

**TEAM NT TABLE TENNIS 2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES  
ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY**

**SPORT:** Table Tennis  
**EVENT:** 2023 Arctic Winter Games – Fort McMurray  
**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 Arctic Winter Games.

**SECTION 2 - OBJECTIVE**

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

- Male born in 2007 or later (two athletes)
- Female born in 2007 or later (two athletes)
- Male born in 2004 or later (two athletes)
- Female born in 2004 or later (two athletes)

**SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for selection, the athletes must be:

- Canadian Citizens, or eligible for Canadian Citizenship and actively pursuing either Citizenship Certificates or Canadian Passports, Permanent Resident
- A continuous resident of the Northwest Territories for at least six months prior to the Arctic 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 Arctic Winter Games Trials or request an exemption

- Recommended to participate in preparation clinics prior to the Arctic Winter Games trials
- Must finish the Club Umpire Exam with Table Tennis Canada

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

#### **SECTION 4 - SELECTION PROCESS**

The top spot will be given to the top ranked players in each category. The second position will go to the second ranked player or an athlete that requested an exemption. Table Tennis North will host an official's clinic on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and at least 4 training camps prior to the trials and 3 tournaments during the trials.

Points system for the tournaments (maximum 30 points)

1. 10 points
2. 08 points
3. 06 points
4. 05 points

#### *Umpire Exam*

This can be done online via Table Tennis Canada or on December 8, 2022 (Fort Providence).

#### *Training camps*

Training camps are not mandatory but recommended.

November 5-6, 2022, Yellowknife

November 12-13, 2022, Fort Providence

November 18-20, 2022, location to be determined

November 25-27, 2022, Hay River

December 2-4, 2022, Fort Providence

### *Tournaments*

The format will depend on the number of participants. The tournament will be in the afternoon of December 8, 9, 10, after the morning physical and skills camp. The Top 4 positions will be played out.

### *Tie*

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

### *Equipment & Training*

Table Tennis Canada and the Arctic Winter 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 no fee for the trials. Each athlete is responsible for their own food or accommodation. If successful, there will be an additional fee of \$150 for the field of play uniform, provided by Table Tennis North (each participant of the trials can purchase the set).

### *Exemptions*

If an athlete is unable to participate in any of the trials, a written request can be made to the Head Coach, Assistant Coach for the Arctic Winter Games Team and Table Tennis North's Executive Director. Outlining the reasons for not being able to participate. This can include video in practice/competition, reference letters and Canadian ranking. Those requests will need to be made 2 weeks prior to the trials event.

The Head Coach, Assistant Coach for the Arctic Winter Games Team and the Executive Director have the power to identify each one female and one male

athlete for the Arctic Winter Games, allowing them to participate without trying out. The exemption will be announced 1 week prior to the trials event.

### *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, Assistant Coach for the Arctic Winter Games Team and the Executive Director. 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 Arctic Winter Games Team will be announced Sunday, December 11, 2022.

## **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 Arctic Winter Games.

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

Table Tennis North can choose to not send a full team if expectations are not met.

## 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 Arctic 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 Arctic 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 Arctic Winter Games.

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