

TEAM NWT TABLE TENNIS 2019 CANADA GAMES SELECTION POLICY

SPORT: Table Tennis
EVENT: 2019 Canada Winter Games – Red Deer, AB
POLICY: Athlete Selection Policy

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to set out the process that will be used to select athletes to represent the Northwest Territories at the Canada Winter Games.

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to select a maximum of six athletes who will participate in the Canada Winter Games. Athletes are selected in the following categories:

- Male (three athletes)
- Female (three athletes)

Two coaches will also attend the Canada Winter Games. One coach must be male and one coach must be female. If a coach from one gender is not available, a chaperone of that gender must be substituted.

Any staff listed as coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least Competition Development (Certified status) in Table Tennis. These coaches must be certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (i.e. by November 10, 2018).

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection, the athletes must be:

- Under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2019 (born in 2001 or after)
- Canadian Citizens, or eligible for Canadian Citizenship and actively pursuing either Citizenship Certificates or Canadian Passports

- A continuous resident of the Northwest Territories for at least six months prior to the Canada Winter Games. Athletes who are attending a post-secondary school outside of the Northwest Territories are still eligible to compete provided their Northwest Territories residency is still valid
- It is required to be a member in good standing with Table Tennis North
- Required to sign a Code of Conduct agreement with Sport North
- Must participate in the Canada Winter Games Trials
- Must participate in 2 preparation clinics prior to the Canada Winter Games
- Must finish the Club Umpire Exam with Table Tennis Canada (can be done online or on October 12, 2018 in Fort Providence)
- Needs to submit all forms, fee's and questionnaire prior to the first trial (October 13, 2018)

Once selected, the athletes will be expected to be training towards, and meet the physical standards expected by Table Tennis North.

SECTION 4 – SELECTION PROCESS

The top 3 spots will be given to the top 3 ranked players in each category. Table Tennis North will host an officials clinic, 4 skills camps and 4 tournaments.

October 12-14, 2018 in Fort Providence

November 17-18, 2018 in Yellowknife

5 points for attending each skills camp (maximum 20 points)

Points system for the tournaments (maximum 40 points)

1. 10 points
2. 08 points
3. 06 points
4. 05 points
5. 04 points
6. 03 points
7. 02 points
8. 01 point

The TOP 3 players of the overall ranking will be seated for the next tournament.

Questionnaire

Each athlete will need to fill out a questionnaire about Table Tennis and submit it prior to the first skills camp.

Umpire Exam

This can be done online via Table Tennis Canada or on October 12, 2018 (Fort Providence).

Skills camps

The athlete will have to be on time to the skills camps and in attendance for the entire session to receive the maximum amount of points. On time means 30min early to be ready for the practice.

October 13, 2018, 10am – 12pm (Fort Providence)

October 14, 2018, 10am – 12pm (Fort Providence)

November 17, 2018, 10am – 12pm (Yellowknife)

November 18, 2018, 10am – 12pm (Yellowknife)

Tournaments

The format will depend on the number of participants. The tournament will be in the afternoon, after the skills camp. The Top 8 positions will be played out.

October 13, 2018 - Tournament #1 (Fort Providence)

October 14, 2018 - Tournament #2 (Fort Providence)

November 17, 2018 – Tournament #3 (Yellowknife)

November 18, 2018 – Tournament #4 (Yellowknife)

Tie

If two or more athletes have the same points in the ranking, there will be a play-off match between the two or more athletes.

Equipment

Table Tennis Canada and the Canada Games require equipment approved by the International Table Tennis Federation. Therefore, each Athlete will need to commit to purchasing proper equipment. Please ask Table Tennis North for advice.

After the trials, the Athlete has to report to the coaching staff, prior to the games, about their technical and physical training.

Fee

There is a fee of \$100 for the trials, including all skills camps and tournament fees per athlete. That does not include food or accommodation, but Table Tennis North can help and secure that. If successful, there will be an additional fee of \$150 for the Team NT Table Tennis uniform, provided by Table Tennis North (each participant of the trials can purchase the set).

Unforeseen Circumstances

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined in this document, Sport North 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 5 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The selection authority is in the hands of Table Tennis North along with the Head Coach. The selection is based on the overall point system after submitting all the pre-requisites, the skills camps and the tournaments.

The NWT Table Tennis Canada Winter Games Team will be announced in December, 2018.

SECTION 6 – DISMISSAL

An athlete may be dismissed if the athlete:

- Fails to meet performance expectations
- Exhibits detrimental conduct
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons

- Fails to report to coaching staff about technical and physical training prior to the Canada Winter Games.
- Fails to participate in 2 preparation clinics prior to the Canada Winter Games (location and time TBD)

When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by an alternate athlete (provided the alternate athlete is still eligible).

SECTION 7 – APPEALS

There is only one ground for appeal of coach selection or team selection, that being: ‘The selection was not made according to the Canada Winter Games Athlete Selection Criteria.’

Appeals Committee

The Sport North Federation will appoint a three-person Appeals Committee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall be related to an eligible Canada Winter Games athlete.

Appeals Process

1. If within 48 hours of team selection, an athlete believes there are grounds for appeal, the athlete must submit to the Sport North Federation, verbally, followed within two (2) days by a written formal (e-mail or fax) appeal, clearly stating the reasons for appeal. A cash deposit of \$100 must accompany the written notice of intent to appeal, to be refunded upon the successful outcome of the appeal. The following process will take place:
2. The president or president designate will identify and inform any affected parties of the appeal within two (2) days of receipt of the appeal, informing each of their right to participate in the appeal. All information relating to the appeal will be made available to all parties to the appeal.
3. The Appeals Committee will convene a meeting either in person or by conference call within three (3) days of written notification of an appeal.
4. The appellant and his/her representative will appeal to the Appeals Committee and affected parties will be permitted to participate.

5. The Appeals Committee only will convene to review all the evidence and make one of the following decisions:
 - a) Grant the appeal and direct the Sport North Federation to take appropriate corrective action.
 - b) Reject the appeal.
6. The decision will be delivered immediately upon conclusion of panel deliberations in verbal form, followed by a written report. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.

SECTION 8 – INJURED AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

Alternate athletes shall consist of the next highest place finisher in each category. Alternate athletes may be selected if one or more of the originally selected athletes are dismissed prior to the Canada Winter Games.

Alternate athletes may be included in any training or competitions taking place prior to the Canada Winter Games so that they are prepared if called upon.