

# **WHITEHORSE 2026**



## **TECHNICAL PACKAGE for BIATHLON / SNOWSHOE**



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## **Dedication**

This Technical Package is dedicated to the memory of Ian Legaree. Ian served as the Technical Director of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee for more than 25 years. During that time he brought order, organization and consistency to the process of developing the Sport Technical Packages that guide the conduct of competitions at the Arctic Winter Games. Through his many hours of work and extensive technical knowledge of multiple sports, the clarity, quality, and functionality of the Sport Technical Packages improved continuously, always with the objective of improving the competition experience of all participants, while ensuring safe and fair competition. His dedication to this task has enhanced the Arctic Winter Games experience for thousands of participants, which is his lasting contribution to the Games.

## **1. Introduction**

Technical Packages are critical guiding documents that assist Host Societies as they coordinate all sport competition (including competition formats, rules and procedures) and Mission Teams as they coordinate their teams' participation (including athlete eligibility, categories and team composition). Every Games' Host Society and Participating Unit's Mission Team, Coaches and Managers have an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. Should a need for clarification arise, questions should be directed through the Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review and response by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) Technical Director and Technical Coordinator.

## **2. Eligibility**

Please refer to Appendix F for detailed eligibility rules

## **3. Registering for the Games**

- 3.1. All participants (athletes, coaches and chaperones) must be registered in the Arctic Winter Games electronic registration system (GEMS.pro), including registering for specific events, no later than 14 days prior to the Opening Ceremony.
- 3.2. Chefs de Mission are responsible for ensuring compliance with 3.1 by all members of their jurisdiction's delegation.
- 3.3. Changes to team rosters in the final 14 days prior to the start of the Arctic Winter Games must be made through the Host Society.

## **4. Rules Governing Competition**

- 4.1. This competition will be conducted under the rules of the International Biathlon Union Event and Competition Rules valid as of January 1 of the year of the Games, except as modified by the AWGIC.
- 4.2. See Appendix A, International Sport Federation Rules, and Appendix C1 and C2, Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules, for more detailed information.

## **5. Governing Body Sanction**

- 5.1. It is not required that this competition be sanctioned by the national or international governing body for this sport.
- 5.2. If this competition is sanctioned, the Host Society must advise the jurisdictions on sanctioning and any related matters that might affect their teams.

## 6. Participants and Age Classes

- 6.1. Each Participating Unit may enter a team comprised of eight (8) athletes and two (2) coaches
- 6.2. All competitors must have been born in 2013 or earlier in order to meet the minimum age requirement of the AWG International Committee.

Class Name	Years of Birth	Athletes in Age Class	
		Male	Female
U15	2011-2013	2	2
U18	2008-2009-2010	2	2
Coaches	Total 2 coaches	1	1

- 6.3. Each jurisdiction must ensure that coaches are screened and trained in accordance with their jurisdiction's coaching standards.
- 6.4. Coaches from a jurisdiction's Biathlon/Snowshoe team are allowed to participate as coaches for the jurisdiction's Biathlon/Ski competition, if required.

## 7. Competition Program

The competition program shall consist of these events

- 7.1. Individual
- 7.2. Sprint
- 7.3. Mass Start or Pursuit
  - 7.3.1. The Race Jury, in consultation with Contingent Coaches, will determine which event (Mass Start or Pursuit) will be held.
- 7.4. Relay (three athletes per team)

## 8. Competition Schedule

- 8.1. Competition shall be conducted as per the schedule below.
- 8.2. Alterations at the discretion of the Host Society must be approved by the AWGIC.
- 8.3. For details on the Host Society's process for developing competition schedules and their responsibilities in developing the schedule, please refer to Appendix G.

Day	Format	U18 Distance	U15 Distance
Sunday	Training		
Monday	Individual	5.0Km PSPS	3.0Km PPP
Tuesday	Sprint	3.0Km PS	2.0.Km PP
Wednesday	Rest/weather		
Thursday	Mass Start or Pursuit	4.0Km PPSS	2.5Km PPP
Friday	Relay	3x2.0Km PS	3x2.0Km PP
Saturday			

## 9. Equipment

- 9.1. The definitions and specifications of a participant's competition materials/equipment are stipulated in the IBU Materials Catalogue (Annex A). All participants must abide by said Catalogue.
- 9.2. Please refer to Appendix E, Snowshoe Equipment Regulations for snowshoe specifications.

