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REGIONAL FESTIVALS SHOWCASE NB'S U14 ATHLETES



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On April 9, Lutte New Brunswick Wrestling (LNBW) hosted both the 2016 South / West & North / East New Brunswick Youth Wrestling Festivals. The South / West Festival occurred at Chipman Forest Avenue School in Chipman, NB, which was co-hosted by the Chipman Black Bears, while the North / East Festival took place at École Secondaire Népisiguit in Bathurst, NB, and was co-hosted by Club de Lutte Acadie Bathurst. This was the first year for the events that showcase Bantam, Kids, and Novice age wrestler.

The events began with clinics led by New Brunswick Senior Athletes. The Chipman Clinic featured 2016 Senior Canadian Silver Medalist and CIS Gold Medalist, Allyssa Cleaves, while the Bathurst clinic was led by 2015 Cadet Pan American alumni, Mikeal Rousseau. Both clinics taught basic wrestling techniques prescribed by Wrestling Canada Lutte's LTAD Model and Skills Awards Program. Matches then followed the clinic, which included both experienced and new athletes to the sport.

Both events were made possible by LNBW's Learn 2 Wrestle Program. The program, which began with the 2016 LNBW March Break Coaching Clinic, is designed to introduce New Brunswick's youth to the sport of wrestling through coordinated programming conducted by the organization's affiliated wrestling clubs. The program is made possible through the investment of the Government of New Brunswick's Department of Tourism, Heritage, & Culture, and LNBW.