

2012 ARCTIC WINTER GAME SNOWSHOEING SELECTION FORMAT

1. **Rules:** This competition will be conducted under the rules developed and approved by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee.

2. **Categories:**

Junior Male & Female: Born in 1993 or later

Juvenile Male & Female: Born in 1997 or later

3. **Events:**

a. *Junior categories (middle and short distance)*

- 5 kilometre cross – country
- Short Distance combined – 100 meters, 400 meters and 1500 meters. See Table 'A'

b. *Juvenile categories (middle and short distance)*

- 2.5 kilometre cross – country
- Short Distance combined – 100 meters, 400 meters and 800 meters. See Table 'A'

c. *All Categories (long distance)*

- Junior Male 10 km cross-country
- Junior Female 7.5 km cross-country
- Juvenile Male 5 km cross-country
- Juvenile Female 5 km cross-country

d. *Relays*

- Mixed teams (2 male and 2 female from either age category)
Relay Race: 4x400m (Units can enter two teams)

4. **Team Composition:**

Each Games Unit may enter a team comprised of a maximum of eight (8) competitors and two (2) coaches as follows:

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| Junior Male | -2 |
| Junior Female | -2 |
| Juvenile Male | -2 |
| Juvenile Female | -2 |
| Coaches | -2 |

One coach must be female and one male. If a coach from one gender is not available a chaperon must be substituted.

5. Athlete Selection

All athletes must be a continuous resident of the NWT for six months prior to the start of the Arctic Winter Games.

If an athlete is attending a post secondary institution outside of the NWT and their NWT residency is still valid, they are eligible to try out for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games through participation in Regional and Territorial Trials.

All athletes are required to sign a conduct agreement with Sport North. Sport North's Conduct and Discipline Code will be implemented for all participants during the AWG process.

6. Regional Trials

Each race will have the following point systems:

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| 1 st - 10 points | 2 nd - 8 points | 3 rd - 7 points | 4 th - 6 points |
| 5 th - 5 points | 6 th - 4 points | 7 th - 3 points | 8 th - 2 points |
| 9 th - 1 point | | | |

Athletes must participate in their respective AWG Regional Trials and must be ranked first or second in their respective categories to go forward to the Territorial Trials. If, due to lack of registration, AWG Regional Trials are not required for any of the above categories, the athlete automatically advances to the Territorial Trials, as long as they have registered by the appropriate date.

Regional Trial Ranking:

Points will be allocated in each distance ran and the top 2 athletes in each category will be declared in accordance with the rules of the Arctic Winter Games technical package.

The 2 top ranked athletes in each category from each region will then proceed to the Territorial Trials.

In the event that one or more of the top 2 ranked athletes in each category decides not to compete in the Territorial Trials, the athletes ranked next (3rd, 4th, 5th etc) will be asked to attend the Territorial Trials.

Athlete's attitude, performance and commitment will be taken into consideration.

Coaches who have the most athletes representing his/her community will coach the Regional Team.

7. Territorial Trials

All qualified athletes must participate in all races in the Territorial Trials.

Territorial Trial ranking:

In accordance with a standard point system in the Arctic Winter Games technical package, points will be allocated in each race and the top 2 athletes in each category will be declared.

Positions on the AWG team will be offered to the 2 top-ranked athletes in each category. In the event athletes ranked first or second decline their position or are unable to participate, athletes ranked next (3rd, 4th, 5th etc) will be offered a position on the AWG team.

Athlete's attitude, performance and commitment will be taken into consideration.

Coaches who have the most athletes representing his/her region will coach the Team.

TABLE 'A' SCORING TABLE FOR SHORT DISTANCE COMBINED EVENTS

Each athlete entering the Short Distance Combined event will have the results of their performance in all three events scored as detailed below. The athlete with the highest point total from all three events will be declared the gold medal winner. The athlete with the second highest total from all three events will be declared the silver medal winner. The athlete with the third highest total from all three events will be declared the silver medal winner.

1. The athlete with the fastest time in each event shall be awarded 1000 points.
2. All other athletes shall receive the points as determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{First Place Finisher's Time}}{\text{Athlete's Time}} \times 1000 = \text{Athlete's Points}$$

8. The Appeal Process

Appeals Committee: The Appeals Committee will be composed of **Regional Coordinator, Community Coordinator** and two persons appointed by **Sport North**. No member of the Appeals Committee shall be related to an eligible Arctic Winter Games athlete.

The Appeal Process: If within 48 hours of team selection, the athlete believes there are grounds for appeal, the athlete must submit to **Sport North**, orally, followed within two (2) days by a written formal (e-mail or fax) appeal, clearly stating the reasons for appeal.

There is only one ground for appeal of team selection, that being:
The selection was not made according to the 2012 Arctic Winter Games Athlete Selection Criteria.

The following process will take place:

First – The Appeals Committee will convene a meeting either in person or by conference call within three (3) days of written notification of an appeal. All information relating to the appeal should be made available to all concerned.

Second – The appellant and his/her representative will appeal to the Appeals Committee.

Third – The Appeals Committee only will convene to review all the evidence and make one of the following decisions.

- a) Grant the appeal and name the athlete immediately to the team replacing the last ranked athlete on the team or an athlete who has been found not to have met the selection cut and/or requirements or:
- b) Reject the appeal.

Fourth – The decision will be delivered immediately in verbal form, followed by a written report. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.