



MMF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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2026 **MMF**
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



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MMF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: YOUR GUIDE FOR A GREAT EXPERIENCE

It's that time of year again Citizens! As we prepare for the largest gathering of Red River Métis in the country, we are pleased to provide you with this guide to help you navigate the busy and exciting days ahead at our National Assembly.

This assembly is more than a meeting; it is a living tradition. It is a place where we reconnect as a community, celebrate our unique culture, and honour our successes from the past year. At the same time, it is the fundamental engine of our Red River Métis Government, where the course for our future is set.

The strength of our Red River Métis Government is a direct reflection of you. Your presence and your voice are what give our leadership its mandate and our Nation its direction. Whether you are speaking to a resolution, asking a question of your leadership, or listening to the debates that will shape our collective path, your involvement is the most vital part of this process.

We look forward to a weekend of powerful discussion, proud celebration, and shared progress.

To help you plan your visit, here is some key information about the event schedule, services, and activities at the Manitoba Métis Federation National Assembly October 16-18, 2026.

NA 2026 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, OCT 15

Early Registration (Lobby): 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Please be advised that the facility will be open for registration only. No events or activities will be taking place at this time.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Registration: Opens at 7:00 AM-9:00 AM

Tradeshow: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Assembly: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch: Served at 12:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Registration: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Please be advised the Tradeshow area will be closed during Opening Ceremonies and will open afterwards.

Tradeshow: 12:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Assembly: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch: Served at 12:00 PM

Dinner: Served on the Main Floor at 5:00 PM

Entertainment & Family Night: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Registration: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Tradeshow: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Assembly: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch: Served at 12:00 PM

Closing Remarks: 4:00 PM

1. ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

When you arrive at Assiniboia Downs, the main lobby is your first stop.

Citizenship Card is Essential: Please have your Red River Métis Citizenship Card ready. It is required for entry and will be scanned to register you.

Registration Process: Once scanned, our team will confirm your Delegate status and direct you to where you pick up your name tag and NA kit.

Reminder: In order to accurately record attendance, you must attend the Registration Table upon entry each day to have your MMF Citizenship card scanned.

Safety & Security - A Note for All Attendees: To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all our Citizens, Elders, and children, please be aware that large bags may be subject to a quick security check upon entry. To help speed up the entrance process for everyone, we encourage you to bring only essential items. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming space for our community to gather.

2. PARKING AND ON-SITE TRANSPORTATION

General Parking: The main parking lot is available for all Citizens.

Golf Cart Shuttles: For your convenience, golf carts will be running to escort Citizens from the main parking lot to the front doors. Priority is given to Elders, those with mobility needs, and families with young children.

Accessible Parking: Designated accessible parking is available in the south lot for vehicles with a Provincial Handicap Pass.

Shuttle Service: For those staying at partner hotels, a shuttle service is available. The drop-off and check-in point is located in the main lobby of each hotel.

3. SEATING AND VIEWING

Seating is organized across multiple levels. All satellite locations will have full audio and video feeds from the Main Hall.

Main Floor Hall: Reserved for registered Local Delegates, registered Elders and those with pre-registered mobility needs (wristband required).

General Seating: Available in the Main Level Red River Métis Pavillion, the Lower Level, and the Second Floor. Seating in these areas is first-come, first-served.

Hearing Impaired: If you utilize a hearing device, please visit the Information Booth to advise us of your accessibility needs. We will be happy to arrange appropriate accommodation to support your participation.

Registered Elders' Lounge: Located on the north side of the Main Hall, this lounge is a quiet space for registered Elders and their escorts to rest and enjoy light refreshments (wristband required). There will also be reserved seating just outside of the lounge, and at front stage for registered Elders and their escorts.

4. SERVICES FOR CITIZENS

Information Booth (Lobby): Your central point for general questions, media check-in, and lost and found.

First Aid (Lobby): A clearly marked First Aid station is located in the lobby for any medical needs. If you have an emergency – please advise a staff member and if possible, attend to the Information Booth in the Lobby for assistance.

Lost Children Protocol: The Information Booth is the designated site for lost children. Should a child be separated from their family, please report it to the Information Booth immediately so staff and security can be notified.

Citizen Inquiry Form (Information Booth): Have a question for an MMF department? Fill out an inquiry form and drop it off to be forwarded to the right team.

CRO Mobile Office (Main Entrance): The Central Registry Mobile Office will be parked outside the main entrance for Citizens needing Citizenship services.

Health & Wellness (Outdoor Area): Health and Wellness will have a tent on-site to provide clinical services.

Refreshment Stations: Coffee, tea, water, and light snacks will be available throughout the day.

5. SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Tradeshow (Third Floor): Open all three days. Visit over one hundred booths from MMF Departments, affiliates, and Red River Métis-owned businesses.

Mini National Assembly for Kids (Ages 0-12): Held all weekend in the outdoor tent, this is a fun, interactive space with Red River Métis games, crafts, performers and Michif lessons. Please be advised you must pre-register your children ahead of time for them to be eligible to attend. Food will be provided for registered children throughout the weekend.

