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2026 Arctic Winter Games



Handbook

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1. INTRODUCTION

For the Northwest Territories (NT), athletes/teams are selected for the Arctic Winter Games through the Territorial Selection Process. Territorial Trials are held to select the individual or team who will represent the NT at the Arctic Winter Games. Sport North Federation (Sport North) has created this Handbook to outline the general rules, details of the process, and responsibilities of each organization involved.

Athlete attendance and completion of all aspects of the territorial trial selection process at the Trials is mandatory as per the [Team NT 2026 Arctic Winter Games Eligibility Policy](#). Participants must attend the entire duration of the Territorial Sport Organization (TSO) scheduled events/training to be eligible to be selected to Team NT.

Exemptions are required to be approved by the Multi-Sport Games Committee and the respective TSO at least six (6) weeks before the start of the 2026 Arctic Winter Games TSO or recognized sport governing body sport selection process at: sport_and_recreation@gov.nt.ca. (Appendix F: Territorial Trials Exemption Request Form may be used).

1. GENERAL RULES

- a. **Eligibility** - All potential Team NT athletes and teams seeking to attend the 2026 Arctic Winter Games, including during the Territorial Trials leading up to the 2026 Arctic Winter Games, are required to meet the participant eligibility requirements set out in the [Team NT 2026 Arctic Winter Games Eligibility Policy](#), and [the Arctic Winter Games Policy 1- Athlete and Cultural Performer Eligibility Policy](#) from the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, in addition to any requirements established by their respective territorial sport organization (TSO). (See Appendix G- 2026 Arctic Winter Games Team NT Participant Eligibility Policy).

Below are the general rules applying to components of the Arctic Winter Games process where applicable; (Territorial Trials and the Arctic Winter Games):

- Each athlete/coach must meet individual TSO sport requirements.
- **Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks**

For Non-Athlete Participants (Coaches, Chaperones, Cultural and Mission Staff):

- **Territorial Trials Attendance:**
Coaches (if applicable) and chaperones attending the Territorial Trials must submit a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) by **December 15, 2025**.
VSCs are considered valid if issued on or after **September 8, 2025** (six months prior to the start of the 2026 Arctic Winter Games).
- **Arctic Winter Games Attendance:**
All non-athlete participants aged 18 and older who are attending the 2026 Arctic Winter Games—but not the Territorial Trials—must submit a valid RCMP Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) by **March 1, 2026**.

For Athletes Aged 18 or Older:

- Athletes who are 18 years or older at the time of the **Territorial Trials** must submit a **Criminal Record Check (CRC)** or **Enhanced Police Information Check (EPIC)** by **January 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**
- Athletes who have been named to Team NT and turn 18 after the Territorial Trials must submit a CRC or EPIC by **March 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

- EPIC and VSC checks must be issued **on or after September 8, 2025**, to be considered valid for the Arctic Winter Games.
- The cost of obtaining an EPIC is the responsibility of the athlete.

Athletes

- Athletes must be at least twelve (12) years of age as of December 31, 2025.
- Maximum ages are specific to each event and must follow the [Arctic Winter Games Technical Packages](#).
- Approval of ages outside a technical package specified ages per category must be submitted to the Multi-Sport Games Committee: sport_and_recreation@gov.nt.ca
- An athlete shall not have competed in, or been selected for, an international competition as a representative of their National Sport Organization (NSO) and Canada in that sport within one year of the opening day of the Games. If they participate in a national camp, they are still eligible to compete in the Games.
- Athletes are limited to attend trials for one sport.
- All athletes are required to attend Territorial Trials except by approval from the Multisport Games Committee and the respective TSO. If there are no requirements for Territorial Trials due to limited registration the Chef de Mission may approve direct entry for those athletes registered for the sport they intend to compete by the registration deadline or in unique situations deemed appropriate by the Chef de Mission.
- For team sports when safety is the only considerable factor, TSOs can submit an exemption request to the Multi-Sport Games Committee (email: sport_and_recreation@gov.nt.ca) to select another athlete who did not participate in another sport selection trial.

