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YOUNG MANITOBA ATHLETES SCORE A CHANCE TO ATTEND WINNIPEG JETS GAMES

NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY BEGINS JANUARY 25

January 19, 2012, Winnipeg, Manitoba – Hundreds of amateur athletes and their coaches have been given a chance to cheer on the Winnipeg Jets at the MTS Centre this season, thanks to the Manitoba Lotteries Flight Deck program. The Flight Deck, a partnership between Manitoba Lotteries and True North Sports & Entertainment, makes 24 seats available to amateur athletes and their coaches at each Winnipeg Jets home game. Manitoba Lotteries is encouraging teams to apply now for a chance to attend one of the final exciting games of the season.

“Manitoba Lotteries Flight Deck is one of the ways in which we support youth and amateur sports in the province,” said Winston Hodgins, President and CEO of Manitoba Lotteries. “We are a long-time supporter of athletics in Manitoba and along with our valued partner, the Winnipeg Jets, we are excited to motivate our youth and celebrate coaching excellence.”

Manitoba Lotteries Flight Deck is for athletes eight to seventeen years old, and their coaches who must be at least 18 years of age and have successfully completed Sport Manitoba’s “Respect In Sport” program. Coaches may enter their team online at manitobalotteries.com for a chance to be drawn randomly among all entrants for upcoming games.

“We have some very dedicated athletes that just happened to be obsessed with hockey,” said Graham Bodnar, coach of the Richer Wildcats volleyball team, attending the December 17 Jets-Ducks game. “Coming to the city for a Jets game was beyond their wildest dreams.”

The Winnipeg Jets hockey season is divided into four “flights” with applications for the final flight being accepted beginning January 25. A full list of amateur sport teams that have been selected in the first three flights of the season are listed on the following pages.

“The chance to experience the new Jets’ first win is still sinking in for all of us,” says Scott Pedlow, coach of the MNP Atom Devils from Brandon who attended the Jets’ October 17 game. “The moments we experienced will be memories for life!”

Manitoba Lotteries has a long history of supporting Manitoba sports and is committed to helping community organizations through event sponsorships, fundraising support and volunteerism.

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2011-12 Ticket Recipients – Flights 1, 2 & 3

Team name	Sport	City/Town/Area
Hockey Brandon MNP Atom Devils	Hockey	Brandon
Team Doering	Curling	Winnipeg
Westdale Wildcats	Cheerleading	Winnipeg
Stonewall Youth Soccer (U13 Boys)	Soccer	Stonewall
Red Sucker Lake	Floor Hockey	Red Sucker Lake
Dakota Lazers Female Atom A1	Hockey	Winnipeg
Riverton Junior Men's Curling	Curling	Riverton
2003 Junior Steelers	Hockey	Winnipeg
Transcona Titans	Basketball	Winnipeg
Fort Garry North 9A Flyers	Hockey	Winnipeg
Team Ryan Curling	Curling	Winnipeg
Gimli Vikings Atom B Major	Hockey	Gimli
Team Burtnyk	Curling	Winnipeg
IDC Elks	Hockey	Ile Des Chenes
Beausejour Ringers - Tweens	Ringette	Beausejour
North Kildonan Cobras U9 Girls	Soccer	Winnipeg
Fort Garry 9A2 Flyers (Red)	Hockey	Winnipeg
River East Royals 'Grey' 8A1	Hockey	Winnipeg
Greendell Falcons Female Pee Wee	Hockey	Winnipeg
Dakota Tazers	Hockey	Winnipeg
Steinbach Synchro	Synchro Swimming	Steinbach
Sturgeon Heights Huskies	Volleyball	Winnipeg
Atom A2 Gateway Flyers	Hockey	Winnipeg
Maples Monarchs	Ringette	Winnipeg
Winnipeg AAA Sharks	Hockey	Winnipeg
Maple Leafs Bantam B	Hockey	Brandon
Garden City U9G	Soccer	Winnipeg
Stonewall Strikerz	Soccer	Stonewall
Selkirk Judo Club	Judo	Selkirk
Springfield Icehawks Atom Girls	Hockey	Oakbank
Dunstone Jr. Curling	Curling	Winnipeg
St. James Seals	Swimming	Winnipeg
Valley Gardens 9A3 Stars	Hockey	Winnipeg
Richer Wildcats	Volleyball	Richer

St. Maurice Patriots	Volleyball	Winnipeg
La Broquerie Braves	Volleyball	La Broquerie
Russell Rams	Hockey	Russell
Winakwa Warriors	Basketball	Winnipeg
Macdonald Lightning Atom	Hockey	Macdonald
Springfield Icehawks Peeewe B	Hockey	Oakbank
Oak Park Raiders	Curling	Winnipeg
Crocus Plains Plainsmen	Volleyball	Brandon
Carman Peeewe Gold	Hockey	Carman
Dakota Lazars	Hockey	Winnipeg
Gateway Jabberwockies	Ringette	Winnipeg
Boissevain Atom East	Hockey	Boissevain
Team Thiessen	Curling	Winnipeg
C4 Cardinals 13A3	Hockey	Winnipeg
Altona Maroons Atom Bronze 2	Hockey	Altona
Kayla Curtis Curling Team	Curling	Winnipeg
Winnipeg Magic U14	Ringette	Winnipeg
Calvin Eagles	Basketball	Winnipeg
C4 Cardinals 10A2	Hockey	Winnipeg
Archwood Stars Peeewe A1 Female	Hockey	Winnipeg
Frontier Collegiate Institute JV Boys	Volleyball	Cranberry Portage
St. James Lanes Youth Bowling	Bowling	Winnipeg
Selkirk Stinging Hornets	Ringette	Selkirk
Riverview Indoor Soccer	Soccer	Winnipeg
Garden City Junior Aces	Ringette	Winnipeg
W.C. Miller Aces	Hockey	Altona
La Broquerie Peeewe Habs	Hockey	La Broquerie
East St. Paul U10 Novice	Ringette	East St. Paul
Fort Garry Black 10A1	Hockey	Winnipeg
Fort Garry Black 12A2	Hockey	Winnipeg
Westdale Warriors 14A2	Hockey	Winnipeg
Carberry Plainsmen Atom Provincial	Hockey	Carberry
Stonewall Female Peeewe	Hockey	Stonewall
Winnipeg Synchro	Synchro Swimming	Winnipeg
Rat River Saints Atom B	Hockey	St. Malo
Jacques Gauthier Curling Team	Curling	Winnipeg
Assiniboia West Vipers	Hockey	Winnipeg

Flight Deck seats are located in Section 329 of the MTS Centre. Visit manitobalotteries.com



(Hi-resolution photo is available)

Dennis Stewner of Manitoba Lotteries, left, with the players and coaches of the 11-12 year-old Springfield Icehawks at MTS Centre. Manitoba Lotteries Flight Deck drew the Icehawks to attend the December 23 Winnipeg Jets game.

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