



NWT GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION
Team NWT - ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY
MAJOR GAMES

NWT Gymnastics Association (NWTGA) will support Team NWT's participation at the following Major Games:

- a) Arctic Winter Games
- b) Canada Summer/Winter Games
- c) Western Canada Summer Games

The **Arctic Winter Games** is a unique event combining athletic competition, cultural exchange and social interaction. The event is featured every two years, with teams from the 'circumpolar north' participating: Northwest Territories, Greenland, Yamal, Nunavik, Alaska, Yukon, Alberta North, Nunavut, and Sapmi. (Typically held in March)

The **Canada Games (Summer/Winter)** are held every two years, alternating between summer and winter. The Games are Canada's largest multi-sport event and represent the pinnacle of interprovincial/territorial sport competition. (Typically held in August [Summer] & February [Winter]) Gymnastics is typically included in the Winter event, therefore making it a four-year rotation.

The **Western Canada Summer Games** are a multi-sport event to provide development opportunities for amateur athletes and to help them advance their skills in a competitive, but friendly environment. The four western provinces and three territories send teams to these games (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon, Northwest Territories & Nunavut), which are held every four years. (Typically held in August)

Below outlines NWTGA's criteria and eligibility requirements for any gymnastics athlete (female or male) to represent Team NWT at the above mentioned Major Games:

1. To be eligible for selection as a member of the Team NWT for Major Games, athletes must be proficient in the minimum required level as outlined in the technical package for the Major Games in question.
2. Where there are fewer than the maximum athletes who are eligible to compete at a Major Games (as outlined in the technical package), the Head Coach may, in his/her discretion and with approval from the NWTGA, allow athletes who are training at a lower level to participate in the selection process and may select the team from members who attend the competition/selection process based on past performance at meets and the overall readiness of the athlete.
3. If, in the opinion of the Head Coach, there are not enough athletes who have the basic requisite skills to compete at a particular event, he or she may, with the approval of the NWTGA, dispense with the necessity of a selection meet.



4. Where there are more than the maximum number of athletes permitted for a full team (as outlined in the technical package) and who have been identified as being eligible to participate in the selection process as outlined above, the NWTGA will host a selection meet to assist in determining the team members.
5. The NWTGA will make the final selection of the team, including an alternate athlete, based on the following criteria:
 - a) the athlete's overall score in the selection meet;
 - b) the athlete's proficiency at the required level of competition;
 - c) the athlete's past performance at meets; and
 - d) the athlete's improvement over the course of the season.
6. Where a selection meet is held, the team shall be chosen from the athletes who compete in the selection meet provided. However, if an athlete is unable to compete in the selection meet by reason of injury or illness, but is otherwise eligible and, in the opinion of the Head Coach, should be included as a potential member of the team based on the remaining criteria set out above, the Head Coach may, in his or her discretion request an injury exemption from NWTGA. The Coach must request this approval before the beginning of the selection meet. With this request, the coach must submit the results of the athlete's TWO previous highest scoring competitions in which the average of the scores will be used for ranking purposes. Only scores from the current and past season may be used. A doctor's note stating the athlete is unable to compete the day of the trials is also required.
7. Consideration will be given to an injured athlete, who in conjunction with their Coach, has arranged for a modified training plan, until further cleared by a doctor. The injury exemption can be denied or overturned, in which case the athlete may be removed from the team if the athlete does not continue with the modified training plan before or after trials.
8. Any appeals regarding the naming of the team shall be heard by a committee of no less than three members of the NWTGA. If the Head Coach is a member of the executive of the NWTGA, he or she shall not participate as a member of the appeal committee.
9. In the event of an appeal, both the Head Coach and any athlete who might potentially be affected by the appeal will have the opportunity to address the appeal committee.