Coach/Cultural Manager/Chaperone (if applicable)

- All non-athlete adult positions must have completed the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Making Ethical Decisions (MED) Evaluation, and Safe Sport Training Module by **February 1st, 2026** or have received an Exemption from the Multi-Sport Games Committee. Please see links to register: <https://safesport.coach.ca> <https://coach.ca/nccp-make-ethical-decisions>

b. Residency

- Each athlete/coach must be a resident of the Northwest Territories 6 months prior to the Games (effective date of residency requirement: Monday September 8th, 2025) and continue to reside in the NT until the completion of those Games.
- Each athlete/coach must register under a single Region (see Appendix # A), which may be either the Region in which they reside or the Region in which they attend school.
- The residency requirement is subject to the following exceptions:
 1. Members and dependents of members of the Canadian Armed Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who have been posted to a location within the NT for less than six (6) months, and who currently reside in the NWT.
 2. Individuals attending a recognized secondary or post secondary institution, who are registered for and pursuing a full programme of study leading towards a degree or diploma ordinarily residing in the NT but studying outside the territory within the six (6) consecutive months prior to the opening day of the 2026 Arctic Winter Games.
- Exchange students or those individuals on a temporary work visa or who are otherwise temporarily living in their respective Region are not considered residents and therefore ineligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games process.
- Extenuating circumstances beyond everyone's control will be considered and dealt with on a case by case scenario.
- Proof of residency will be required by athletes/coaches and include:

1. Copy of Health Care Card;
 2. Letter from school, employer, social services, church, or other equivalent acceptable documentation.
- c. Registration
- To participate in the AWG process, each athlete, coach, must be a registered member of the TSO and pay the appropriate TSO applicable fee(s).
 - All athletes, coaches, must also pay the appropriate Territorial, and AWG fee.
- d. Uniforms
- The TSOs are responsible for providing field of play uniforms at the Arctic Winter Games. Team NT's official colours are navy blue, blue, grey and white.
 - Sponsorship logos are not allowed on Field of Play uniforms.
 - Any use of the Team NT, Arctic Winter Games International Committee, or Host Society Logo, or the use of themed social program logos and tag lines must be approved by the Chef de Mission, in conjunction with Arctic Winter Games International Committee and/or the Host Society where appropriate.
- e. Alternates
- All TSO's must identify a maximum of five alternates per team/sport from the Territorial Trials. Alternates do not pay the registration fee until they have replaced an athlete.
 - Alternates will be selected from the sport/team/category they are originally registered for. Athletes will not be permitted to move to a different sport/team/category after the registration deadline.
 - If there are not alternates to select from, for team sports when safety is the only considerable factor, TSOs can submit an exemption request to the Multi-Sport Games Committee (email: sport_and_recreation@gov.nt.ca) to select another athlete who did not participate in another sport selection trial.
 - If the TSO's alternate roster list is exhausted, TSO's can select alternate athletes who registered in the Territorial Trials and attended that respective sport trial event.
- f. Refunds & Payment
- Refunds of Territorial and Arctic Winter Games fees will be provided to registered participants for the following situations:
- Family or Medical Emergency (must provide proof).
 - Cancellation due to inclement weather.
 - Other requests for refunds will be dealt with by Sport North on a case-by-case basis.

Refunds will not be provided if a participant no shows for trials or provided travel arrangements or is removed from the Team due to a Discipline Issue – [See Sport Integrity Policy](#) (Appendix E).

- g. Chaperones
- Individuals or teams with members under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult, a coach or chaperone to and from their community to the Territorial Trials. The coach or chaperone must occupy the same accommodations as the athletes and are responsible for their athletes during the entire Territorial Trials process. Chaperones (if applicable) are responsible for supervising their athlete(s) from the point of departure from their home community to their arrival in their home community following Territorial Trials. ***Chaperones (if applicable) must be identified by December 10th, 2025. Chaperones (if applicable) must be identified by the community or TSO in conjunction with the athlete(s).*** Where reasonable Sport North will endorse a ratio of 1 chaperone to 8 athletes.

2. TERRITORIAL TRIALS

- a. Eligibility

- Each athlete and coach can only compete in one sport at Territorial Trials.
- Each athlete/coach must meet individual TSO sport requirements.
- Athletes and adults 18 years of age or older must provide the appropriate CRC/VSC/EPIC as outlined under 1a of the General Rules.
- **Athletes are only permitted to register in the age category that their birthdate falls within as outlined in the Arctic Winter Games sport technical packages. Athletes cannot register in an age category that does not align with their birthdate.**

b. Registration

The registration fees are set by Sport North.

