



Indigenous Trail Run Series Welcome 2021



WELCOME

To the first year of the 'Indigenous Trail Run Series' The vision of this series is to promote a healthier way of life through physical activity; bringing communities together!

This series will feature two events in 2021 and we will gradually bring on more nations in Treaty 7:

The **first** event will take place in Siksika at the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park Trail Run on **Saturday, September 25, 2021** and will cover 15 km through beautiful scenery of the Blackfoot territory surrounding the area where Treaty Seven was signed on September 22, 1877.

Our **second** event will take place on the Tsuut'ina Nation at the 7 Chiefs Sportsplex on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** and will feature 14 km of single-track trails with plenty of varying elevation with 2 creek crossings and plenty of rocky mountain scenery.

We have decided to continue our race practices from 2020 to protect the health of our race participants and volunteers.

These will be loop courses and will be limited to 50 racers/heat and will only accept 500 racers. It will feature 3 separate race check in points; screening, race chip distribution, and race bib distribution/photo section. Large starting area to ensure social distancing, separate large race prep area and finally, wide starting line. Upon completion of your race, you will receive a 'BBQ to go' as you leave the race area. There will be no awards ceremony. Winners will be posted online and awards will either be mailed or picked up at the Sportsplex/Rec Centre.

PLEASE NOTE: You must acknowledge that you are being granted permission to access the Siksika Nation Reserve No. 146 on Sep 25, 2021 and the Tsuut'ina Nation Reserve No. 145 on October 2, 2021 to participate in the Indigenous Trail Run Series, solely for the purpose of participating in the Races. You understand and acknowledge that trying to access these courses used for these Races prior to Sep 25/Oct 2, 2021 OR after Sep 25/ October 2, 2021 would be considered trespassing under the Tsuut'ina/Siksika Nation *Trespass Law* and may result in a fine being issued in accordance with the *Trespass Law*.

7 CHIEFS SPORTSPLEX

The Tsuut'ina Nation boasts a long history of community building and forging strong relationships with its neighbours, near and far.

The 7 Chiefs Sportsplex & Chief Jim Starlight Centre reflects those traditions. It is a world-class sports and event facility for local, national and international sports tournaments, conferences, conventions, trade shows and events. This facility brings communities together to renew old friendships and build new ones.

The 7 Chiefs Sportsplex & Chief Jim Starlight Centre is more than an outstanding and versatile sports and multi-use venue.

It is led and managed by a top-notch team of professionals committed to ensuring the success of your event the *Tsuut'ina Way*, with cultural spirit and passion. Our team focuses on anticipating your needs and exceeding your expectations. Our event and sports centre is conveniently located just SW of Calgary, Alberta.

BLACKFOOT CROSSING HISTORICAL PARK

Blackfoot Crossing, the Historic site of the signing of Treaty No. 7, is of National and International historical and archaeological significance. It is a designated National Heritage Site and is recommended to be a World Heritage site. The Siksika Nation's vision of building a unique World-class tourist attraction designed to engage visitors in authentic cultural experiences with the Blackfoot people.

Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park is a World renowned cultural, educational and entertainment Centre built for the promotion and preservation of Siksika Nation Peoples', Language, Culture and Traditions.