



Doreen Abyo of Dimond High School in Anchorage makes her first practice attempt at the one-foot high kick under the tutelage of Waska Awalin of East High. Both hope to participate in the Native Youth Olympics, scheduled for April 23-24, in Anchorage. See story Page 15.

# Youth Olympics set for April in Anchorage

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The Native Youth Olympics sponsored by the Cook Inlet Native Association have been set for April 23 and 24, at Central High School in Anchorage. Steve Kakaruk, a past youth Olympian and director of this year's competition, notes that the event was originally scheduled for April 16-17. This conflicted with the Eastern Orthodox Good Friday, celebrated by many Native Alaskans, and the dates were changed.

Students from five high schools in Anchorage will meet with others from throughout the state to compete. There will be nine events, such as the one and two foot high kicks, stick pull, leg wrestling, and others. The one hand reach, where the competitor balances his or her entire body weight on one hand, and reaches for a hanging ball made of seal skin and moosehide with the other, is a new event added this year.

Approximately 250-300

athletes are expected. CINA is seeking support in both donations and services. Some of the competitors and their parents or chaperones may need housing. Transportation and help with concessions may also be required. Nettie Peratovich, director of CINA's community education program, notes that a minimum of \$7,000 will be necessary to fund this year's gathering.

Persons interested in helping should contact the Community Education Department at the CINA building, 670 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, 99503.

Along with the competition, this year's events will include an awards banquet, a Native dress revue, demonstrations of Native Olympic events throughout the Anchorage including the Eagle River Correctional Center and Elmendorf Air Force Base, and opening and flag ceremonies.

A theme is still being sought.

The Anchorage preliminaries will be held at the City Gym on March 20.