- Territorial Trial Registration Fee \$150.00 per coach/athlete/chaperone – payable to Sport North. All athletes, coaches & chaperones (if applicable), participating in the Territorial Trials must be registered by **November 30th, 2025 at 11:59pm.**
- Late registrations will not be accepted.

c. Dates & Location

The Territorial Trials will be held **January 7th – 11th, 2026**. Locations of Trials can be found in appendix C of this Handbook.

In cases where the health and safety of athletes are involved, or for logistical reasons, Sport North will permit TSOs to conduct their Trials at a date agreeable to all concerned parties at the cost of the TSO.

d. Transportation

- Sport North coordinates transportation for all athletes, coaches, and chaperones (if applicable).
- Sport North will not be responsible for travel costs of any Team NT participant who misses the departure travel arrangements to and from the Territorial Trials. Athletes attending school outside the NT will be responsible for their own transportation to the Charter/trial community.
- In the event of weather/mechanical or other unexpected delays in travel, Sport North will make every reasonable effort to find alternative travel for the participant to make it to their host destination. In the event those options fail, Sport North will work with the corresponding TSO(s) to work out a potentially cost-effective selection solution that both parties agree to.
- Participants must indicate origin of travel for Territorial Trials and Arctic Winter Games if they are not residing in their home community.
- Sport North will reimburse itemized gas receipts for participants travelling to/from departing airport, if participant does not reside in departure community. Reimbursement is based on approval by the Chef de Mission. **Receipts for Games travel must be submitted to Sport North by March 25th, 2026, to be eligible for reimbursement.**
- Sport North will not reimburse gas receipts for snowmobiles, ATVs etc. nor will they endorse/reimburse highway/ice road travel if the route has not been officially declared open by the GNWT <https://drivenwt.ca/>.

e. Accommodation & Facilities

- Accommodation will be arranged by the Host Community (via the TSO) in consultation with Sport North for all athletes, coaches, and chaperones (if applicable). Regional Coordinators will share accommodation information with participants.
- Coaches and chaperones (if applicable) must reside in the same residence as their athletes, for the duration of the trials. Host community (via the TSO) is responsible for scheduling and paying for facilities.

f. Meals

- Each participant is responsible for their own meals.
- The Host Community will arrange meals in circumstances where there are no restaurants available and provide them either for free or at a nominal fee to all athletes, coaches, and

- chaperones.
- Meal plans are not guaranteed to be covered by TSOs.
- g. Officials
 - The TSOs are responsible for identifying officials and paying their game fees/honoraria.
 - Sport North will support transportation for officials within the NT, if there is space available on a charter from their community. If no space is available, the TSO is responsible for covering their travel expenses to the trial location.
 - ***TSO's who require officials from outside the host community must be requested by December 10th, 2025.***
 - The host community (via the TSO) will be responsible for officials' meals and accommodations.
 - TSOs that wish to bring in officials from outside the NT are responsible for covering the travel expenses to the host community or charter (if applicable).

3. ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

- a. Eligibility
 - Each athlete and coach can only compete in one sport.
 - Athletes must have been registered and attended the same sport and age category (that their birthdate permits them to) at the Territorial Trials to be eligible to compete at the Arctic Winter Games as an athlete or alternate in that sport.
 - Each athlete/coach must meet individual sport requirements.
 - Participants are expected to attend both Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- b. Registration

Sport North will invoice each TSO for their respective team registration fees as per their team sizes.

All Team NT participants must be registered online, and payment made by **Friday February 6th, 2026.**

AWG Registration Fee \$450.00 per participant

- c. Dates & Location

The Arctic Winter Games will take place in **Whitehorse Yukon March 8-15, 2026.**
- d. Team Size

Each sport is allowed the maximum team size as indicated by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (see Appendix I).
- e. Transportation

Sport North will provide transportation for all athletes, coaches, and chaperones (if applicable) that comprise Team NT. Sport North will not be responsible for expenses incurred for transportation by players, coaches, chaperones (if applicable), or cultural delegates who travel by means other than designated by Sport North. Coaches and chaperones (if applicable) must travel with their teams to and from the Games. Participants who reside outside the NT will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the designated Team NT Charter. Sport North will only consider positioning a participant to the charter departure community early if, the request reduces the aircraft size or overall cost of the positioning of that region/community's participants.

