

Eskimo-Indian Olympics Soon

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The 15th annual World Eskimo-Indian Olympics will be held July 31 — August 2 in the Patty Gym at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

The Olympics, sponsored by the Tundra Times, have become a major Native event in Alaska. The Olympics have brought enthusiastic crowds from all over the state in the past, and this year promises to be no exception, with the added possibility of Canadian participants joining in the games.

Events will include the blanket toss, knuckle hop, ear pull, high kick, greased pole walk, muktuk eating contest, fish cutting contest, seal skinning contest,

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Indian leg wrestling, the Native baby contest, and dancing, as well as other events that have come to be expected at the Olympics.

A highlight of the Olympics will be the crowning of the queen. Miss Eskimo/Indian Olympics will be judged on her poise, grooming, Native dress and knowledge of her cultural heritage. People in all areas should be looking for possible contestants to represent them in the queen contest.

Athletes wishing to participate in the Olympics should begin making arrangements to attend. Room and board for participants, as in the past, will be taken care of by the Olympics committee.

The Eskimo Olympics were started in 1961, in the hope of preserving some of the games and competition traditional in 1973 to strengthen the bonds between the Native peoples of Alaska, and to acknowledge Indian participation in the event.