



# INTRODUCING RILEE MANY BEARS

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Rilee Many Bears is a Canadian-born First Nations runner from Siksika Nation, Alberta, a part of the Blackfoot Confederacy. Now 22 years old, Rilee was presented with the name linomaahka, meaning Running Buffalo, during a naming ceremony while the Siksika Nation celebrated his achievements in running.

Rilee trains at home, in Siksika Nation, as well as with the University of Calgary Track and Field Team, in the hope to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

# Performance Stats:

- 2015 World Indigenous Games in Palmas, Brazil where he won the gold medal in the 8 km race
- 2014 North American Indigenous Games- Gold in the 3,000m race
- 2014 bronze medals in both the 1,500m race and the 6 km cross country event.



## FUN FACT!

*Rilee became the first Siksika Nation member to complete the Boston Marathon, a month after undergoing a heart procedure!*