

# WHITEHORSE 2026



## TECHNICAL PACKAGE for BASKETBALL



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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. Chfs 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. Competition will be conducted under the rules of FIBA valid as of January 1 of the year of the Games, except as modified by the AWGIC, and noted in Appendix C.



## 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. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Canada the competition may be sanctioned by Canada Basketball and/or the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).
- 5.3. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Alaska the competition may be sanctioned by USA Basketball and/or the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).
- 5.4. 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 up to 24 athletes and up to 4 coaches as shown in the table below.
- 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
U19	2007-2013	12	12
Coaches	Total 4 (two per team)	2	2

- 6.3. If a coach from one gender is not available a chaperone must be substituted.
- 6.4. Units must ensure that coaches are screened and trained in accordance with their jurisdiction's coaching standards.

## 7. Competition Program

The competition program shall consist of these events

- 7.1. Round Robin Tournament
- 7.2. Medal Round

## 8. Competition Schedule

- 8.1. The Host Society will develop a schedule for review by the Chefs de Mission
- 8.2. The schedule should be developed using a two-hour (2) window for each game.
- 8.3. The order of the championship games for boys and girls shall alternate from Games to Games.

Games Year	First Championship Game	Second Championship Game
2026	Boys	Girls
2028	Girls	Boys
2030	Boys	Girls
2032	Girls	Boys

- 8.4. Alterations at the discretion of the Host Society must be approved by the AWGIC.
- 8.5. For details on the Host Society's process for developing competition schedules and their responsibilities in developing the schedule, please refer to Appendix G.

## 9. Equipment

All equipment used by players must be appropriate for the game and must abide by the FIBA rules.



## 10. Competition Uniform

- 10.1. Uniforms must abide by the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Art. 4 Teams, Section 4.3 Uniforms, including references to undergarments and socks.
- 10.2. A minimum of two (2) sets of shirts (one light-coloured, one dark-coloured) or reversible jerseys (one side light-coloured, one side dark-coloured) are required for competition, OR
- 10.3. Reversible jerseys with colors that make one team easily distinguishable from the other are also acceptable.

## 11. Scoring

See Appendix C for details about how the teams are ranked and ties in the final team ranking are broken in the Round Robin Tournament.

## 12. Medals

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

Ulu Color	Team Event		Coach Receives Ulu with Team
	M	F	
Gold	12 + 2	12 + 2	Yes
Silver	12 + 2	12 + 2	Yes
Bronze	12 + 2	12 + 2	Yes

## 13. Major Officials

- 13.1. See FIBA Rule 8, articles 45-50 inclusive, for details on major officials.
- 13.2. Ideally there should be two game officials from each participating contingent
- 13.3. Whenever possible, an official should not officiate in a game involving a team from the contingent of which they are a resident.
- 13.4. Game officials must be rated at these levels or higher:
  - 13.4.1. Canadian Officials - Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) level II or higher
  - 13.4.2. US Officials - high school championship rated equivalency to CBOC level II

## 14. Resolution of Field of Play Disputes

- 14.1. Arctic Winter Games policies dictate that each sport shall establish a sport specific jury to deal with protests arising from the field of play as dictated by the rules specified in section 5 of this Technical Package.
- 14.2. Rules governing protests and appeals arising from field of play disputes are in Appendix C of the FIBA Rulebook
- 14.3. Decisions resolved in accordance with 14.2 or 14.3 are considered final.
- 14.4. Such decisions may only be appealed to the Games Jury under these conditions:
  - 14.4.1. Failure to follow the rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package.
  - 14.4.2. An error in fact.
  - 14.4.3. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.
- 14.5. 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 of Sport Decision to Games Jury
  - 16.5.1. 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.
  - 16.5.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online Appeal of Sport Decision to Games Jury form to all Chefs de Mission.
  - 16.5.3. Upon submission, the form will be transferred electronically to the AWGIC Technical Director.
  - 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.
- 17.2. Submitting a Request for Review of Games Jury Decision
  - 17.2.1. An appeal must be submitted via the online Request for Review of Games Jury Decision form within five hours of the Contingent receiving the Games Jury's decision being communicated to the Contingent via the Chef de Mission
  - 17.2.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online Request for Review of Games Jury Decision form to all Chefs de Mission.
  - 17.2.3. Upon submission, the form will be transmitted electronically to the AWGIC Technical Director who will forward it to the members of the Review Board appointed for the hearing.
- 17.3. Basis for Request for Review
  - 17.3.1. 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.
- 17.4. Composition of the Review Board.

The Review Board consists of three members.

  - 17.4.1. Two AWGIC directors who are not involved in the complaint process
  - 17.4.2. The Host Society President/Chair or General Manager.
- 17.5. Review Board Process
  - 17.5.1. The Review Board will determine if there are sufficient grounds to warrant a review.
  - 17.5.2. 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.
  - 17.5.3. The Review Board may appoint AWGIC staff or designate someone to record the review process.
  - 17.5.4. 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.
  - 17.5.5. The Review Board will determine whether the Games Jury's decision was reasonable, or unreasonable, and will
    - Overturn the decision or
    - Uphold the decision.
  - 17.5.6. The Review Board's determination is final.



# Appendix C

## Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Basketball

### Appendix C – Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Basketball

#### 18. Size of Balls

- 18.1. Female competition will use a size 6 ball
- 18.2. Male competition will use a size 7 ball

#### 19. Round Robin Tournament Ranking and Tie-Breaking

- 19.1. The maximum point differential to be utilized in tie-breaking procedures is 50 points, even if the final point differential is more than 50 points.
- 19.2. FIBA Tiebreaking rules shall be used

#### 20. Time Window for Games

- 20.1. When creating the round robin tournament schedule, a 2-hour window shall be allowed for all games.

#### 21. Adjustments to FIBA Rules for AWG Hosted in Alaska

- 21.1. If it is not possible to place a durable FIBA 3-point line on an Alaska court, the Alaska 3-point line will be used
- 21.2. If the shot/backcourt clock at the Alaska facility cannot handle 24 second/8 second timing, one of the visiting Canadian contingents should provide clocks for use in Alaska.



# 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

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#### 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.

- 304.1. If a contingent desires to bring a participant who is below the minimum age, the Chef de Mission must submit a request via the online form to the AWGIC Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 304.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online minimum age waiver form to all Chefs de Mission
- 304.3. Upon submission, the form will be electronically transmitted to the AWGIC Technical Director for review.
- 304.4. Within 48 hours of submission of the online form, the AWGIC Technical Director will respond to the Chef de Mission with a decision.

## 305. Aging Up

The AWGIC Technical Committee has established age limits for each age group specified in this Technical Package.

- 305.1. If a contingent desires to bring a participant who is below the minimum age for their age group as specified in this technical package, the Chef de Mission must submit a request via the online form to the AWGIC Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 305.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online aging up waiver form to all Chefs de Mission
- 305.3. Upon submission, the form will be electronically transmitted to the AWGIC Technical Director for review.
- 305.4. Within 48 hours of submission of the online form, the AWGIC Technical Director will respond to the Chef de Mission with a decision.

**306. Athlete Eligibility**

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

306.1. 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.

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

306.1.2. 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.

**307. Cultural Delegate Eligibility**

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.

**308. Youth Ambassador Program Eligibility**

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

### Appendix G – Schedule Development Process

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).