Red River Métis Market (Outdoor Area): Shop for official merchandise and artisan goods at the Red River Métis Marketplace, located in a large tent on the east tarmac.

National Assembly Rainbow Auction (Third Floor): Support the MMF Bereavement Fund for a chance to win incredible prizes. Donations can be dropped off in the Tradeshow area.

Pickler Classic: Drop off your sealed jar of homemade pickles at the Information Booth before noon on Saturday, October 17th.

Entertainment Night: (Saturday Night): Join us in the Main Hall for family friendly entertainment.

Family Night (Saturday Night): At the same time as the concert, head to the lower level for a Rummy and Cribbage tournament and games for children.

MMF NA SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE FOR THE POLO PARK AREA FOR THE FOLLOWING HOTELS:

Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport 1715 Wellington Avenue

Hilton Winnipeg Airport & Suites 1800 Wellington Avenue

Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport-Polo Park 1740 Ellice Avenue

Mainstay 670 King Edwards Street

Sandman Hotel & Suites Winnipeg Airport 1750 Sargent Avenue

Sandman Signature Winnipeg Airport Hotel & Suites 1760 Sargent Avenue

Hampton Inn By Hilton 730 Berry Street

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2026

6:30pm-9:30pm

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2026

7:00am-4:30pm

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026

7:00am-10:30pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026

7:00am-4:30pm

Please see the Information Board Located in the Lobby of your Hotel for Shuttle Contact Information.

On Site: Please see Transportation Booth located on the Main Floor by the Entrance for Shuttle Service

SCHEDULE FOR THE HEADINGLEY AREA FOR THE FOLLOWING HOTELS:

Best Western Plus Winnipeg West 4140 Portage Avenue

Motel 6 Headingley 4400 Portage Avenue

Super 8 Hotel 3760 Portage Avenue

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2026

Limited shuttle service available upon request
7:00pm-9:30pm

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2026

7:00am-4:30pm

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026

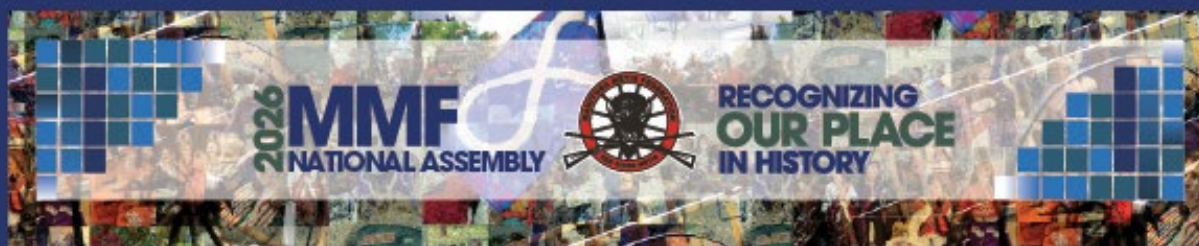
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8:00am-4:30pm

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NOTE: Metis Hour x2, Tradeshow and Mini NA closed during Opening Ceremonies

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**REGISTRATION
OPEN
FROM OCTOBER 9 - 13**



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AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, October 17, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. | Assiniboia Downs

6:00pm-6:15pm House Band

6:15pm-6:45pm Norman Chief Memorial
Dancers

6:45pm-7:00pm House Band

7:15pm-8:00pm Lavallee Tradition

8:15pm-9:00pm Derryl Sanderson Band

9:15pm-10:00pm Battle of the Fiddles
(Michael & Troy vs. Ryan & Rene)

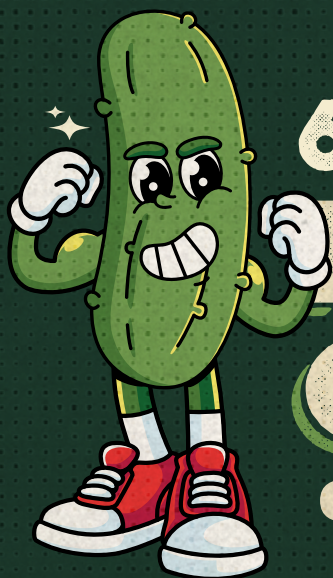
**Cribbage, Rummy and Kids
activities in the lower level**

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Visit **mmfna.ca** for more details



6TH ANNUAL MMF PICKLER CLASSIC

OCTOBER 18, 2026



All participants **MUST** pre-register with
Tabitha Park at tabitha.park@mmf.mb.ca

Registration is based on "**First come, First Serve**" basis,
once 40 registrations have been received, registration will close.

Registered participants are to bring their Dill Pickle Jars to the General
Information area at the MMF NA before **4:00P.M.** on **October 16, 2026.**

Jars must have sealed lids that are set. Jars that are not set will be disqualified.

NA CITIZEN INQUIRY FORM

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Region: _____

Local (optional): _____

Which Department or Affiliate are you inquiring about:

How can we help you? (check all that apply):

☐ General Question

☐ Concern/Issue

☐ Suggestion/Idea

Your Question / Concern / Suggestion:

Additional Comments:

