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TEAM NT BADMINTON 2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY

SPORT: Badminton
EVENT: 2024 Arctic Winter Games
POLICY: Athlete Selection Policy

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to set out the process that will be used to select athletes to represent the Northwest Territories at the Arctic Winter Games.

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to select a maximum of eight athletes who will participate in the Arctic Winter Games. Athletes are selected in the following categories:

Females 15 years of age or under as of December 31, 2023 Year of birth: 2008 or later (U16)	2
Males 15 years of age or under as of December 31, 2023 Year of birth: 2008 or later (U16)	2
Females 18 years of age or under as of December 31, 2023 Year of birth: 2005 or later (U19)	2
Males 18 years of age or under as of December 31, 2023 Year of birth: 2005 or later (U19)	2

Up to 2 Alternate Athletes per category will also be identified.

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection, the athletes must be:

- Canadian Citizens, or eligible for Canadian Citizenship and actively pursuing either Citizenship Certificates or Canadian Passports or be Permanent Resident
- Provide proof of a valid passport, or that they have submitted a passport application (renewal or new application) and received a processing number from the Government



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of Canada. For more information on Passports please follow this link <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-passports.html>

- A continuous resident of the Northwest Territories for at least six months prior to the Arctic Winter Games. Athletes who are attending a post-secondary school outside of the Northwest Territories are still eligible to compete provided their Northwest Territories residency is still valid
- It is required to be a member in good standing with Badminton NWT
- Required to sign a Code of Conduct agreement with Sport North
- Must participate in the Arctic Winter Games Trials or request for an exemption
- Be a "Developing Athlete"
 - A Developing Athlete is one who has not represented one's nation in international competition (outside of an Arctic Winter Games) in the sport they are competing in.
 - An athlete who has competed for one's club in international competition (not representing one's nation) is considered a developing athlete;
 - An athlete who is a member of one's national team, but has not represented one's nation in international competition is considered a developing athlete.
- Eligible Athletes 18 yrs. of age and over must submit a Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check prior to their Territorial Trials date – CRC/VSC will be valid six months prior to the Arctic Winter Games.

Once selected, the athletes will be expected to be training towards, and meet the physical and technical standards expected by Badminton NWT.

SECTION 4 – SELECTION PROCESS

All athletes from the regions may attend the Territorial Selection Camp December 13th -17th in Yellowknife, NWT. Athletes in each category will participate in a skills & drills camp, and a tournament competition. The skills & drills camp will provide an array of different skills required to participate in badminton at a high-performance level. If the skills and fitness of an athlete are not sufficient, Badminton NWT serves the rights to not select the athlete. Evaluation forms will be provided prior to the trials for participants to prepare.

There will be one tournament hosted during the trials. The singles competition will consist of a match with one athlete winning the best two of three games using the point system endorsed



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by Badminton Canada (www.badminton.ca). The top two spots in each category will be given to the top ranked players in the tournament, with alternates identified.

Tournament

The format will depend on the number of participants. The tournament will follow physical and skills camp December 14,15, 16. The Top eight positions will be played out, along with 2 alternates for each category. Doubles and Mixed doubles games will be played throughout to assist with skills and tactics evaluation

Tie

If two or more athletes have the same points in the ranking after the final tournament, there will be a play-off match between the two or more athletes.

Equipment & Training

Badminton Canada and the ARCTIC WINTER GAMES require equipment to be approved. Therefore, each Athlete will need to commit to purchasing proper equipment. Please ask Badminton NWT for advice.

After the trials, the Athlete must report to the coaching staff about their technical and physical training.

Fee

Each athlete is responsible for their own food or accommodation. If successful, there will be an additional fee of \$250 for the field of play uniform, provided by Badminton NWT (each participant of the trials can purchase the set). There will a AWG Registration Fee \$400.00 per participant – payable to Sport North (if payment made by February 9, 2024.) After Deadline \$425.00 per participant + \$75.00 admin. fee – payable to Sport North

Exemptions



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If an athlete is unable to participate in any of the trials, a written request can be made to the Chef de Mission for review and approval. Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons: injury, illness; NWT school program commitments; and special family circumstances. For an exemption to be considered, a request form must be submitted to the Chef de Mission one month from the Territorial Trials date. Where there are special situations making attendance impossible which could not have been anticipated, these will be considered individually by the Chef de Mission. A letter of support is necessary from Badminton NT listing the reason, a letter of support from the school if the reason is a NWT school programming commitment, or a physician's note if reason is due to injury or illness.

Students attending school outside the territory must comply with all eligibility requirements and their principal residence must be in the Northwest Territories. Full time attendance at school outside the Territory does not constitute an NWT school programming commitment which would exempt them from the Trial.

Unforeseen Circumstances

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined in this document, Sport North reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all candidates for selection will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

SECTION 5 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The selection authority is in the hands of Badminton NWT's Board of Directors. The selection is based on the overall point system after submitting all the pre-requisites, the skills camps and the tournament.

The Badminton NWT Arctic Winter Games Team will be announced by end of day Saturday, December 16th, 2023.

SECTION 6 – DISMISSAL

An athlete may be dismissed if the athlete:

- Fails to meet performance expectations
- Exhibits detrimental conduct
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons



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- Fails to report to coaching staff about technical and physical training prior to the Arctic Winter Games.

When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by an alternate athlete (provided the alternate athlete is still eligible). Badminton NWT can choose to not send a full team if expectations are not met.

SECTION 7 – APPEALS

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

Appeals Committee

The Sport North Federation will appoint a three-person Appeals Committee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall be related to an eligible Arctic Winter Games athlete.

Appeals Process

1. If within 48 hours of team selection, an athlete believes there are grounds for appeal, the athlete must submit to the Sport North Federation, verbally, followed within two (2) days by a written formal (e-mail or fax) appeal, clearly stating the reasons for appeal. A cash deposit of \$100 must accompany the written notice of intent to appeal, to be refunded upon the successful outcome of the appeal. The following process will take place:
2. The president or president designate will identify and inform any affected parties of the appeal within two (2) days of receipt of the appeal, informing each of their right to participate in the appeal. All information relating to the appeal will be made available to all parties to the appeal.
3. The Appeals Committee will convene a meeting either in person or by conference call within three (3) days of written notification of an appeal.
4. The appellant and his/her representative will appeal to the Appeals Committee and affected parties will be permitted to participate.
5. The Appeals Committee only will convene to review all the evidence and make one of the following decisions:
 - a) Grant the appeal and direct the Sport North Federation to take appropriate corrective action.
 - b) Reject the appeal.



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6. The decision will be delivered immediately upon conclusion of panel deliberations in verbal form, followed by a written report. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.

SECTION 8 – INJURED AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

Alternate athletes shall consist of the next highest place finisher in each category. Alternate athletes may be selected if one or more of the originally selected athletes are dismissed prior to the Arctic Winter Games.

Alternate athletes may be included in any training or competitions taking place prior to the Arctic Winter Games so that they are prepared if called upon.