**10. Competition Uniform**

The definitions and specifications of a participant's competition clothing are stipulated in the IBU Materials Catalogue (Annex A). All participants must abide by said Catalogue.

**11. Scoring**

There are no special scoring rules for this sport.

**12. Medals**

Medals shall be awarded individually by event and individually by team for relay events, as follows:

Ulu Color		Individual Events		Relay		Coach Receives Ulu with Team
		M	F	M	F	
Gold	U15	3	3	3	3	No
	U18	3	3	3	3	No
Silver	U15	3	3	3	3	No
	U18	3	3	3	3	No
Bronze	U15	3	3	3	3	No
	U18	3	3	3	3	No

**13. Major Officials**

Major officials are described in the IBU Rules.

**14. Resolution of Field of Play Disputes**

14.1. Field of play disputes will be resolved in accordance with the rules of the International Biathlon Union and the AWGIC Technical Rules for Biathlon/Snowshoe.

14.2. Decisions resolved in accordance with 14.1 are considered final.

14.3. Such decisions may only be appealed to the Games Jury under these conditions:

14.3.1. Failure to follow the rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package.

14.3.2. An error in fact.

14.3.3. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.

14.4. See Appendix B for details on the appeals process.



# Appendix A

## International Sport Federation Rules

### Appendix A – International Sport Federation Rules

#### 15. International Sport Federation Rules

- 15.1. Where rules of an international sport governing body exist for an Arctic Winter Games sport, the competition shall, in principle, be governed by those rules.
- 15.2. The rules of the international sport governing body will be in effect regardless of the host nation of the Arctic Winter Games.
- 15.3. Arctic Winter Games Rules Modifications
  - 15.3.1. The AWGIC, on the advice of the Technical Director and/or the Technical Committee, may adopt modifications to the international sport governing body rules to ensure safe and fair competition during the Arctic Winter Games.
  - 15.3.2. After each Games, the rules included in each sport's Technical Package will be reviewed at a Sport Technical Meeting. Any recommendations made at the Sport Technical Meeting for rules changes will be evaluated by the Technical Committee and the Technical Director.
  - 15.3.3. The Technical Committee and/or the Technical Director will make recommendations to the AWGIC for any needed changes in the rules.
- 15.4. Rules Included in the Technical Package
  - 15.4.1. Modifications to the international sport governing body rules for Arctic Winter Games competition will be included in Appendix D of each sport's technical package.
  - 15.4.2. Any rules of the international sport governing body that have not been modified for Arctic Winter Games competition shall be followed as written and will not be repeated in the sport-specific technical package.
- 15.5. Knowing and Understanding the Rules
  - 15.5.1. It is the responsibility of each jurisdiction to ensure that their coaches are familiar with the competition rules of the international sport governing body for their respective sports, and any modifications made for Arctic Winter Games Competition.
  - 15.5.2. For each AWG sport, a pre-competition meeting shall be held, attended by all coaches and all major officials to review the rules under which the competition will be conducted.



# Appendix B

## Games Jury and Review Board

### Appendix B – Games Jury and Review Board

All field of play disputes will be resolved according to the governing rules cited in Rule 4 of this Technical Package. This Appendix deals with the appeal of any decisions arising from action on the Field of Play (FOP) which one party believes to be in contravention of proper application of those rules

#### 16. Games Jury

##### 16.1. Composition and of the Games Jury

The Games Jury shall include the following members:

16.1.1. AWGIC Technical Director.

16.1.2. Host Society Sport Manager.

16.1.3. All Chefs de Mission, or designees, with these exclusions:

- the Chef de Mission representing the Contingent filing the appeal;
- the Chef de Mission of the Contingent against which the appeal is being filed is excluded from the Games Jury.

##### 16.2. Games Jury Chair and Quorum

16.2.1. The AWGIC Technical Director will chair the Games Jury.

16.2.2. A minimum of three (3) members must be present to carry out the business of the Games Jury.

16.2.3. No discussion of an appeal may occur, nor may the business before the Games Jury be conducted, without a quorum.

16.2.4. Should the Games Jury lose quorum during a proceeding, the proceeding shall be suspended until there is a quorum.

##### 16.3. Basis for Submitting an Appeal to the Games Jury.

An appeal will be heard by the Games Jury in the following circumstances:

16.3.1. Failure to follow the Rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package, including the failure to correctly apply the applicable International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.

16.3.2. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules specified in Rule 4 of this Technical Package and/or AWGIC exceptions.

