



Sport: Hockey
Policy: Team Selection Policy
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SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to explain the process that will be used by Hockey Yukon (HY) to select teams to represent Yukon at the Canada Winter Games (CWG) and Arctic Winter Games (AWG).

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to ensure team selections are completed in a credible, efficient and cost-effective manner. HY will strive to create the best team to represent Yukon at any games.

SECTION 3 – PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

a). **Philosophy:** Hockey Yukon will enhance the performance of athletes and coaches in high level sporting events. Specifically, to identify and train individuals capable of competing at the Provincial and National Level.

b). **Goals:**

- i. To expose players and team personnel to on ice tactics and introduce basic concepts used by High Performance Hockey.
- ii. To expose players and team personnel to a high-performance sporting event.
- iii. To expose players and team personnel to competitive events that will simulate a performance environment similar to the National Competition.
- iv. To develop leaders that are better prepared to offer their expertise to identified players within the constraints of the program.
- v. To foster an ongoing commitment to athletic development by supporting the principles of the Long-Term Player Development Model.

SECTION 4 – ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Coaches

Individuals who want to be considered for Team Yukon as a coach must agree and be committed to the Philosophy and Goals of HY. They must also meet the following criteria:

- Head Coach must have HP1 Coaching qualifications
- Assistant Coach must have Development 1 Coaching qualifications
- All coaches must have updated qualifications in:
 - Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT)



- Respect Group – Coach Activity Leader Training
- Updated Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sectors Check
- Proof of COVID vaccination
- All coaches agree to complete mandatory training as outlined by Yukon Sport and Recreation Branch for coaching a Team Yukon team.

4.2 Players

All individuals who want to be considered for Team Yukon as a player must meet the following criteria:

- Born in the correct year for the identified games.
- For the 2023 CWGs the ages are as follows:
 - Males born in 2007 to 2009, plus a maximum of three 2006 as overage players – total of 20 players
 - Females born in 2005-2010, plus a maximum of three 2004 as overage players – total of 20 players
- For the 2023 AWGs the ages are as follows:
 - Males born in 2007 to 2009 – total of 17 players
 - Males born in 2004-2006 – total of 17 players
 - Females born in 2004-2010 – total of 17 players
- Must be members of good standing with Hockey Yukon, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.
- Must not participate in leagues outside of Hockey Yukon, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.
- Able to provide a written waiver or temporary release (if necessary) from the athlete's current team. Provided to HY by September 15, 2022.
- Prepared to sign required Code of Conduct agreements.
- Prepared to participate in team practices and other team activities when able and arranged.
- Residences of Yukon. Proof of residence will be requested and can consist of, but not limited to: Utility bill (ie) ATCO Electric or NorthwTel, Municipal utility bill or property taxes, Income tax Notice of Assessment for the most recent year, Signed residential tenancy agreement, Vehicle Registration, School Registration
 - CWG Residency Conditions and Provisions –
 - 3.4.1. An athlete's permanent residence must be located, at least 180 days prior to the Opening Ceremony, within the recognized boundaries of the province/territory they wish to represent. An athlete can only have one permanent residence. Should an athlete not meet the residency requirement, they may be ruled as eligible as defined in point 3.4.2 below.
 - 3.4.2. An athlete may represent a province/territory that falls outside the recognized boundaries of their permanent residence provided they can demonstrate a commitment to the province/territory they wish to represent by:



- 3.4.2.1. Having been a member of a club or P/TSO in that province/territory for the entire previous or current competitive season; -AND
- 3.4.2.2. Having represented that province/territory at a national or regional championship (if applicable); -AND
- 3.4.2.3. Not having received direct development funding from their province/territory of permanent residence within a year of the Opening Ceremony, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team; -OR
- 3.4.2.4. Other similar circumstances may be considered.

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SECTION 5 – TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

HY has the overall responsibility of administering the selection processes and establishing the territorial teams. HY reserves the right to place players on the team who are viewed as making Team Yukon the best team to represent the territory.

The selection process will be guided by the following High Performance Program operating principles:

- **MERIT.** Players should be selected on merit which reflects a combination of technical skills, attitude, and leadership skills, while recognizing that the best team may not always include the 20 or 17 most skilled players. Therefore, a player's drive, determination, work ethic and attitude are given a lot of consideration in the evaluation process.
- **ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES.** The selection process is intended to provide enhanced opportunities for selected players and team personnel to develop their personal and team skills with due regard for their educational, family, personal, and professional commitments
- **EQUITY.** All players and personnel who are selected to participate in the CWG or AWG should be required to share the costs and realize the benefits of the Program in an equitable manner.
- **PARTICIPATION.** Each resident player must participate fully in the selection process to be eligible for selection to the team. Incidents of sickness, injury or extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Games Committee in consultation with the coaching staff.

