

Eskimo Olympics Become Eskimo-Indian Olympics

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Symbolic of a new unity among native people, the Board of Directors of the Tundra

Times announced this week a new name for an outstanding Alaskan event. The annual native games sponsored by the Tundra Times will now be known as the World Eskimo-

Indian Olympics.

The world-famous sports event held each year in Fairbanks was formerly called the World Eskimo Olympics. From the very first Olympics, however,

there have been Indian participants and contestants.

"The new name," said Daphne Gustafson, speaking for the Board, "will be truly representative of all the native

peoples of Alaska."

This year's games will take place at the Patty Gymnasium on the University of Alaska campus July 26, 27, and 28.

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Villagers from all over Alaska and Canada are asked to send representatives and contestants to the gala and colorful event. Also the Russian and Greenland Eskimos have been invited. Highlight of the three day festivities is the crowning of a Miss World Eskimo-Indian Olympics queen, chosen from native candidates not only for beauty but for knowledge of her culture.

The Olympics feature unbelievable endurance contests such as the knuckle hop and ear pull, spectacular events like the high kick and nalukatuk (blanket toss), and dramatic, fully-costumed native dance groups.

Chris Anderson, who is both Eskimo and Indian, will fill the the all-important job of Chair-

man of the Olympics Committee. Chris is presently Native Planning Administrator of Doyon, Ltd., one of the twelve regional corporations established under the Land Claims Act.

Chris will be supported by the entire Board of Directors of the Tundra Times, acting as the Committee for the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics. The Committee is asking for volunteers to help in putting together this community event.

All interested parties are invited to attend a planning meeting at The Switzerland on Airport Road at 7 P.M. Friday, May 25. For more information phone 452-2244 from 8 to 5 P.M. or 456-6818 after 6 P.M.