##### 16.4. Who Can Submit an Appeal to the Games Jury

16.4.1. A Chef de Mission or their identified designee.

16.4.2. The Head Official of a sport.

- 16.5. Submitting an Appeal.
  - 16.5.1. An appeal must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee at [technical@arcticwintergames.org](mailto:technical@arcticwintergames.org).
  - 16.5.2. An appeal must be submitted within five hours of the Contingent receiving the decision made under the specific sport's dispute resolution process or receiving notice that the sport will not be hearing a matter.
  - 16.5.3. An appeal must be submitted using the attached form, as set out in Appendix A—this Form is also available online at: <https://xxxxx> (AWGIC Google Workspace).
  - 16.5.4. The AWGIC Technical Director or their designee will screen all appeals submitted to the Games Jury.
- 16.6. Determination of Eligibility of the Appeal to Be Heard
  - 16.6.1. The AWGIC Technical Director or their designee determines whether an appeal does or does not fall within the identified grounds under Section 16.3
  - 16.6.2. If the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee judges the appeal to fall within the identified ground under section 16.3, the appeal shall be heard.
  - 16.6.3. If the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee judges that the appeal does not fall within the identified ground under section 16.3, the appeal shall be dismissed.
  - 16.6.4. The decision of the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee to dismiss the appeal may not be reviewed or appealed.
- 16.7. Communication of Decision to Hear or Dismiss
  - 16.7.1. The AWGIC Technical Director shall inform the respective Chef de Mission of the screening decision, who will inform the individual(s) involved of the decision of the AWGIC Technical Director to hear/not hear the appeal.
  - 16.7.2. If the decision is to hear the appeal, the AWGIC Technical Director shall inform the Chef de Mission responsible for the individuals and/or team against whom the appeal has been made.
  - 16.7.3. The AWGIC Technical Director shall provide the Chef de Mission of the Respondents, if applicable, with a copy of the appeal form submitted to the Games Jury.
- 16.8. Hearing schedule:
  - 16.8.1. The Games Jury shall convene as soon as is practical.
  - 16.8.2. If the AWGIC Technical Director determines that sufficient time has passed, they may proceed with the appeal process, provided there is a quorum to do so.
  - 16.8.3. The AWGIC Technical Director may appoint AWGIC staff or designate someone to record the hearing.

**16.9. Hearing and Deliberation**

- 16.9.1. The Respondents may represent themselves before the Games Jury or name a representative to do so on their behalf.
- 16.9.2. Representatives may not testify (i.e., give evidence) on behalf of a Respondent.
- 16.9.3. After hearing the description and reasons for the appeal, as well as any relevant testimony and evidence related to the appeal, the Games Jury will deliberate and render a decision in writing.
- 16.9.4. In extraordinary circumstances, the Games Jury may first issue a verbal decision, with the full written decision, with reasons, to be issued as soon as possible following the verbal decision.
- 16.9.5. In making its decision, the Games Jury will have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Games Jury may decide to:
  - Reject the appeal and confirm the decision being appealed;
  - Uphold the appeal and refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision, or;
  - Uphold the appeal and vary the decision.

**16.10. Notification of Games Jury Decision**

The AWGIC Technical Director will communicate Games Jury decisions to the appropriate parties, including:

- 16.10.1. To the Chef de Mission of the Respondents
- 16.10.2. To the Chef de Mission of the jurisdiction of the individual(s)/Contingent who brought the issue to the Games Jury.
- 16.10.3. The AWGIC Technical Director is the only person authorized to speak on behalf of the AWGIC to the media regarding Games Jury appeal decisions.
- 16.10.4. A summary of the decision of the Games Jury will be made publicly available on the AWGIC website. No identifying information about any individual participant(s) will be included in the summary.

**17. Review Board****17.1. Review Board Process.**

- 17.1.1. Following the decision, the AWGIC Technical Director must inform the Chefs de Mission of the parties involved of the option to apply for a review of a Games Jury decision by the Review Board.
- 17.1.2. Only the individual(s) and/or teams directly affected can apply for a review of a Games Jury decision to the Review Board.
- 17.1.3. The review must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director in writing, stating the exact reasons for the review and emailed to [technical@arcticwintergames.org](mailto:technical@arcticwintergames.org).
- 17.1.4. The request for review must be submitted within five hours of receiving the Games Jury's decision.

