



2026 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

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We are excited to announce that the 2026 Arctic Winter Games will be hosted in Whitehorse, Yukon from **March 8-15, 2026**.

Find below the **Yukon's Hosting Guidelines** for the upcoming Games.

A trials system must be used to choose Team Yukon participants that will attend the Arctic Winter Games. These trials can be held anytime between **Friday - October 3, 2025 to Sunday - January 18, 2026**.

Yukon Sport Governing Bodies (YSGB) will have the flexibility of developing their own plan on how to host their AWG 2026 trials and are responsible for the organization of all aspects of the trial(s). This includes insurance coverage of the event. YSGB will need to complete and submit the attached form outlining the details around how they will host their trials no later than **Friday - September 22, 2025**. This plan must be reviewed and approved by the Sport and Recreation Branch before proceeding.

The information that is required includes:

- **Date or Dates of Trial(s)** – YSGB's have the flexibility to hold a minimum of one (1) trial, or up to a maximum of three (3) trials to select their roster(s).
- **All sports must name their final roster(s) eight (8) weeks from the date of your first trial.**
- **For those sports holding their first trial after December 1, 2025, please be advised that your final roster(s) must be submitted no later than January 26, 2026, which is under the eight (8) week window.**
- **Locations and Times of Trial(s)** – Weekends are preferred to allow for more community participation as we want to be as fair as possible to all Yukon participants. Trials should be scheduled to try to avoid long weekends, and sports can also consider hosting trials in rural communities.
- **Trial(s) Coordinator/Contact/Email/Phone Number.**
- **Selection Committee – Members.**
- **Participant Selection Criteria. Here is a [Helpful Link](#) from SDRCC.**
- **Process for assessing exempted athletes (how will they do it? Example, does it need to be in person or can it be done virtually).**
- **Appeals Process.**
- **Whether or not your sport will be selecting a Training Squad or just a final roster following the trial or trial(s).**

All participants must be aware of the eligibility requirements. Following the trials, the YSGB and coach(es) must define training plans that set out reasonable expectations for their participants. These expectations must be seen as fair and equitable, and copies of these training plans may be requested by the Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch.

Athlete attendance at trials is mandatory. Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons: injury; significant illness that can be documented with a physician's note; Yukon school program commitments; and special family circumstances (i.e., death in family, same sport competition/opportunity). **A holiday is not a special family circumstance.**

Exceptions to this rule will be permitted only upon review and approval by the Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch. In order for an exemption to be considered, the attached request form must be submitted to the Chef de Mission either in person at 4061 - 4th Ave. or by email to

trevor.twardochleb@yukon.ca forty eight (48) hours prior to the start of the specific trial. All supporting documentation must be attached to this form.

Participants must be a member and in good standing with their appropriate YSGB. All YSGB must ensure that all trial participants meet all membership requirements.

All trial participants will be required to fill out a trial registration / waiver form prior to their specific sport trial. (These will be provided to each YSGB).

Participants will receive a T-shirt for their participation at trials and are also eligible to apply for a travel subsidy through the In-Territory Travel Fund at a rate of .15 per km/per individual.

All YSGB will be given the flexibility to add up to three athletes (if they choose) who are outside the territory training and competing in the same sport without having them come back to Yukon to attend trials in person. The names of the potential candidates with rationale is to be provided to the Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch prior to the trials.

All sports must name their final roster(s) eight (8) weeks from the date of your first trial. For those sports holding their first trial after December 1, 2025, please be advised that your final roster(s) must be submitted no later than January 26, 2026, which is under the eight (8) week window.

Sport final rosters do not become official until they are submitted and approved by the Chef de Mission. Each YSGB will be provided with a final roster form prior to their sport trial(s). All YSGB are responsible for completing and submitting the final roster form and notifying all participants, coach(es), and parents/guardians so everyone is aware of their commitment to the final roster.

Once a participant is notified that they are on a final roster, they are not eligible to be selected to any other sport final roster.

Please also note that vacant spots on any team cannot be filled after the trials unless the vacancy jeopardizes team competition within the sport, such as in relays or team sports.

It is important to note that the Sport and Recreation Branch has the authority to make the final decision on participant eligibility. A tribunal will be set up to deal with any such appeals, if they occur.

One last thing to remember is that Team Yukon participation numbers for the Games are capped at three hundred and fifty-five (355). That means that the Government of Yukon – Sport and Recreation Branch will be reaching out to each sport to discuss the potential of limiting numbers in some sports, so we are able to meet the requirement.

For further clarification or questions, please contact:

Government of Yukon - Sport & Recreation Branch
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2026 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES SPORT TRIAL INFORMATION FORM

SPORT: Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE/DATES OF TRIAL(S): Click or tap to enter a date.

LOCATION OF TRIAL(S): Click or tap here to enter text.

TRIAL COORDINATOR

NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.

PHONE #: Click or tap here to enter text. **EMAIL:** Click or tap here to enter text.

COACH INFORMATION

NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.	NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.
EMAIL: Click or tap here to enter text.	EMAIL: Click or tap here to enter text.
NCCP #: Click or tap here to enter text.	NCCP #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Please attach the following information to this form:

- Participant Selection Process
- Appeals Process

PRESIDENT: Click or tap here to enter text.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please submit this form to Trevor Twardochleb, Chef de Mission (Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch) either by hand at 4061 - 4th Ave, Whitehorse or via email at trevor.twardochleb@yukon.ca.

All submissions are subject to review and must be approved by YG - Sport and Recreation Branch.



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: 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: 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 YSGB if reason is a special family circumstance.
- Letter of support from your school if the reason is a Yukon school programming commitment.
- Physician's note if reason is due to injury or illness.

The application and supporting documentation must be submitted to Trevor Twardochleb, Chef de Mission (Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch) either by hand at 4061 - 4th Ave, Whitehorse or via email to trevor.twardochleb@yukon.ca. 48 hours prior to the start of the sport trial or the request will not be considered.