In the event of weather/mechanical or other unexpected delays in travel, Sport North will make every reasonable effort to find alternative travel for the participant to make it to their host destination. In the event those options fail, Sport North will work with the corresponding TSO(s) to

work out a potentially cost-effective solution that both parties agree to.

Sport North will not be responsible for travel costs of any Team NT participant who misses the departure travel arrangements to and from the Arctic Winter Game's (charter or scheduled flight that has been arranged for Team NT) and are not responsible for any travel costs of individuals that choose to travel on their own.

- **Sport North will not endorse/reimburse highway/ice road travel if the route has not been officially declared open by the GNWT <https://drivenwt.ca/>.**

Pre-approved itemized gas receipts must be submitted by March 25th, 2026 to Sport North.

f. Accommodation & Meals

The Arctic Winter Games Host Society will provide accommodation and meals for all Arctic Winter Games participants. It is mandatory that all athletes, coaches, chaperones (if applicable), and cultural delegates must occupy the accommodation provided by the Host Society for the entire duration of the Games. Participants found in violation of this are subject to removal from all aspects of the Games including but not limited to travel provided by Team NT.

g. Officials

The Arctic Winter Games Host Society will coordinate logistics (travel, accommodation, and meals) for all sport officials for the Arctic Winter Games.

4. **ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The following section outlines responsibilities that are not previously mentioned in the Handbook.

a. Sport North

- Promote the Arctic Winter Games within the Northwest Territories.
- Identify Regional Coordinators to assist with the delivery of the AWG process.
- Approve competition sites and coordinate transportation arrangements for Territorial Trials.
- Approve the final selection process (camp or competition), appeals mechanism, and neutral evaluators provided by TSO.
- Coordinate transportation for athletes, coaches, chaperones (if applicable), cultural delegates, and Mission Staff of Team NT to and from the Territorial Trials and the Games.
- Liaise with the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, and the Host Society respecting all arrangements affecting Team NT.
- Select Mission Staff.
- Operate a Mission Office during the Games.
- Account for all funds under its charge.

b. Regional Coordinators

- The Regional Coordinator is the liaison person for Sport North in their respective Region. Their duties include:
 - Report to and take direction from the Team NT Leadership Team on all aspects of the Arctic Winter Games process.
 - Regional Coordinators will not be accepting registration fees but will be the information sharing liaison for their respective region
 - Update their respective communities on all aspects of the Arctic Winter Games.
 - Maintain a close working relationship with Host Community, TSO's, and Sport North, to ensure that all parties are properly informed of all developments.
 - Assist with the airport logistics of the Territorial Trials and Arctic Winter Games at each regional hub with the exception of Hay River
 - Submit a comprehensive report to Sport North within thirty (30) days of the trials ending (February 19th 2026).
 - Support the distribution (if applicable) of Team NT, walk-out uniforms to the athletes

and coaches for the Games within their region

c. TSO via Local Organizing Committee

- Maintain a liaison with all local authorities (i.e., Council, Recreation Committee, Education Board, community, and school staff) to ensure support and assistance.
- Book facilities and ensure access to all competition venues.
- Facilitate all necessary logistics with local authorities.
- Provide accommodation (via schools/community centers) for the duration of competition. Teams that book accommodations other than what the host provides will do so at the team's expense. In addition, the team must notify the host if private accommodations are going to be used.
- Provide official's accommodation and meals in consultation with the TSO.
- Provide a meal package if there are no commercial restaurants available in the community. The cost for the meal package will be the responsibility of each participant or free of charge or at a nominal fee.
- Responsible for the cost of rental facilities if applicable.
- Oversee the Territorial Trials.
- Identify instructors/officials and pay for their game fees & honorarium.
- Ensure the equipment necessary for competitions is available.
- Ensure all athletes registered for Territorial Trials are affiliated with their TSO.
- Assist Sport North with departure/arrivals for the Territorial Trials.

d. Territorial Sport Organization (TSO)

- Advise the Team NT Leadership Team on all technical aspects relating to their sport.
- Oversee the sport selection at the Territorial Trials in consultation with Sport North.
- Ensure the equipment necessary for competitions is available at the Territorial competition sites in consultation with Sport North.
- Develop a selection camp schedule.
- Develop a process to determine athlete selection per region based on the maximum technical package team size.
- Provide registration forms - preferably electronic version - to ensure that all participants are properly affiliated with their respective Sport prior to the Territorial Trials.
- Provide a copy of their Team Selection Policy, Discipline Policy, and Appeals Policy to Sport North by November 3rd 2025.
- Provide Final Team Roster that provides the participant's name and community.
- Provide Sport North the names of perspective officials for the Arctic Winter Games.
- **Identify chaperones for Territorial Trial participants**