**17.2. Basis for Request for Review**

- 17.2.1. A review of a Games Jury decision will be heard by the Review Board if the request for review meets at least one of the following grounds:
  - The Games Jury failed to correctly apply the applicable bylaws, rules and policies.
  - The decision of the Games Jury was unreasonable.

**17.3. Composition of the Review Board.**

The Review Board consists of three members.

- 17.3.1. Two AWGIC directors who are not involved in the complaint process
- 17.3.2. The Host Society President/Chair or General Manager.

**17.4. Review Board Process**

- 17.4.1. The Review Board will determine if there are sufficient grounds to warrant a review.
- 17.4.2. The Review Board will designate one of its members to notify the parties to the request for review of the Games Jury's decision as to whether the request will or will not be reviewed.
- 17.4.3. The Review Board may appoint AWGIC staff or designate someone to record the review process.
- 17.4.4. If the Review Board determines that there are sufficient grounds, the Review Board will conduct a review of the Games Jury's decision based on the written decision of the Games Jury, as well as any supporting written documentation submitted to the Games Jury.
- 17.4.5. The Review Board will determine whether the Games Jury's decision was reasonable, or unreasonable, and will
  - Overturn the decision or
  - Uphold the decision.
- 17.4.6. The Review Board's determination is final.



# Appendix C1

## Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules For Biathlon / Snowshoe – Range Rules

### Appendix C1 – Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Biathlon/Snowshoe

#### 18. IBU Rules

IBU rules shall be followed regarding these issues

- 18.1. Rifles and Ammunition
- 18.2. Targets
- 18.3. Equipment Check and Marking
- 18.4. Cold Temperature Cutoff

#### 19. Penalty Loop

- 19.1. Penalty loops apply to the sprint, mass start, pursuit and relay competitions.
- 19.2. The penalty loop distance for all events shall be 50 meters.

#### 20. Individual Event Penalties

The time penalty for individual events will be 40 seconds for each target missed.

#### 21. Shooting Positions

- 21.1. U15 Competitors shoot in the prone position only.
- 21.2. U18 Competitors shoot in the prone or standing position according to the sequences for each event.

#### 22. Rifle Carrying

- 22.1. U15 Competitors shall have their rifles placed on and removed from the firing line (mats) by their coaches or range officials.
- 22.2. U18 Competitors will carry their rifles only on the range and securely positioned on their back with the proper biathlon harness.

#### 23. Range Procedures for U15 competitors (IBU Rule 8.5.2 Modified)

- 23.1. Pre-positioning of Rifles
  - 23.1.1. The rifles for U15 competitors shall be pre-positioned on the firing point mats by their coaches, with the barrel pointing toward the targets and in such a way that the rifle can be picked up safely by the Competitor.
  - 23.1.2. The Competitor shall carry out the entire loading and firing procedure without assistance.
  - 23.1.3. After firing the last shot of each bout, the Competitor must open the action, remove the magazine, and place the rifle on the firing point mat with the barrel pointing toward the targets, and then exit the firing point and the range in the normal manner.

**23.2. Penalties for Violation of Range Procedures**

23.2.1. If the rifle is left with the action closed each violation shall result in a 2-minute penalty imposed by the Competition Jury.

23.2.2. The Competition Jury shall handle other issues arising from the procedures according to the principles set out in the IBU Rules and common sense.

**23.3. Coaches Responsibility**

23.3.1. Coaches are solely responsible for the pre-positioning of the rifles, moving them to another firing point or away from the firing points, and for the provision of ammunition to their competitors.

23.3.2. No time adjustment will be awarded for a delay caused by any action that is the coaches' error.

23.3.3. In addition, the coaches are responsible for ensuring that a rifle placed on a mat does not impede or otherwise disrupt or interfere with other Competitors.

**23.4. Safety Check**

The competitor's coach is responsible for performing the safety check on the rifle before it is moved to another location – by confirming that there is no inserted magazine, that the action has been opened, and that there is no round in the chamber.

**24. Range Procedures for U18 competitors (IBU Rule 8.5.2 Modified)**

24.1. Prior to the start of the competition, all U18 competitors will have their rifles - with the bolts open unless otherwise authorized - placed in racks located on the left or right side of the trail, as decided by the Technical Delegate based on circumstances, just inside of the 10 m line at the entrance to the range.

24.2. Competitors must come to a complete stop on the mats located in front of these racks before they start to pick up their rifles following the rules outlined in IBU 8.5.2. Each competitor will then pick up their rifle and place the rifle in the correct carrying position on their back.

