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We are very excited for the 2023 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) as they will be the first Arctic Winter Games held since the cancellation of the 2020 AWG. Due to the fact that these games are being held in January versus March and are being held just prior to the 2023 Canada Winter Games, we have decided to make adjustments to the trial hosting guidelines. We hope these adjustments will allow Yukon Sport Governing Bodies (YSGB) the flexibility they need to host trials in a way that works best for their sport. These changes will be in place for the 2023 AWG but depending on how they work and the feedback we receive from YSGB's; we may make adjustments for future AWG's.

A trials system will still be used to choose the Team Yukon participants that will attend the Arctic Winter Games. These trials can be held anytime between **September 1st - December 18th, 2022**.

Yukon Sport Governing Bodies (YSGB) will have the flexibility of developing their own plan on how to host their AWG 2023 trials and are responsible for the organization of all aspects of the trial(s). YSGB will need to complete and submit the attached form outlining the details around how they will host their trials no later than **August 12th 2022**. This plan will be reviewed and approved by Games Committee no later than **August 26th, 2022**

The information we require is:

- **Date or Dates of Trial(s)** – YSGB's must hold a minimum of 1 trial, up to a maximum of 4
- **Locations and Times of Trial(s)** – Weekends are preferred to allow for more community participation as we want to be as fair as possible to all Yukon participants. YSGB are also encouraged to consider hosting in rural communities.
- **Trial(s) Coordinator/Contact/Email/Phone Number**
- **Selection Committee Members**
- **Participant Selection Criteria**
- **Appeals Process in place if selections are challenged**
- **Whether or not your sport is selecting a Training Squad(s)**
- **Date when the Final Roster(s) will be submitted** - must be submitted by December 19th, 2022 at the latest
- **General Budget**

For athletes living in the Yukon, attendance at trials is mandatory. Exceptions to this rule will be permitted only upon review and approval by the Games Committee. Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons: injury; significant illness that can be documented with a physician's note; Yukon school program commitments; and special family circumstances (i.e. death in family, same sport competition/opportunity). In order for an exemption to be considered, a request form must be submitted to the Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch either in person at 4061 4th Ave. or by email (megan.cromarty@yukon.ca) 48 hours prior to the start of the specific trial. Where there are special situations making attendance impossible, which could not have been anticipated, these will be considered individually by the Games Committee. A letter of support is necessary from the YSGB listing the reason, a letter of support from the school if the reason is a Yukon school programming commitment, or a physician's note if the reason is due to injury or illness. (Exemption Request Form is attached)

New for this year, we are changing the attendance requirements for those athletes who are outside the territory training and competing. We will allow the YSGB to identify up to three athletes who are competing outside in the same sport, to be added to their roster without having to attend trials in person. Each YSGB must provide rationale as to why they are selecting these athletes. This rationale should include details about where they are competing and training, i.e. stats, training plans, letters from coaches.

Please also ensure that everyone involved in the trials, either in person or not, are aware of the Athletes and Culture Participants Eligibility Requirements. Following the trials, the YSGB and coach(es) must define training plans that set out reasonable expectations for their participants. These expectations must be seen as fair and equitable, and copies of these training plans may be requested by the Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch.

Sport final rosters do not become official until they are submitted and approved by the Government of Yukon - Sport and Recreation Branch. Each YSGB will be provided with the appropriate final roster form following their specific trial(s). All YSGB are responsible for notifying and securing the signatures of all participants, coach(es), and parents/guardians so everyone is aware of their commitment to Team Yukon.

Once a participant is notified and subsequently signs off on a final roster, they are not eligible to be selected to any other final roster.

Please also note that vacant spots on any team cannot be filled after the trials unless the vacancy jeopardizes team competition within the sport, such as in relays or team sports.

Any issues regarding a participant standing with a school system, Yukon Sport Governing Body, or any non-lawful activity could jeopardize the athletes' eligibility to attend the Games.

Participants will receive a t-shirt for their participation at trials and are also eligible to apply for a travel subsidy through the In-Territory Travel Fund at a rate of .10 per km/per individual.

<https://sportyukon.com/territory-travel>

It is important to note that the Games Committee has the authority to make the final decision on participant eligibility. An appeal process will be available through the Games Committee, where a tribunal will be set up to deal with any such appeals, if they occur.

For further clarification or questions, please contact Megan Cromarty at (867) 333-9626

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SPORT: Click or tap here to enter text.

DATE OF TRIAL: Click or tap here to enter text.

ATHLETE

NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDRESS: Click or tap here to enter text.

PHONE: (h) Click or tap here to enter text. (c) Click or tap here to enter text.

EMAIL: Click or tap here to enter text.

SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN

NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDRESS: Click or tap here to enter text.

PHONE: (h) Click or tap here to enter text. (c) Click or tap here to enter text.

EMAIL: Click or tap here to enter text.

SIGNATURE: _____

LIST REASON FOR EXEMPTION:

Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION required with application form:

- Letter of support from the YSGB if reason is a special family circumstance
- Letter of support from your school if the reason is a Yukon school programming commitment
- Physician's note if reason is due to injury or illness

The application and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Government of Yukon – Sport and Recreation Branch 48 hours prior to the start of the sport trial or the request will not be considered.