Appendix A: Regional Coordinator & Team NT Leadership Team Contact Information

Region	Communities	Regional Coordinator
North Slave	Behchoko Dettah N'Dilo Gameti Lutsel K'e Wekweeti Wha Ti	Colinda Blondin (867)392-6803 Colinda_blondin@gov.nt.ca
Yellowknife	Yellowknife	Andrew Gilmour (613)217-7122 Andrew.gilmour@ntssa.ca
South Slave	Fort Smith Hay River Enterprise Fort Providence Fort Resolution Kakisa Lake K'atlodeeche Hay River Reserve	Kyle Donovan (867)872-6533 Kyle_donovan@gov.nt.ca
Beaufort Delta	Aklavik Fort McPherson Inuvik Paulatuk Sachs Harbour Tsiigehtchic Tuktoyaktuk Ulukhaktok	Josh McDonald (867)678-8045 ext. 21661 Josh_mcdonald@gov.nt.ca
Sahtu	Colville Lake Deline Fort Good Hope Norman Wells Tulita	Alexander Robertson (867)587-7116 Alexander_robertson@gov.nt.ca
Dehcho	Fort Liard Fort Simpson Jean Marie River Nahanni Butte Sambaa K'e Wrigley	Nathan McPherson (867)695-7227 Nathan_mcperson@gov.nt.ca

Team NT Leadership Team

Role	Contact Information
Chef de Mission	Rita Mercredi - (867) 669-8331 rmercredi@sportnorth.com
Assistant Chef de Mission	Damon Crossman - (867)767-9166 ext. 21110 damon_crossman@gov.nt.ca
Assistant Chef de Mission	Lexie Letzing - (867) 445-8608 lletzing@sportnorth.com

Appendix B: 2026 Arctic Winter Games Age Category

SPORT	CATEGORY	AGE REQUIREMENT
Archery	Barebow Male (U 18) Barebow Female (U 18) Compound Male (U 18) Compound Female (U 18)	Males and Females 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of Birth: 2008-2013
Arctic Sports	Male (U 17) Female (U 17) Open Male Open Female	U 17: Males and Females 16 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2009-2013 Open Female/Open Male
Badminton	Male (U 16) Female (U 16) Male (U 18) Female (U 18)	U 16: Males and Females 15 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2010-2011 U 18: Males and Females 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008-2009
Basketball	Male (U 19) Female (U 19)	Males and Females 18 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2007-2013
Biathlon - Ski	Male (U 15) Female (U 15) Male (U 18) Female (U 18)	U 15: Males and Females under 15 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2011-2013 U 18: Males and Females 15-17 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008, 2009, 2010
Biathlon - Snowshoe	Male (U 15) Female (U 15) Male (U 18) Female (U 18)	U 15: Males and Females under 15 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2011-2013 U 18: Males and Females 15-17 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008, 2009, 2010
Curling	Male (U 18) Female (U 18)	Males and Females 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of Birth: 2008-2009
Cross Country Ski	Male (U 14) Female (U 14) Male (U 16) Female (U 16) Male (U 18) Female (U 18)	U 14: Males and Females 13 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2012 or 2013 U 16: Males and Females 14-15 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2010 or 2011 U 18: Males and Females 16-17 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008 or 2009
Dene Games	Male (U 18) Female (U 18) Open Male Open Female	U 18: Males and Females 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008-2013 Open Female/Open Male
Hockey	Male (U 15) Male (U 18) Female (U 19)	U 15: Males 14 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2011-2013 U 18: Males 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008-2013 U 19: Females 18 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2007-2013
Figure Skating	Female (U 18)	Females 12-17 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008-2013
Futsal	Male (U 16) Female (U 16) Male (U 18) Female (U 18)	U 16: Males and Females 15 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2010-2011 U 18: Males and Females 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008-2009
Gymnastics	Female (U 18)	Females 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008-2013
Snowboarding	Male (U 14) Female (U 14) Male (U 16) Female (U 16)	U 14: Males and Females 13 years of age and under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2012-2013 U 16: Males 15 years of age or under as of December 31, 2023 Years of birth: 2010-2011
Speedskating	Male (U 15) Female (U 15) Male (U 19) Female (U 19)	U 15: Males and Females 12-14 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2011-2013 U 19: Males and Females 18 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2007-2013
Table Tennis	Male (U 15) Female (U 15) Male (U 18) Female (U 18)	U 15: Males and Females 14 years of age and under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2011-2013 U 18: Males and Females 17 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2008-2010
Volleyball	Male (U 19) Female (U 19)	U 19: Males and Females 18 years of age or under as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2007-2013
Wrestling	Male (U 17) Female (U 17)	U 17: Males and Females 13-16 years of age as of December 31, 2025 Years of birth: 2009-2012