24.3. Competitors will then snowshoe to their firing points and carry out normal range procedures, as defined in the IBU rules (IBU 8.5.4), for removal and replacement of the rifle, for shooting, and for leaving the firing point.

**24.4. After completing a bout of shooting:**

24.4.1. Each Competitor will proceed to the rifle racks located on the left or right side of the trail just inside of the 10 m line at the exit of the range and must come to a complete stop on the mats located in front of these racks.

24.4.2. They will then remove the rifle from their back and place their rifle on the racks, again following the rules outlined in IBU 8.5.4. The action/bolt must be in the open position when the rifle is placed on the rack.

24.4.3. Notwithstanding IBU Rule 8.5.2, once on the mat in front of a range exit rack, provided that the barrel is pointed up, a competitor will open the bolt in order to prepare the rifle for placement on the rack.

24.4.4. The competitor must be in full control of the rifle while opening the bolt (Bolt must not be opened on the rack).

24.4.5. Once the rifle has been safely and securely placed on the rack the competitor may continue with the competition.



- 24.5. In the case of inclement weather, the Technical Delegate, or in their absence the Chief of Competition or the Chief of Range, may authorize that a designated official close the bolt of the rifles that have been placed in the exit rack to prevent the build-up of snow or ice, but only after inspecting the rifle to verify that the bolt was open, no rounds or empty casings were in the chamber, and that no rounds are present in any magazine inserted into the action of the rifle. This will permit rifles to be carried and to be left in the rifle rack with closed bolts to prevent the ingress of snow and ice when conditions are adverse.
- 24.6. Competitors must not be interfered with when retrieving rifles or when placing rifles into the racks.
- 24.7. At the end of the competition, each Competitor must collect their rifle, prove it to be safe, and proceed to the designated Material Inspection location so that any required inspection can be completed. Completion of this obligation and any ensuing inspection marks the end of the competition for the non-carrying Competitor.
- 24.8. Penalties for Violation of Range Procedures
  - 24.8.1. Any safety violation during the above-specified procedures shall result in a two-minute penalty imposed by the Competition Jury.
  - 24.8.2. The Competition Jury shall handle other issues arising from the procedures according to the principles set out in the IBU Rules and to common sense.

## **25. Relay Event**

- 25.1. Medal-eligible (official) teams must be made up of three (3) competitors from the same jurisdiction, two (2) of one gender and one (1) of the other.
- 25.2. Medals are awarded by team (i.e., the entire U18 team or U15 team from the jurisdiction will receive a medal [4 medals], including the skier in that age class who did not compete in the relay).
- 25.3. If the Host Society allows, unofficial teams can be formed including skiers from different jurisdictions
  - 25.3.1. Unofficial teams will not be entitled to a medal.
- 25.4. U15 Competitors may move up to compete in the U18 relay; should they choose to do so they cannot compete in the U15 relay.



# Appendix C2

## Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules For Biathlon / Snowshoe Snowshoeing Equipment Rules

### Appendix C2 – Snowshoeing Equipment

#### 26. Snowshoes

##### 26.1. Dimensions

- 26.1.1. The Race Committee shall establish a procedure for “marking” snowshoes
- 26.1.2. The dimensions of the snowshoe must not be less than 222mm by 813 mm (8 3/4” by 32”) in either dimension.
- 26.1.3. The race committee shall construct a measuring box with inside dimensions of 222 millimetres width and 813 millimetres length.
- 26.1.4. Snowshoes shall be measured and marked by a designated sport official before the start of the first day’s events.
- 26.1.5. Officials will check snowshoes for official markings during the weigh-in procedure established in the section below (Weight).

##### 26.2. Materials

- 26.2.1. Snowshoes shall be made of a wooden frame.
- 26.2.2. The webbing shall be of leather or gut.
- 26.2.3. Snowshoes shall not have any device(s) affixed to them, the purpose of which is the improvement of traction.

##### 26.3. Weight

- 26.3.1. A pair of snowshoes complete with bindings shall weigh no less than 1.1 kilograms (2.5 pounds).
- 26.3.2. Snowshoes shall be weighed prior to and after each competition.
- 26.3.3. The weight scale shall be digital or mechanical balance type that is unaffected by cold temperatures, and capable of measuring less than 1.1 kilograms (2.5 pounds).

