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🏀 NWT Basketball – Fall Season Recap 🍁🌟

What an **incredible, high-energy, and memorable fall season** it's been for NWT Basketball! From packed gyms and late-night practices to weekend games and development sessions, the past few months have been filled with passion, progress, and pride. Our coaches were constantly on the move, our volunteers stepped up in big ways to help, and our athletes showed up ready to work—bringing enthusiasm, commitment, and heart to every session ❤️🏀

Throughout the fall, our coaching team delivered a **diverse and inclusive range of programs** across Yellowknife, creating meaningful opportunities for athletes of all ages and skill levels. From the fun, fundamentals, and confidence-building focus of **Jr. NBA (co-ed)** and the empowering **Go-Ball all-girls program**, to the **Yellowknife Youth Basketball League (YYBL)**, the season truly offered something for everyone. These programs supported skill development on the court while also fostering confidence, teamwork, and a positive sporting environment for all participants.



Our Eagles & the Ravens continued along their development pathways this season, challenging themselves both on and off the court as they worked toward higher levels of play. Across all programs, there was a strong emphasis on **teamwork, skill development, sportsmanship, and a genuine love for the game** 🏀



The **Eagles** had an especially outstanding fall, travelling to Calgary to compete in the **Fury of the Fourth Tournament**, where they delivered an exceptional performance and proudly brought home the banner 🏆.



Adding to an already impressive season, senior athletes **Mia and Kaylie Locke-Setter** reached significant milestones—earning spots on **Canada's Women's National Team Watch List** in November and, shortly thereafter, being recruited by the **Lakehead University Thunderwolves** in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Both athletes will compete at the U SPORTS level during the **2026–2027 season**, marking a proud moment for them and for NWT Basketball 🧡💙



The **Ravens** also made a strong impact highlighted by one of their top athletes, **Rex Turner**, being honoured with the **2025 Indigenous Sports Circle Award**—a prestigious recognition celebrating excellence, leadership, and achievement in sport. Rex is currently continuing his basketball journey at the **London Basketball Academy**, where he is further developing his skills while pursuing his passion for the game.



Behind the scenes, significant planning and coordination have also been underway as we prepare for one of the most exciting events on the horizon—the **2026 Arctic Winter Games** ❄️🔥 With **Territorial Trials scheduled for January 7–11, 2026**, anticipation is building across the North. Athletes from communities throughout the NWT will come together in Yellowknife, competing for the opportunity to earn a spot on the **U19 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams** and proudly represent the Territory on the Arctic Winter Games stage. This preparation reflects countless hours of collaboration, organization, and commitment from coaches, staff, and volunteers alike.

We would like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who made this fall season such a success—our athletes for their dedication and effort, our parents and guardians for their continued support, our coaches and officials for their leadership and guidance, and our volunteers and community partners for their time and commitment 🙌 Your contributions play a vital role in growing the game of basketball across the Northwest Territories.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited to build on this momentum, continue expanding opportunities for athletes, and strengthen basketball development across the North. Thank you for being part of our journey—we can't wait to see what 2026 has in store!

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