Appendix C: Territorial Trial Dates

Sport	Trial Dates	Trial Contact
Basketball	January 7-11, 2026	Basketball NT – Tanya Kearney 867-446-6016 Tanya.bnwt@gmail.com
Biathlon – Ski	January 7-11, 2026	NT Biathlon Association
Biathlon – Snowshoe	January 7-11, 2026	NT Biathlon Association
Cross Country Ski	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Ski Division – Sarah Pruys nwtski@gmail.com ; 204-599-5812
Gymnastics	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Gymnastics – Clarie Tincombe NWTgym@gmail.com ; 289-200-6174
Hockey	January 7-11, 2026	Hockey NT – www.hockeynwt.com
Figure Skating	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Figure Skating – Isabella Bourque 867-875-7401 nwtfsa@outlook.com
Futsal	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Soccer Association – Bronwyn Rutherford-Simon executivedirector@nwtsoccer.ca ; 867-444-4833
Volleyball	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Volleyball Association volleyballnt.ca / nwtvolleyball.nrs@gmail.com
Curling	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Curling Association – Janie Hobart nwtcurling@gmail.com ; 867-872-0931
Archery	January 7-11, 2026	Indigenous Sports Circle - Shawna McLeod shawna@iscnwt.ca ; 867-669-8337
Arctic Sports	January 7-11, 2026	Indigenous Sports Circle - Shawna McLeod shawna@iscnwt.ca ; 867-669-8337
Badminton	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Badminton Association – Harmeet Jagpal harmet@badmintonnwt.ca ; 867-444-8333
Dene Games	January 7-11, 2026	Indigenous Sport Circle - Shawna McLeod shawna@iscnwt.ca ; 867-669-8337
Table Tennis	January 7-11, 2026	Table Tennis North - Thorsten Gohl thor@tabletennisnorth.ca ; 867- 373-2101
Snowboarding	Trials completed	NWT Snowboard Association – Mandi Parks nwtsnowboard@gmail.com / www.NWTboardsport.com
Speed Skating	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Speed Skating – Jody Pellissey nwtspedskating@gmail.com ; 867-445-4774
Wrestling	January 7-11, 2026	NWT Wrestling – Spider Jones spider@sportnorth.com ; 867-688-0121

Appendix D: Registration & Payment Information

Step 1: Participants Registration

- Participants wishing to attend the Territorial Trials must register **no later than November 30th at 11:59pm.**
- Participants may register for **only one sport in the age category that their birthdate falls within**
- **Late registrations will not be accepted**

Registration Link:

[Athlete](#)

[Coach](#)

Step 2: Confirmation & Payment

- Only participants approved by their TSO to participate in the Territorial Trials will be required to:
 - **Submit payment of \$150.00 via online link, e-transfer or in person at Sport North, and**
 - **Complete a Code of Conduct form**
- All payments and forms must be received by **Sport North by 5:00 p.m. on November 30th 2025 at 11:59 pm**
- Athletes without a chaperone will not be permitted to attend the Territorial Trials

Payment Options:

Online: <https://www.sportnorth.com/product-page/2026-arctic-winter-games-territorial-trials-registration-fee>

E-Transfer sent to: finance@sportnorth.com, **MUST INPUT NAME OF REGISTRANT AND SPORT IN MESSAGE WHEN SENDING TRANSFER**

In Person at Sport North: 1st Floor, Don Cooper Building, 4908 49th Street

Chaperone Registration for Territorial Trials

Chaperones will be required to register, pay, and have all forms submitted for the Territorial Trials **by 5:00 p.m. on December 10th 2025**. Chaperones must register using this link: [Chaperone](#)

Forms

Code of Conduct and Team NT Registration forms (available via registration links above) need to be printed, signed, and sent to the respective AWG Regional Coordinator or Sport North (see [appendix A](#) for contact info.)

