

# The IRC & Gwitchin' Cup



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# The IRC Cup is held every March in Inuvik, NT.



This event is held in the Midnight Sun Complex in Inuvik, NT. This is a great experience for a lot of men all around the NWT, it's also a great opportunity for newcomers like myself to play hockey and meet new people. During this event it is also a great way for people to connect with other Inuvialuit and Indigenous people. The weekend is very intense.



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Coming into my first IRC game was like my first Gwitchin' Cup game, it was very nerve racking and also knowing there is a lot of adversity to overcome made it kinda hard to focus and compete at the level I always compete at.

The position I play is forward, rightwing, defense sometimes, and possibly goalie if I'm feeling confident. I'm basically a hybrid player.

When our Paulatuk team came into this IRC year we thought that we can pull off a win or two, but our expectations were beaten down when we faced tough teams. We faced the adversity head on. It was a big hump to get over especially having such high hopes of winning this year.



## The 2022 Paulatuk Wolveries & Tuk Whalers



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Growing up watching hockey my favourite team was the Detroit Red Wings. They were the biggest influence on my hockey journey. Watching this goal basically made me love hockey and this was a goal by my favourite player Henrik Zetterberg. It was a five hole beauty, also he had a 4 point night which gave the Vegas Golden Knights their first loss in the NHL.

Here's the picture of the goal that basically opened my eyes to the beauty of the beloved game of hockey.



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These are the  
Huskies, they won  
the 2022 A  
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