

Volleyball NT 2024 Arctic Winter Games Athlete Selection Policy

The purpose of the *Athlete Selection Policy* is to set clear guidelines and to establish the minimum requirements for assessing and selecting athletes. The objective is to identify players to represent Volleyball NT's Territorial Team at the 2024 Arctic Winter Games (AWG).

SELECTIONS PRINCIPLES

1. All athletes are deserving of opportunities to be assessed fairly for selection to Volleyball NT (VNT) Territorial Teams.
2. It is important for athletes and those supporting them to understand how the athletes will be assessed for selection to VNT Territorial Teams.
3. Feedback to athletes on their performance is a foundation of ongoing athlete development.
4. The levels of skills required for participation on Territorial Teams can vary, depending on the target event.
5. There are benefits to having selection processes align with the skills required for success on the Territorial Team being selected.

COACHES RESPONSABILITIES

- The head coach will submit a plan for Athlete Identification, Assessment and Selection to VNT's Executive Director. The plan must adhere to the *Athlete Selection Policy*.
- The Board of Directors must approve the head coach's plan before the start of athlete assessment.
- The head coach will adapt the evaluation sheet provided by VNT. The evaluation sheet will be posted on VNT's website prior to selections.
- The head coach will include in their plans the evaluated criteria for athlete selections.
- The head coach will make VNT aware of any conflict of interest in writing to the Executive Director.
- The head coach will submit all player evaluation sheets to VNT.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Indoor Volleyball

- Female & Male: Born in 2005 to 2007 (U19).
- Possess a **current** membership and is in good standing with VNT.
- Must be an NWT resident.

SELECTIONS PROCESS

- Each athlete will be evaluated by a minimum of two evaluators identified by Volleyball NT.
- VNT's Board of Directors will select and approve the evaluators.

- When possible, the head coach will notify each athlete of their selection results individually.
- Athletes will be selected based on the average of the evaluations completed by all evaluators. Ultimately, the head coach will have the final decision for the last few positions on the team. The head coach will consider multiple aspects such as positional requirement, team cohesion, fitness, motivation and any other aspect deemed important for the team.
- All evaluators have an obligation to inform the Executive Director if they believe selections were not completed fairly, objectively and in accordance with Volleyball NT's policies. Evaluators must contact the Executive Director prior to informing the athletes of the selection results. If the evaluators do not agree with the head coach's decision, the announcement of the selected athletes will be delayed until the Executive Director assesses the selections.
- Athletes can request their evaluation sheet from the Executive Director up to 14 days following the selections.
- Athletes & Parents will sign a *Player/Parent Contract* after the team is selected.
- *Indoor Volleyball*: Twelve (12) athletes will be selected and up to five (5) alternates per gender.
- Alternates will only be notified 60 days prior to the start of the competition.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES & MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

All requests for an exemption must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director. A medical exemption must be accompanied by a doctor's note.

Any exemption must be approved by Volleyball NT's Board of Directors. Exemptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Exemptions must be submitted 7 days prior to the registration deadline.

APPEAL PROCESS

Appeals will be handled in accordance with the Volleyball NT's *Appeal Policy*. **All inquiries and forms must be sent directly to the Executive Director at nwtvolleyball.nrs@gmail.com.**

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