



2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Athlete or Cultural Participant

Citizenship: Must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada, or an individual whose family are in Canada on work visas.

Residency: Must be a continuous resident of Yukon for six (6) consecutive months prior to the opening day of the Games. The effective date is July 29, 2022.

Students: Students attending an institution outside of the Yukon must also comply with all eligibility requirements prior to the start of the school year, and must maintain their principle residence in Yukon.

A resident of a participating Contingent, who is attending school outside the Contingent is deemed to be a continuous resident of her/his Contingent and is eligible to compete for her/his residence Contingent, or the Contingent in which s/he is attending school (if a participating Contingent) but not both.

An individual who is a resident of a jurisdiction not eligible to compete at the Games; but who lives in a participating jurisdiction as a student, or who is there on a temporary work visa, or who is otherwise temporarily living in a participating jurisdiction; is not considered a resident of the participating jurisdiction and is therefore ineligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games.

Age: Must be at least ten (10) years of age as of the opening day of the Games. The effective date is January 29, 2023.

Athlete: Must not have been a member of a national team in the sport in which she/he is competing, nor competed in, nor have been selected for an international competition as a representative of her/his country in the sport within one year of the opening date of the Games. (Sports without a National Sport Governing Body are exempt from this rule).

Event/Rules: Must compete in one sport only and comply with all other rules and regulations as outlined in the sport technical package and the AWG staging manual.

Meet individual sport requirements as per the technical package

Must be members in good standing with their respective Yukon Sport Governing Body.

Trials: Must participate at sport trial(s) in order to be selected to any team. Exceptions to this rule will be permitted only upon review and approval by the Games Committee. Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons: injury, illness, Yukon school program commitments and special family circumstance. Full time attendance at school outside the Territory does not constitute a Yukon school programming commitment, and a family holiday is not a special family circumstance.

In order for an exemption to be considered, an application for exemption must be submitted to the Sport and Recreation Branch forty eight (48) hours prior to the start of the specific sport trial. Where there are special situations making attendance impossible, which could not have been anticipated, these will be considered individually by the Games Committee.

One **NEW** clause this year is for athletes who are outside the territory training and competing in the same sport. Each YSGB will be given the flexibility to identify up to three athletes that could be added to their roster without having to attend trials in person. Each YSGB must submit rationale to the Games Committee as to why they are considering these athletes. Letter of support from coaches, stats, and training plans must accompany the request. Games Committee must approve this.

Once an athlete is selected, and signs off on the final team roster for a specific sport, he/she will not be eligible to be selected to any other sport. 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. Once an athlete is notified,

If a participant is interested in trying out for two different sports, and those sports are having their specific sport trials at the same time, the participant must choose between the two sports. Conflicting trial dates and times are not grounds for trials exemption.

Post Trials: Following selection to Team Yukon, an athlete must commit to and follow a training program acceptable to their coach and the Yukon Sport Governing Body.

All athletes 18 years or older are required to submit a RCMP criminal record check. Results of checks completed one year prior to the start of the Games are considered valid. The effective date is January 29, 2022.

Coach/Cultural Manager

- Must be a Certified Competition Introduction Coach or Competition Development Trained Coach within the National Coaching Certification Program in the sport in which they will coach. Coaches of Arctic Sports, Dene Games, and Snowshoeing are the exceptions to the above rule. **This does not apply to the Cultural Manager;**
- Must have completed the online Respect Group - Coach/Activity Leader Program;
- Be a member in good standing with the Yukon Sport Governing Body that they represent;
- Not be under any form of suspension by any territorial, provincial or national sport governing body;
- Must adhere to the terms of the Team Yukon Code of Conduct and accept the duties that accompany the position of a coach at the AWG;
- Be 18 years or older. Exceptional circumstances will be considered;
- Provide a RCMP criminal record check. Results of checks completed one year prior to the start of the Games are considered valid. The effective date is January 29, 2022.