Each participant will be evaluated according to the ranking system used by Hockey Canada team selections. HY will provide the Selection Committee with evaluation forms.



The evaluation process for the 2023 games

July/September/October Tryout

Each participant will be evaluated on the following:

Goalies	Players
Rebound Control	Individual Puck Skills
Skating/Crease Movement	Skating
Game Sense – Positional Play (Hockey Sense)	Hockey Sense
Stops the Puck	Plays with Speed
Battle Mentality/Compete Level	Compete Level
Athletism	Offensive Team Play

July Tryout – CWG Team

Friday - Skill Sessions

This will attempt to include; (4) on ice evaluators and (4) off ice evaluators.

Saturday/Sunday – Game Play Sessions

This will attempt to include; (4) on ice evaluators and (4) off ice evaluators who will run the benches for game sessions.

September Tryout – AWG Team (if arrangements were made before the July tryout with HY, players will be evaluated to also be considered for the CWG team).

Friday - Skill Sessions

This will attempt to include; (4) on ice evaluators and (4) off ice evaluators.

Saturday/Sunday – Game Play Sessions

This will attempt to include; (4) on ice evaluators and (4) off ice evaluators who will run the benches for game sessions.

Selection Committee will determine the 25 players who will be invited for each team (CWG and AWG) to attend the October Tryout.

October Tryout – CWG and AWG Team

Friday/Saturday/Sunday – Game Play Sessions

This will attempt to include; (4) on ice evaluators and (4) off ice evaluators who will run the benches for game sessions.

Selection Committee will determine the final rosters for each team (CWG and AWG).

Final Rosters

CWG Males and Females – 20 players + 5 alternates

AWG Males and Females – 17 players + 5 alternates

Unforeseen Circumstances

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be



implemented as outlined in this document, HY reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all candidates for selection will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

SECTION 6 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The Selection Committee will consist of on- and off-ice evaluators, coaches and HY Games Committee. The Selection Committee is responsible for monitoring the Tryouts and liaising with the selected athletes.

The Selection Committee must be free from actual and perceived conflict of interest as is practical and reasonable. Where conflict of interest may exist, Committee members must identify the conflict and excuse themselves from only from selection decisions where there is a conflict.

Using the criteria outlined in Section 5, the Selection Committee shall by the conclusion of the July and September Tryouts develop a list designating a maximum of 25 players selected to move on to the next phase of the team selection process. In each instance where consensus cannot be reached the head coach shall make the final decision.

On or before October 10, 2022 the Selection Committee shall provide to HY a list designating the 20 players selected to the team and a maximum of 5 alternates. The final selection of the 20 athletes who are to be named to the team shall be approved by the HPC.

SECTION 7 – DISMISSAL FROM A TEAM

An athlete may be dismissed from a team if the athlete:

- Fails to remain a member in good standing with Hockey Yukon, BC Hockey or Hockey Canada
- Fails to meet CWG team coaching staff performance expectations
- Fails to train towards, or meet the physical standards expected by Hockey Yukon and/or the CWG/AWG team coaching staff
- Violations of Code of Conduct agreements
- Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of hockey
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as determined by-appropriate medical staff

When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by an alternate athlete (provided the alternate athlete is still eligible) from among the alternate athletes. Replacement athletes are selected at the discretion of the team's head coach.

SECTION 8 – APPEALS

There is no appeal for players not selected to any CWG or AWG team with the exception



of those provided through the BC Hockey Bylaws Appeal Process. The BC Hockey Appeal process will be followed. HY does not have a Chief Executive Officer and HY Secretary will receive the appeal. The Appeal Committee will consist of HY Board Members and/or any other member as appointed by the HY Secretary.

SECTION 9 – INJURED AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

The Selection Committee may remove any athlete from any stage of the team selection process. Reasons for removal can include: becoming no longer eligible for participation (under Section 4), injury, illness, or misconduct. Reasons for removal will be communicated by written letter to the athlete from Hockey Yukon.

Alternate athletes may be selected to the team by the coaches if one or more of the originally selected athletes are dismissed prior to the CWG or AWG.

If the alternates have not kept up their physical fitness or are unavailable or uninterested, the coaches may approach other athletes who attended the selection camp to be named as alternates. Alternate athletes may be included in any training or competitions taking place prior to the CWG or AWG so that they are prepared if called upon and have maintained all other applicable eligibility criteria.

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