##### 26.4. Replacement Procedures

- 26.4.1. Athletes must finish the race with at least one (1) of the original snowshoes worn at the start of the race. In the case of snowshoe replacement, the binding method for both snowshoes must be in accordance with rule 27 below.
- 26.4.2. Any replacement snowshoes, which were put on during the course of the race, will be measured immediately after the race and the race committee shall ensure compliance with all rules respecting snowshoes.

**26.5. Illegal Snowshoes**

- 26.5.1. Any athletes completing the race with an illegal snowshoe(s) or using binding methods not expressly permitted in the language of rule 29 shall be disqualified from the race; any medals or points awarded shall be forfeited. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their snowshoes are legal as defined by these rules.

**27. Bindings**

- 27.1. Bindings must be made only of lampwick.
- 27.2. Not allowed are:
- 27.2.1. Metal buckles
  - 27.2.2. 3 pin cross-country ski bindings or other metal bindings that prevent the snowshoe from swinging sideways;
  - 27.2.3. Velcro or similar materials;
  - 27.2.4. Nylon straps.
  - 27.2.5. Buckles except as described above
- 27.3. Bindings may be affixed to the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks by using one toe loop that is sewn to the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks within 76 millimetres (3 inches) of the centre front part of the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks. The binding cannot be affixed to the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks in any other way. The loops must be of a natural material such as hide or leather.

**28. Footwear**

- 28.1. All athletes must wear traditional style footwear (mukluks, moccasins or kamiks) when racing.
- 28.2. Footwear must be made of soft leather below the ankle including the sole.
- 28.3. No commercial shoes, hard-soled shoes or rigid orthotics are to be worn inside the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks.
- 28.4. Acceptable liners are felt, wool or foam.
- 28.5. Rubber liners are not allowed. No cleats or track shoes or any kind, or part thereof, are allowed.
- 28.6. Velcro or similar materials are not allowed.
- 28.7. Duct tape or similar materials or cardboard or similar manufactured materials are not allowed.



# Appendix D

## Age Class Naming Convention

### Appendix D – Age Class Naming Convention

#### 101. Age Class Naming Convention

Arctic Winter Games age classes are named according to this formula:

“U” followed by a number equal to 1 plus the age in years, on December 31 of the calendar year prior to the Games, of an athlete born in the earliest year of eligibility for that class.

Example: oldest year of birth for class “x” = 2007

Age of a person born in 2007 on December 31, 2025 = 18 years old

$1 + 18 = 19$

“U” + “19” = Age class name is U19.

# Appendix E

## Ties Within the Medal-Winning Positions

### Appendix E – Ties Within the Medal-Winning Positions

#### 201. Ties Within the First Three Places

In the case of ties for medal-winning positions, two medals will be awarded for that position, and no medals awarded for the next position.

201.1. In the case of a tie for the Gold Ulu, no Silver ulu will be awarded.

201.2. In the case of a tie for the Silver Ulu, no Bronze ulu will be awarded.

201.3. In the case of a tie for the Bronze Ulu, two Bronze ulus will be awarded.



# Appendix F

## Eligibility and Age Requirements

### Appendix F – Eligibility and Age Requirements

#### Preamble:

The Arctic Winter Games combine athletic competition, cultural exchange and social interaction among northern contingents. Arctic Winter Games athletic competitions feature sports that enjoy worldwide popularity and sports unique to the north. The AWG Cultural Program offers opportunities for northern artists to perform on a larger stage to diverse audiences. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee is responsible for providing direction and guidance to contingents to ensure meaningful competition and a diverse cultural program in the Arctic Winter Games Program.

#### Purpose:

This policy provides direction and guidance to the participating contingents when selecting athletes, cultural and youth ambassador program participants for their teams.

#### Sport Participation:

As the guardian and rights holder of the biennial premier circumpolar sport and cultural event for northern youth, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) offers male and female sport competition for Arctic Winter Games participants.

The AWGIC board, membership, and stakeholders remain committed to ongoing collaboration and monitoring developments within the global sport community. While remaining true to its core values of respect and a participant-centred approach, the AWGIC will continue to act with integrity and be accountable for its decisions.

