



**Cross Country NWT
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Selection of Athletes for Canada Winter Games (CWGs) Policy

The NWT Ski Division is committed to supporting a well-prepared team for the CWGs 2019. To that end, the Ski Division will strive for quality coaching, appropriate training and competitive opportunities and fair selection criteria.

The purpose of this document is to lay out the criteria for the selection of 10 athletes for the 2019 Canada Winter Games NWT Team.

The cross country ski races for the Canada Winter Games 2019 are to be held in Red Deer in February, 2019.

CWG 2019 Selection Criteria

1. A maximum of 10 athletes (5 males/ 5 females) will be selected.
2. Athletes seeking a position on the 2019 CWGs Team are expected to attend training camps and selection races as set out by Cross Country NWT.
3. Athletes wanting to be a member of the 2019 CWGs Team must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - a. Athletes 20 years of age and under (born in 1999 to 2002), plus
 - b. Maximum of one position of each gender 20 -23 years of age (born 1996 to 1998)
 - c. Hold a valid Cross Country Canada Racing License; and,
 - d. Be a member of Cross Country NWT, the Territorial Sport Organization. Membership to Cross Country NWT is obtained by being a member of a registered NWT Ski Club. Meet requirements as set out in the Canada Games Cross Country Ski Technical Package, Appendix 1 (included):
4. Excluded from the CCNWT Canada Games 2019 team are:
 - a. Senior National Team athletes
 - b. Athletes who do not meet the date of birth requirements as determined in section 2 of this document
 - c. Athletes who have held SR1 or SR2 cards (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time;
 - d. Athletes who have previously competed at the following events: Senior World Championships, Olympic Games or World Cups



5. Final athlete selection will be the decision of the Head Coach and Cross Country NWT.
 - a. The selection may be based on the results of two race competitions:
 - b. one in the Northwest Territories (proposed for Yellowknife in November 2018)
 - c. one provincial event (proposed for Nor Am or Alberta Cup December 2018)
6. If possible, skiers will race the same distances in these events as at the Games.
7. Cross Country NWT reserves the right to pre-select skiers training full time outside the NWT who are competitive at the national level.
8. To be selected for Canada Winter Games, skiers must demonstrate a commitment to following the training program prescribed for them from the CWG Coaches or from their personal coach. Attending a fall dry land camp and early winter on snow camp may also be part of the training commitment.
9. The Cross Country NWT expects athletes to achieve 70% or better of the winning time for their age category in at least one race at the provincial, Western Canadian or National levels. Race results from the 2018/2019 or 2017/18 season may be considered at the coaches' discretion.

Cross Country NWT has the discretion to:

10. Disqualify Canada Winter Games applicants on the basis of unsportsmanlike behaviour at any time during the selection process and up to and including the Canada Winter Games,
11. Disqualify selected Canada Winter Games athletes, if they fail to maintain their fitness level following selection.
12. Not select skiers that fail to ski at 75% of the top NWT skier in any of the selection races.
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Appendix I – Competitor Eligibility

From CWG 2019 Cross Country Skiing Technical Package *Version 5.0 (2018.06.01)*

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
3. The Canada Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their sport's Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization.
4. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the Province or Territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
5. An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their Province or Territory of permanent residence or the Province or Territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the Province/Territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
6. An athlete who is training outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence may represent the Province or Territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province or Territory she or he wishes to represent by:
 - i) Having been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season,
 - AND –
 - ii) Having represented that Province or Territory at an international, national or regional championship,
 - AND –
 - iii) Not having received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.
 - OR
 - iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered.
7. An athlete is permitted to try out for any Province or Territory of eligibility but can only try out for one Province or Territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one Province or Territory but cannot try out for swimming in another Province or Territory. An athlete may try out for one Province or Territory in swimming, and may try out for another Province or Territory in diving).
8. Athletes may only compete for one Province or Territory at a single Canada Games.



9. Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.
10. The eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules and by the Technical Package shall be determined by the Sport Committee of the Council. Coaches or P/TSOs must bring forward any unclear cases to their Chef de Mission and to their NSO as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Sport Committee.
11. Where a team/Province/Territory/Chef wishes to challenge the eligibility of an athlete on another Provincial/Territorial team, it is expected that such a challenge will be made as soon as the protesting team knows that an athlete may be ineligible. Every effort must be made to ensure that protests on eligibility are lodged before an athlete competes.

Other

12. All teams are reminded of the Canada Games Council's regulations concerning advertising on uniforms: only the uniform manufacturer's name or trade mark logo may be worn on team competition uniforms to a maximum size of 60 square centimeters.
13. Canada Games rules do not allow team staff to practice as therapists, physicians or other medical or paramedical practitioners. The Host Society (organizing committee) is responsible for providing high quality medical care at a central clinic at the Athletes' Village and at competition and training venues. The Sport Medicine Council of Canada assists the Host Society by providing additional medical practitioners to ensure that French and English speaking and male and female persons are available, to ensure that sport specific medical expertise is available and to ensure that all regions of Canada are represented. Team staff will not be permitted to administer medic