Registration will not be accepted or deemed complete until all steps have been completed.

Appendix E: Sport Integrity Policy

Visit the [Sport Integrity Policy Suite](#).

Appendix F: Territorial Trials Exemption Request Form



2026 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES TRIALS EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

SPORT: Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE OF TRIAL: Click or tap here to enter text.

ATHLETE

NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDRESS: Click or tap here to enter text.

PHONE: (h) Click or tap here to enter text. (c) Click or tap here to enter text.

EMAIL: Click or tap here to enter text.

SIGNATURE:

PARENT / GUARDIAN

NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDRESS: Click or tap here to enter text.

PHONE: (h) Click or tap here to enter text. (c) Click or tap here to enter text.

EMAIL: Click or tap here to enter text.

SIGNATURE:

LIST REASON FOR EXEMPTION:

Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION required with application form:

Letter of support from the TSO if reason is a special family circumstance

Letter of support from your school if the reason is an NWT school programming commitment

Physician's note if reason is due to injury or illness

The application and supporting documentation must be submitted the Multi-Sport Games Committee at: sport_and_recreation@gov.nt.ca 6 weeks to the start of the Territorial Trials (November 26th 2025) or the request will not be considered.

Appendix G: 2026 Arctic Winter Games Team NT Participant Eligibility Policy

View the [2026 Arctic Winter Games Team NT Participant Eligibility Policy](#).

Appendix H – Team NT Key Timelines and Dates

2026 Arctic Winter Games Notable Dates as of Oct. 15th 2025	
Date	Notes
September 8th 2025 (6 months out from start of AWG 2026)	Date of Issue or later for VSC/CRC
October 20th 2025	Territorial Trial Registration Opens
November 3rd 2025	TSOs to submit team, discipline and appeal policies to Sport North
November 26th 2025	Deadline for Requests for Eligibility submissions for Territorial Trials (Athletes): related to age or attendance at official sport selection trials must be submitted to sport_and_recreation@gov.nt.ca
November 30th 2025 by 11:59 pm	Territorial Trial Registration Fees and Forms due to Sport North
December 10th by 5:00 pm	Territorial Trial Chaperones identified for participants in conjunction with Territorial Sport Organizations, forms submitted and paid to Sport North
January 7th-11th 2026	Territorial Trials
January 26th 2026	Deadline for Requests for Eligibility submissions for attending AWG (all Participants): Requests for exemptions due to coach age, residency, or other reasons must be submitted to sport_and_recreation@gov.nt.ca
February 1st 2026	Coaches, chaperones, and cultural managers must complete mandatory training, including the Safe Sport Training Module and Make Ethical Decisions Evaluation
February 6th 2026	AWG Registration Fees and Forms Due to Sport North
March 8th-15th 2026	Arctic Winter Games - Whitehorse, Yukon
March 25th 2026	Pre-approved itemized gas receipts due for reimbursement to Sport North

Appendix I – Team NT 2026 Arctic Winter Games Allocations

Sport	2026 Category	2026 Maximum	
Archery	U18 Barebow (Born 2008-2013) Male	2	
	U18 Compound (2008-2013) Male	2	
	U18 Barebow (Born 2008-2013) Female	2	
	U18 Compound (2008-2013) Female	2	
	Coaches (Male)	1	
	Coaches (Female)	1	
	TOTAL	10	
Arctic Sports (Northern Games)	U17 Male (Born 2009-2013)	5	
	U17 Female (Born 2009-2013)	5	
	Open Male (Born 2008 and before)	4	
	Open Female (Born 2008 and before)	4	
	Coaches (Male)	2	
	Coaches (Female)	2	
	TOTAL	22	
Badminton	U18 Male (Born 2008 & 2009)	2	
	U18 Female (Born 2008 & 2009)	2	
	U16 Male (Born 2010 & 2011)	2	
	U16 Female (Born 2010 & 2011)	2	
	Coaches (Male)	1	
	Coaches (Female)	1	
	TOTAL	10	
Basketball	U19 Male (Born 2007 to 2013)	12	
	U19 Female (Born 2007 to 2013)	12	
	Coaches (Male)	2	
	Coaches (Female)	2	
	TOTAL	28	
Biathlon - Ski	U15 Male (Born 2011 to 2013)	1 or 2	6 athletes max 3 coaches max
	U15 Female (Born 2011 to 2013)	1 or 2	
	U18 Male (Born 2008 to 2010)	1 or 2	
	U18 Female (Born 2008 to 2010)	1 or 2	
	Coaches (Male)	1 or 2	
	Coaches (Female)	1 or 2	
	TOTAL	9	

