



Arctic Winter Games Handbook

2020

Whitehorse, YK



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Objectives

1. To identify and select the best possible team to represent the Northwest Territories (NWT) at the Arctic Winter Games;
2. To be consistent, fair, transparent, and democratic;
3. To ensure the integrity NWT SBD remains at the high standard set by the organization by the individual representing NWT SBD as part of the Arctic Winter Games Snowboard Team;
4. To ensure the safety of the NWT SBD Arctic Winter Games Team while competing only selecting individual athletes that meet the minimum technical criteria as determined by the NWT SBD.

It should be noted that NWT SBD does not necessarily aim to fill a full roster for Arctic Winter Games. The safety and ability of athletes and coaching staff comes first and foremost. It is a privilege to represent NWT SBD and the NWT in general at Arctic Winter Games, not a right. NWT SBD continues to assess programs and services offered to encourage as many youth throughout the NWT to get involved in competitive snowboarding as possible. Through the selection process for the Arctic Winter Games and recognizing gaps in involvement, NWT SBD adjusts programs and services to attempt to maximize participation and opportunities for athletes to meet minimum standards. This not only assists in protecting the inclusion of snowboarding in future Games but is aimed at striving to have a full roster of qualified athletes.



Athletes

Categories:

Junior Male: Born in 2004 or later
Junior Female: Born in 2004 or later
Juvenile Male: Born in 2006 or later
Juvenile Female: Born in 2006 or later

Team Composition

Each Games Unit may enter a team comprised of a maximum of eight (8) athletes and two (2) coaches as follows:

Junior Male : 2
Junior Female: 2
Juvenile Male: 2
Juvenile Female: 2

Coaches: 2

One coach must be female and one male. If a coach from one gender is not available a chaperone must be substituted.

Eligibility

1. Athletes must be a Canadian Citizen and/or permanent resident;
2. All participants must participate in the territorial trials.
3. Athletes must be a registered member in good standing with the NWT SBD and Canada Snowboard Federation (CSF);
4. Athlete's permanent residence must be located within the Northwest Territories 180 days prior to the opening of the games. Proof of residency includes one of the following:
 - a. Holding an NWT Health Care Card;
 - b. Holding an NWT Driver's license or ID card;
 - c. Letter from school, employer, Social Services, church or other equivalent acceptable documentation.

****NOTE: NWT Resident Studying Outside the Territories***

An athlete attending school outside of the Northwest Territories is deemed to be a continuous resident if his/her residence prior to the start of the school year was in the Northwest Territories.

5. Athletes must meet the physical benchmarks set out by the Association.



Membership

Athletes, coaches, and chaperones must be members in good standing with the NWT SBD at the time of identification, and until the completion of the Games. A member in good standing with the NWT SBD requires individuals to be registered and paid for the season in which AWG falls into, not have any disciplinary sanctions against them or other justified reason why membership may be denied or withdrawn.

Member registration is online: <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/ms/membership/>

Selection of Athletes

Events

Banked Slalom (male/female)
Slopestyle (male/female)
Snowboard Cross (male/female)
Rail Jam (male/female)

Criteria

1. Technical skills
2. Physical fitness
3. Attitude and general criteria

Athletes must participate in the Territorial Trials. Athletes identified at the Territorial Trials will make up the ***NWT Snowboard Development Team***. Snowboarders on this team will train and then later be selected to attend the AWG's.

Each athlete will be evaluated based on their Territorial Trial performance and an athlete skill evaluation form.

General

Fitness is ultimately each athlete's responsibility, regardless of circumstance or time of year. Each athlete will be expected to maintain a rigid fitness routine as part of preparing for Arctic Winter Games.

A Selection Committee will be appointed by NWT SBD Executive and chaired by the Head Coach. Neutrality and being unbiased will be paramount. NWT SBD may bring in expertise from another snowboard association to ensure a fair process with appropriate knowledge of the skill set required by the sport. The appointed AWG Coaches will be part of the Selection Committee.

Guidelines as set out in the Snowboard Canada Long Term Athlete Development manual; Snowboard Canada Officials and Judges Manuals; and Snowboard Canada Events manual will also be applied including evaluation rating sheets.

The Selection Committee is required to retain copies of the athlete evaluation forms for ten (10) days following the tryouts. An athlete may request to see their evaluation form within the ten (10) day timeline. As much as possible, the Selection Committee will discuss the results with each individual athlete during and at the end of the try-outs.



