



Press Release

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PEIFHN donated backpacks to 116 PEI athletes who attended the 2014 Jeux de l'Acadie Finals

SUMMERSIDE, PEI – July 3rd, 2014 – The PEI French Health Services Network is pleased to announce that it partnered with the Prince Edward Island Regional Committee of the Jeux de l'Acadie that was held in Bathurst, New Brunswick June 25-29, providing 116 athletes with a backpack in their delegation's colors.

The Jeux de l'Acadie Finals is an annual sporting event held in the Maritime Provinces. Its mission is to contribute to the development of Francophone youth of the Atlantic Provinces through sporting events and cultural activities.

The 2014 Prince Edward Island delegation included 116 athletes representing the province's six Francophone schools. It's the Island's largest delegation in the history of the games. This year, the delegation was complete – there was Island athletes in all sporting events of the 35th Jeux de l'Acadie Finals this past weekend.

For Gabriel Arsenault, youth representative and vice-president of the PEIFHN, this donation is in line with the Network's mission. « It's important to support Francophone youth in Prince Edward Island, especially a group of students doing physical activity, an important part of maintaining good health. We wish to congratulate the whole Prince Edward Island delegation. »

Julie Gilman, chef de mission for the Prince Edward Island delegation, is very appreciative of the PEIFHN's contribution. « We are very fortunate that the PEIFHN has accepted to provide a backpack to all participants. A backpack is important during the event to help athletes carry their personal belongings between games. This year, athletes who did not own a backpack didn't have to purchase one and the delegation looked consistent and displayed Prince Edward Island's colours. »

In 2015, the Jeux de l'Acadie Finals will be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français.

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Photo: Front row, left to right, from the mini-handball team: Emma MacLeod, Aimee Gallant and Renée Gardiner. Back row, left to right, from the women's soccer team: Sarah Jane Parnell, Danielle Steadman, Harlee Grenier and Delaney Roche.

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