Biathlon - Snowshoe	U15 Male (Born 2011 to 2013)	1 or 2	6 athletes max
	U15 Female (Born 2011 to 2013)	1 or 2	
	U18 Male (Born 2008 to 2010)	1 or 2	
	U18 Female (Born 2008 to 2010)	1 or 2	
	Coaches (Male)	1	
	Coaches (Female)	1	
	TOTAL	8	
Cross Country Skiing	U14 Male (Born 2012 & 2013)	3	
	U14 Female (Born 2012 & 2013)	3	
	U16 Male (Born 2010 & 2011)	3	
	U16 Female (Born 2010 & 2011)	3	
	U18 Male (Born 2008 & 2009)	3	
	U18 Female (Born 2008 & 2009)	3	
	Coaches (Male)	2	
	Coaches (Female)	2	
	TOTAL	22	
Curling	U18 Male (Born 2008-2009)	4	
	U18 Female (Born 2008-2009)	4	
	Coaches (Male)	1	
	Coaches (Female)	1	
	TOTAL	10	
Dene Games	U18 Male (2008-2013)	4	
	U18 Female (2008-2013)	4	
	Open Male (2007 and before)	4	
	Open Female (2007 and before)	4	
	Coaches (Male)	2	
	Coaches (Female)	2	
	TOTAL	20	
Figure Skating	U18 Female (Born 2009 to 2013)	8	
	Coaches (Male)	0	
	Coaches (Female)	2	
	TOTAL	10	
Futsal	U16 Male (Born 2010-2011)	9	
	U16 Female (Born 2010-2011)	9	
	U18 Male (Born 2008-2009)	9	
	U18 Female (Born 2008-2009)	9	
	Coaches (Male)	4	
	Coaches (Female)	4	
	TOTAL	44	

Gymnastics	U18 Female (Born 2008-2013)	4	5
	Coaches (Male)	0	
	Coaches (Female)	1	
	TOTAL		
Hockey	U15 Male (Born 2011-2013)	17	60
	U18 Male (Born 2008-2010)	17	
	U19 Female (Born 2007-2013)	17	
	Coaches (Male)	6	
	Coaches (Female)	3	
	TOTAL		
Snowboarding	U14 Male (Born 2012-2013)	2	3 coaches max
	U14 Female (Born 2012-2013)	2	
	U16 Male (Born 2010-2011)	2	
	U16 Female (Born 2010-2011)	2	
	Coaches (Male)	1 or 2	
	Coaches (Female)	1 or 2	
	TOTAL		
Speed Skating	U15 Male (Born 2011-2013)	4	20
	U15 Female (Born 2011-2013)	4	
	U19 Male (Born 2007-2010)	4	
	U19 Female (Born 2007-2010)	4	
	Coaches (Male)	2	
	Coaches (Female)	2	
	TOTAL		
Table Tennis	U15 Male (Born 2011-2012)	2	10
	U15 Female (Born 2011-2012)	2	
	U18 Male (Born 2008-2010)	2	
	U18 Female (Born 2008-2010)	2	
	Coaches (Male)	1	
	Coaches (Female)	1	
	TOTAL		
Volleyball	U19 Male (Born 2007-2013)	12	28
	U19 Female (Born 2007-2013)	12	
	Coaches (Male)	2	
	Coaches (Female)	2	
	TOTAL		

Wrestling	U17 Male (Born 2009-2012)	5	12
	U17 Female (Born 2009-2012)	5	
	Coaches (Male)	1	
	Coaches (Female)	1	
	TOTAL		
Mission Staff	Chef de Mission	1	16
	Assistant Chef de Mission	1	
	Mission Staff	14	
	TOTAL		
Team NT TOTAL			355