The athletes qualifying for the ***NWT Snowboard Development Team*** will be announced within seventy two (72) hours of Territorial Trials.

The ***NWT Snowboard Development Team*** will be made up of a maximum of twelve team members consisting of the following breakdown:

- 2 Male Junior Athletes
- + 1 Alternate
- 2 Female Junior Athletes
- + 1 Alternate
- 2 Male Juvenile Athletes
- + 1 Alternate
- 2 Female Juvenile Athletes
- + 1 Alternate

Alternates

When the athletes from the ***NWT Snowboard Development Team*** are selected to attend the 2016 AWG's. One alternate will also be selected in each category. Alternates will be allowed to participate at the Arctic Winter Games in the event of one of the members of the team not being able to attend. If the alternates have not kept up their physical fitness or are unavailable or uninterested, the assigned coach may approach other athletes on the ***Development Team***.



Selection of Coaches

Applications for coaching staff have been advertised with a deadline of December 9, 2019. Applications received after the deadline may be considered on an individual case by case basis at the discretion of the Board. The Coaching Staff will be announced by January 6, 2020. The NWT SBD reserves the right to solicit interest from outside the pool of received applications if appropriate applicants have not been identified.

Eligibility

NWT SBD is looking for coaches who meet the following criteria and are committed to implement the AWG's program and abide by the policies and procedures set forth by the NWT SBD.

- Current member of the NWT SBD in good standing
- Comp Intro 'In Training, Trained or Certified (or willingness to obtain prior to games)'
- A valid Passport
- Resident of the NWT
- Must be above the age of 18
- Criminal record check, obtained sometime after October 2019 (contact your local RCMP for details), with vulnerable sector check

Criteria

Coaches will be selected based on, but not limited to the following criteria:

- Past coaching & playing experience
- Coaching Certification
- Desire/intent on continuing within the coaching certification program
- Demonstrated ability to work with and supervise youth
- Commitment to implement the Arctic Winter Games program and abide by the policies and procedures as set forth by the NWT SBD
- References may be requested at the discretion of the NWT SBD Selection Committee.



Selection of Chaperone(s)

If in the event that we are unable to select a qualified male and/or female coach NWT SBD will select a chaperone to attend the Games with the team.

Eligibility and Selection

Selecting a capable and committed chaperone to assist in keeping the team organized is the next biggest challenge to ensuring a solid and successful team of parents and players. Chaperones will be selected based on, but not limited to the following criteria:

- A general knowledge of Arctic Winter Games, NWT SBD and CSF policies and procedures
- Excellent organizational and time-management skills
- Ability, willingness and availability to act as a responsible chaperone
- Demonstrated ability to work with and supervise youth
- Ability to implement the Arctic Winter Games program as agreed upon by the Coaching Staff and ultimately set forth by the NWT SBD
- Criminal record check, obtained sometime after October of the year preceding the AWG (contact your local RCMP for details), with vulnerable sector check
- Must have a valid passport
- Must be above the age of 18
- References may be requested at the discretion of the NWT SBD Executive.

Team Requirements

All team members must show proper respect for coaching staff and other team members at all times. Team members are expected to follow the training plan set out by the Coach.

An athlete may be dismissed if the individual:

- Fails to remain a member in good standing with NWT SBD
- Fails to meet performance expectations
- Fails to train towards, or meet the physical standards expected by the NWT SBD
- Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of NWT SBD
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as determined by a physician

Payment

All fees must be paid to Sport North, NWT SBD and/or the CSF on time and are the responsibility of each individual athlete. NWT SBD will cover all costs associated with the coaches and chaperones.

Appeals

An athlete may request to see their player evaluation form within ten (10) days of the conclusion of tryouts.

An athlete may submit an appeal to the NWT SBD regarding the decision of the Territorial Selection Committee, indicating the procedural grounds for complaint.

An athlete or their guardian - if younger than 18 years old - may appeal any decision made pursuant to this document within two (2) weeks of that decision being communicated to them.



Contact Information

Regional Coordinators

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Athlete Evaluation Form

Evaluation Criteria	Learning	Developing	Consolidating	Perfecting	Notes
Snowboard Skills					
Balance & Coordination					
Edging & Pressure					
Air Awareness					
Speed & Control in Varied Terrain					
Athletic Ability					
Flexibility & Agility					
Strength					
Core Stability					
Endurance					
Attitude					
Behaviour					
Determination					
Coachability					
Goal Oriented					
Competition Performance					
Speed					
Freestyle					

