

# **WHITEHORSE 2026**



## **TECHNICAL PACKAGE for SNOWBOARDING**



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## **1. Introduction**

Technical Packages are critical guiding documents that assist Host Societies as they coordinate all sport competition (including competition formats, rules and procedures) and Mission Teams as they coordinate their teams' participation (including athlete eligibility, categories and team composition). Every Games' Host Society and Participating Unit's Mission Team, Coaches and Managers have an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. Should a need for clarification arise, questions should be directed through the Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review and response by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) Technical Director and Technical Coordinator.

## **2. Eligibility**

Please refer to Appendix F for detailed eligibility rules

## **3. Registering for the Games**

- 3.1. All participants (athletes, coaches and chaperones) must be registered in the Arctic Winter Games electronic registration system (GEMS.pro), including registering for specific events, no later than 14 days prior to the Opening Ceremony.
- 3.2. Chefs de Mission are responsible for ensuring compliance with 3.1 by all members of their jurisdiction's delegation.
- 3.3. Changes to team rosters in the final 14 days prior to the start of the Arctic Winter Games must be made through the Host Society.

## **4. Rules Governing Competition**

- 4.1. This competition will be conducted under the International Ski Federation (FIS) International Competition Rules (ICR) valid as of January 1 of the year of the Games.
- 4.2. See Appendix A, International Sport Federation Rules, and Appendix C, Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for more detailed information
- 4.3. Special Insurance Requirements  
All Participating Units and the Host Society must be aware that there may be special insurance requirements under these rules.

## **5. Governing Body Sanction**

- 5.1. It is not required that this competition be sanctioned by the national or international governing body for this sport.
- 5.2. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Canada the competition may be sanctioned by Canada Snowboard and/or the International Ski Federation (FIS).
- 5.3. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Alaska the competition may be sanctioned by US Ski & Snowboard and/or the International Ski Federation (FIS).
- 5.4. If this competition is sanctioned, the Host Society must advise the jurisdictions on sanctioning and any related matters that might affect their teams.



## 6. Participants and Age Classes

- 6.1. Each Participating Unit may enter a team comprised of up to eight (8) athletes and three (3) coaches as shown in the table below.
- 6.2. All competitors must have been born in 2013 or earlier in order to meet the minimum age requirement of the AWG International Committee.

Class Name	Years of Birth	Athletes in Age Class	
		Male	Female
U14	2012-2013	2	2
U16	2010-2011	2	2
Coaches	Total of 3 coaches	1-2	1-2

- 6.3. If a coach from one gender is not available a chaperone must be substituted.
- 6.4. Units must ensure that coaches are screened and trained in accordance with their jurisdiction's coaching standards.

## 7. Competition Program

The competition program shall consist of these events

- 7.1. Banked Slalom
- 7.2. Rail Competition
- 7.3. Slopestyle
- 7.4. Snowboard Cross
- 7.5. Overall ranking from the four events

## 8. Competition Schedule

- 8.1. Below is the suggested competition schedule.
- 8.2. Alterations at the discretion of the Host Society must be approved by the AWGIC.
- 8.3. For details on the Host Society's process for developing competition schedules and their responsibilities in developing the schedule, please refer to Appendix G.

Day	U16 Event	U14 Event
Sunday	Open practice	Open practice
Monday	Slopestyle	Slopestyle
Tuesday	Banked Slalom	Banked Slalom
Wednesday	Rail Competition	Rail Competition
Thursday	Snowboard Cross	Snowboard Cross
Friday	Weather Day/Free Ride	Weather Day/Free Ride
Saturday	No Competition	No Competition

## 9. Equipment

Equipment rules general

- 9.1. Snowboard equipment consists of snowboards, bindings, and crash helmets (required under FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment). All equipment must abide by FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment.
- 9.2. Wax  
Use of fluorinated wax or tuning products containing fluorine is prohibited for all FIS disciplines and levels.



## 10. Competition Uniform

- 10.1. Teams are responsible for providing the competition uniforms in compliance with the FIS ICR for Snowboarding, Article 207, including appropriate protective gear.
- 10.2. In selecting competition uniforms, it is important to consider the climate and race conditions in the Host region.
- 10.3. There is no FIS rule regarding shin
- 10.4. Competition Bibs  
The Host Society is responsible for providing bibs that are in compliance with FIS ICR 2017.1.3

## 11. Scoring

- 11.1. See appendix C for scoring rules for the individual overall medal.