#### General Eligibility Rules – for all Participants

301. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, all Contingent Athletes, Cultural delegates and Youth Ambassador Program participants shall:
- 301.1. be a resident of Yukon, Northwest Territories, Alberta North (north of 55 degrees), Greenland, Alaska, Nunavut or any other participating Contingent/Guest Contingent approved by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC). Current approved Guest Contingents are Nunavik (Quebec, Canada), Yamal-Nenets (Russia)\*, Sapmi (Finland/Norway/Sweden);
  - 301.2. have been a continuous resident of the participating Contingent for six (6) months prior to the opening day of the Games;
  - 301.3. comply with all other Arctic Winter Games rules and regulations as outlined in the Arctic Winter Games Staging Manual, Arctic Winter Games Technical Packages or other publications issued by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee;
  - 301.4. comply with all rules and regulations of their Contingent.

**302. Residence**

- 302.1. 'Resident' means a person who makes their permanent home in a jurisdiction and includes someone who may be temporarily absent from the jurisdiction but who maintains a close connection with the jurisdiction and has the intention of returning to the jurisdiction after a temporary absence. An individual leaving a jurisdiction with no intention of returning continues to be considered a resident of that jurisdiction up to 90 days after leaving and may participate if the first day of the Games falls within that 90-day period.
- 302.2. 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.

**303. Jurisdictional Residency Standards**

Individual Contingents may impose additional requirements for eligibility for their team provided they do not contravene the intent of the AWG International Committee policies.

**304. Minimum Age Requirement**

All participants must have reached the age of 12 as of the December 31 immediately preceding the Arctic Winter Games in which they will participate.

**305. Minimum Age Waiver**

- 305.1. Applications for exceptions to the minimum age rule must be submitted by the Chef de Mission to the Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 305.2. Applications must be submitted on the form provided ([URL HERE](#))

**306. Aging Up**

- 306.1. If a participant wishes to compete in an older age group, the Chef de Mission submit an application to the Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 306.2. Applications must be submitted on the form provided ([URL HERE](#))

**Athlete Eligibility****307. To participate in the Arctic Winter Games as an athlete, each participant must meet the definition of a "Developing Athlete"**

- 307.1. 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.
- 307.1.1. An athlete who has competed for one's club in international competition (not representing one's nation) is considered a developing athlete;
- 307.1.2. 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.

**Cultural Delegate Eligibility****308. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, a Contingent Cultural performer shall comply with the eligibility requirements included in the current Cultural Technical Package.**

**Youth Ambassador Program Eligibility**

309. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, a Youth Ambassador Program participant shall comply with the eligibility requirements included in the current Youth Ambassador Program Technical Package.

**Yamal Suspension**

\* The Arctic Winter Games International Committee has suspended Yamal, Russia, with immediate effect, following the attacks unfolding in Ukraine in a March 1, 2022 decision.



# Appendix G

## Schedule Development Process

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- 401. Master Sport Schedule
  - 401.1. First Draft

The Host Society shall distribute a first draft of the Master Sport Schedule - a detailed multi-sport schedule, including: competitions, practices/training, pre-Games Coach/Manager meetings and all technical meetings - to the AWGIC and each Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review no later than 1 year (12 months) prior to the commencement of the Games (Opening Ceremony).
  - 401.2. Final Schedule

The Master Sport Schedule becomes “final” three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Games, unless otherwise approved by the AWGIC.

    - 401.2.1. A final review and approval of the Master Sport Schedule must be conducted by the AWGIC Technical Director prior to being considered “final”.
    - 401.2.2. The Master Sport Schedule is developed by the Host Society in consultation with the Sport Vice President, Sport Chairs and the AWGIC as required.
    - 401.2.3. The sport schedule is developed using the Sport Technical Packages and by reviewing the sport schedules from previous Games.
- 402. Host Society is required to:
  - 402.1. Create a process for stakeholders to provide input and request changes to the schedule;
  - 402.2. Revise and update the Master Sport Schedule, redistributing updated versions as required on an ongoing basis between 12 months pre-Games and the end of the Games;
  - 402.3. Refer to the AWGIC Staging Manual to view approved sport schedule templates.
- 403. Host Society must do their best to:
  - 403.1. Refrain from scheduling any competition or practice/training within three (3) hours of the beginning of the Opening Ceremony;
  - 403.2. Respect the timing required for participant feeding, transportation and marshaling for opening and closing ceremonies;
  - 403.3. Ensure that practice/training during the first day of the Games reflects the travel realities of Participating Units (e.g., Units with the least amount of travel should be scheduled to practice/train and/or compete first upon arrival in the Host jurisdiction, where Units with the most travel should practice/train and/or compete last).