

This policy sets out the process used by Cross Country NWT (CCNWT) to produce and distribute Team NT race suits and warm-up suits for competitive events such as the Arctic Winter Games and Canada Winter Games.

1 **DEFINITIONS**

Race Suits: are snug fitting tights and shirts or one-piece that are typically worn during a race. They are intended to ensure freedom of movement and adequate heat dissipation during intense activity associated with racing.

Warm-Up Suits: Are looser fit pants and jackets worn over race suits that ensure athletes stay warm prior to racing. They provide some level of insulation and are easy to remove prior to racing.

2 RACE SUIT DESIGN AND PRODUCTION

From time to time, at the discretion of the CCNWT Board, designs shall be sought and commissioned for Team NT race suits and warm-up suits. The Board may adopt any method for the selection of a design to advance for production.

Race suit and warmup suit designs bearing the Team NT insignia created under this policy shall be neither commissioned nor worn by competing athletes nor CCNWT members except with CCNWT's written permission.

3 **SUIT DISTRIBUTION**

Athletes eligible to receive CCNWT-produced Team NT race suits and/or warm up suits are:

- Those selected to compete at the Arctic Winter Games. Racing policy states athletes can wear either a race suit or warm-up suit;
- Those selected to compete at the Canada Winter Games (subject to review and confirmation by the CCNWT Board). Racing policy states athletes need to wear a race suit.

Athletes will try on samples after the official team selection has occurred to determine ideal sizing.

Athletes removed on disciplinary grounds from an Arctic Winter Games or Canada Winter Games team prior to the event forfeit their right to wear a Team NT suit, and are obliged to return the suit to CCNWT without refund.

Athletes removed on grounds of injury or illness from an Arctic Winter Games or Canada Winter Games team prior to the event are able to keep their suit, or may return it unused to CCNWT for a full refund. Additional race suits will be made available to alternate skiers called up for events, to whom this policy then applies in its entirety once selected.

4 **SUIT COSTS**

The cost of producing each Team NWT race suit is to be split between CCNWT and the athlete and family to whom each race suit is issued as follows:

- 50% of final racing suit cost, including shipping, borne by CCNWT;
- 50% of final racing suit cost, including shipping, borne by athlete and family. (CCNWT may elect to subsidize this cost if a family is unable to meet this requirement.)

If an athlete decides to race in a warm-up suit at the Arctic Winter Games, the same suit cost split will be applied for the purchase.

If a race suit is requested at the 50% cost, an athlete and family can also apply to purchase a warm-up suit at 100% of suit cost, including shipping.