## 12. Medals

Medals shall be awarded for

- 12.1. Each of the four individual events
- 12.2. An overall individual medal based on results in the four individual events

Ulu Color	Age Class	Individual Events		Coach Receives Ulu with Team
		M	F	
Gold	U14	5	5	No
	U16	5	5	No
Silver	U14	5	5	No
	U16	5	5	No
Bronze	U14	5	5	No
	U16	5	5	No

## 13. Major Officials

See FIS ICR for Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski / Ski Cross, articles 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

## 14. Protests and Appeals

- 14.1. Arctic Winter Games policies dictate that each sport shall establish a sport specific jury to deal with protests arising from the field of play as dictated by the rules specified in section 5 of this Technical Package.
- 14.2. Field of play disputes will be resolved in accordance with the rules of the International Ski Federation (FIS).
- 14.3. Decisions resolved in accordance with 14.2 are considered final.
- 14.4. Such decisions may only be appealed to the Games Jury under these conditions:
  - 14.4.1. Failure to follow the rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package.
  - 14.4.2. An error in fact.
  - 14.4.3. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.
- 14.5. See Appendix B for details on the appeals process.



# Appendix A

## International Sport Federation Rules

### Appendix A – International Sport Federation Rules

#### 15. International Sport Federation Rules

- 15.1. Where rules of an international sport governing body exist for an Arctic Winter Games sport, the competition shall, in principle, be governed by those rules.
- 15.2. The rules of the international sport governing body will be in effect regardless of the host nation of the Arctic Winter Games.
- 15.3. Arctic Winter Games Rules Modifications
  - 15.3.1. The AWGIC, on the advice of the Technical Director and/or the Technical Committee, may adopt modifications to the international sport governing body rules to ensure safe and fair competition during the Arctic Winter Games.
  - 15.3.2. After each Games, the rules included in each sport's Technical Package will be reviewed at a Sport Technical Meeting. Any recommendations made at the Sport Technical Meeting for rules changes will be evaluated by the Technical Committee and the Technical Director.
  - 15.3.3. The Technical Committee and/or the Technical Director will make recommendations to the AWGIC for any needed changes in the rules.
- 15.4. Rules Included in the Technical Package
  - 15.4.1. Modifications to the international sport governing body rules for Arctic Winter Games competition will be included in Appendix D of each sport's technical package.
  - 15.4.2. Any rules of the international sport governing body that have not been modified for Arctic Winter Games competition shall be followed as written and will not be repeated in the sport-specific technical package.
- 15.5. Knowing and Understanding the Rules
  - 15.5.1. It is the responsibility of each jurisdiction to ensure that their coaches are familiar with the competition rules of the international sport governing body for their respective sports, and any modifications made for Arctic Winter Games Competition.
  - 15.5.2. For each AWG sport, a pre-competition meeting shall be held, attended by all coaches and all major officials to review the rules under which the competition will be conducted.



# Appendix B

## Games Jury and Appeals Board

### Appendix B – Games Jury and Appeals Board

The information below is also contained in Arctic Winter Games Policy 3. Included here are the portions of AWG Policy 3 that deal with protests and appeals arising from the Field of Play (FOP).

#### 16. Games Jury

- 16.1. Composition and Quorum of the Games Jury.
  - 16.1.1. Chaired by the AWGIC Technical Director.
  - 16.1.2. Host Society Sport Manager.
  - 16.1.3. All Chefs de Mission, with these exclusions:
    - the Chef de Mission filing a discipline action or protest;
    - the Chef de Mission of the Contingent against which the discipline action or protest is being filed is excluded from the jury.
  - 16.1.4. Quorum:  
A minimum of three (3) members must be present to carry out business.
  - 16.1.5. No discussion of the appeal may occur, nor may the business before the Games Jury be conducted, without a quorum present.
- 16.2. Basis for Submitting a Protest or Appeal to the Games Jury  
An appeal will be heard by the Games Jury only in these instances
  - 16.2.1. Failure to follow the rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package (International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions).
  - 16.2.2. An error in fact.
  - 16.2.3. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.
- 16.3. Who Can Submit an Appeal to the Games Jury
  - 16.3.1. A Chef de Mission
  - 16.3.2. The Head Official of a sport
- 16.4. How to Submit an Appeal
  - 16.4.1. An appeal must be Submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee.
  - 16.4.2. Form for Submission.  
An appeal must be Submitted using the attached form (also available online at: <https://xxxxx>).
  - 16.4.3. Submission Deadline.  
A protest or appeal must be submitted within 5 hours of the Chef de Mission being informed of the decision made within the sport's dispute resolution process.
- 16.5. Hearing schedule:
  - 16.5.1. The Games Jury shall convene as soon as is practical.





