

TABLE TENNIS NWT 2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES SELECTION POLICY

SPORT: Table Tennis
EVENT: 2024 Arctic Winter Games
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 Team NT (Team Northwest Territories) at the 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

SECTION 2 - OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to select a maximum of eight (8) athletes who will participate in the 2024 Arctic Winter Games. Athletes are selected in the following categories:

- Junior Male (two athletes)
- Junior Female (two athletes)
- Juvenile Male (two athletes)
- Juvenile Female (two athletes)

SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection, the athletes must be:

- Born in 2006 or later (for the Junior category) or born in 2009 or later (for the Juvenile category)
- 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 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 2024 Arctic Winter Games Trials (location and date TBD)
- Must participate in at least 3 Team NT preparation clinics prior to the Arctic Winter Games (location and date TBD)

Once selected, the athletes will be expected to be training towards, and meet the physical standards expected by, the Arctic Winter Games.

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. There will be a total of 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

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

Tournament

The format will depend on the number of participants. The tournament will be in the afternoon of the trials, after the morning physical and skills camp.

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.

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.

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 \$250 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.

SECTION 5 - AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The 2024 NWT Table Tennis Arctic Winter Games Team will be announced on the last day of the trials.

SECTION 6 - DISMISSAL

An athlete may be dismissed if the athlete:

- Fails to meet performance expectations
- Fails to train towards, or meet the physical standards expected by, the Arctic Winter Games
- 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 on a weekly basis prior to the 2024 Arctic Winter Games.
- Fails to participate in a minimum of 3 preparation clinics prior to the Arctic 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 2024 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 at the Round Robin Competition. 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.