community Sport Consultant. DeBray, who will be based in Saskatoon, has extensive experience in the amateur sport system in Saskatchewan. In his new position, DeBray will focus on Métis sport development at the grassroots level, including providing assistance and leadership to stakeholders to develop and deliver sport programs. Among the programs he will prioritize are the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and the Aboriginal Community Sport Grant.

“I look forward to working with my community to increase sport participation among our Aboriginal athletes, coaches, and volunteers, as well as to increase access to sport programs in the community,” says DeBray. “This is an exciting opportunity for me to connect with Métis organizations and communities to build a foundation for the future.”

Prior to joining Sask Sport Inc., DeBray was a teacher at the Almightyvoice Education Complex on One Arrow First Nation. He has had experience in grassroots sport development both as the Director of Youth, Sports, Culture and Recreation with the Battlefords Tribal Council from 2005-07, and a programmer of the Youth, Sports, Culture and Recreation division of the Saskatoon Tribal Council in 2005. DeBray was a teacher from 2001-04 at Chief Poundmaker School on the Poundmaker Cree Nation. He has been employed at the Valley Regional Golf Club in Rosthern since 2007.

Among his many volunteer roles, DeBray has served on several boards and committees that assisted in the development of the sport for Aboriginal people and communities. He has been a coordinator at the North America Indigenous Games and the co-chairman for the Saskatchewan First Nation Summer Games. He currently coaches Team Saskatchewan for the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships. He has also coached the Beardy's Blackhawks AAA Midget, AA Midget and AA Bantam hockey teams, the North Battleford AAA Midget Stars, and was the Softball Coordinator for the 2006 North American Indigenous Games.

An accomplished athlete, DeBray has played at the national and international levels in both hockey and softball. Among his many achievements, DeBray was a participant at the national softball team's 25 men's pre-selection roster for the 1997 World Championships and was also Team Captain for the Adelaide Avalanche of the Australian Ice Hockey league. He is from the town of Duck Lake, Saskatchewan.

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