- 16.6. Procedural steps:
  - 16.6.1. Decision to hear or not hear the appeal  
The Technical Director shall inform the respective Chef de Mission, who will inform the individual(s) involved of the decision of the Games Jury to hear/not hear the Appeal.
  - 16.6.2. Upon receiving the protest or the appeal in writing, the Technical Director shall inform the respective Chef de Mission, who will inform the individual(s) involved of the allegations against them,
  - 16.6.3. Allow the individual(s) against whom the matter is being brought, to represent themselves before the Games Jury, or to name a representative do so.
  - 16.6.4. After hearing the description and reasons for the appeal, and testimony related to the appeal, the Appeals Board will deliberate and render a decision.
- 16.7. Games Jury decisions will be communicated by the AWGIC Technical Director
  - 16.7.1. To the Chef de Mission *of the jurisdiction* of the individual(s), against whom the discipline or protest matter is being brought
  - 16.7.2. To the Chef de Mission *of the jurisdiction* of the individual(s) who brought the issue to the Games Jury.
  - 16.7.3. The Technical Director is the only person authorized to speak for the AWGIC to the media regarding Games Jury decisions.
- 16.8. Further Appeals Process
  - 16.8.1. Following the decision, the AWGIC Technical Director must inform the Chefs de Mission of the parties involved in the appeal of the process to be followed to appeal a Games Jury decision to the AWG Appeals Board.
  - 16.8.2. Only the individual(s) directly affected can appeal a Games Jury decision to the Appeals Board.
  - 16.8.3. The appeal must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director in writing stating the exact reasons (16.9.1-16.9.3) for the appeal.
  - 16.8.4. Submission Deadline:  
The appeal must be submitted within five hours of being notified of the Games Jury decision.
- 16.9. Basis for Appeal to the Appeals Board  
An appeal of a Games Jury decision will be entertained by the Appeals Board only in these instances
  - 16.9.1. An error in law (AWGIC or Host Society bylaws, rules and policies).
  - 16.9.2. An error in fact or other evidence discovered after the Games Jury hearing.
  - 16.9.3. Failure by the Games Jury to follow the process outlined in 16.6.
  - 16.9.4. The Appeals Board will determine if there are sufficient grounds for an appeal (See 17.4.1).



**17. Appeals Board**

The following shall govern the appeal process related to a Games Jury decision:

**17.1. Composition**

17.1.1. The Appeals Board shall have three members.

17.1.2. The membership of the Appeals Board shall be established by the AWGIC President.

17.1.3. Chair is an Arctic Winter Games International Committee Board member other than the Technical Director

17.1.4. The other two members will be individuals (AWGIC Members?) who do not have an interest in the matter being reviewed.

**17.2. Submission of a Protest or Appeal**

17.2.1. Only the individual(s) directly affected can appeal a Games Jury decision to the Appeals Board.

17.2.2. The appeal must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director in writing stating the exact reasons (16.9.1-16.9.3) for the appeal.

**17.2.3. Submission Deadline:**

The appeal must be submitted within five hours of the time the party was notified of the Games Jury decision.

**17.2.4. Submission.**

A protest or appeal of a Games Jury decision must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee.

**17.3. Hearing schedule:**

The Appeals Board shall convene as soon as is practical.

**17.4. Procedural steps:****17.4.1. Decision to hear or not hear the appeal**

The Chair of the Appeals Board shall inform the respective Chef de Mission, who will inform the individual(s) involved of the decision of the Appeals Board to hear/not hear the Appeal.

17.4.2. If the Appeals Board will hear the appeal, the individual(s) bringing the appeal will be allowed to represent themselves before the Appeals Board or to name a representative do so

17.4.3. After hearing the description and reasons for the appeal, and testimony related to the appeal, the Appeals Board will deliberate and render a decision.

17.4.4. The Appeals Board decision must be recorded in writing:

**17.5. Communicating the Appeals Board Decision**

The Chair of the Appeals Board shall communicate the decision of the Appeals Board, and the reasons for the decision, orally and in writing:

17.5.1. To the Chef de Mission of the individual(s) bringing the appeal to the Appeals Board

17.5.2. To the individual(s) bringing the appeal to the Appeals Board

17.5.3. To any other individual(s) judged by the Appeals Board to be directly affected by the decision.

17.5.4. The Chair of the Appeals Board is the only person authorized to speak for the AWGIC to the media regarding Appeals Board decisions.

**17.6. Finality**

The decision of the Appeals Board is final



# Appendix C

## Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Snowboarding

### Appendix C – Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Snowboarding

#### 15. Venue Specifications

The Host Society is to provide Participating Units with venue specifications as soon as readily available.

#### 18. Scoring Table for Overall Medal

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# Appendix D

## Age Class Naming Convention

### Appendix D – Age Class Naming Convention

#### 101. Age Class Naming Convention

Arctic Winter Games age classes are named according to this formula:

“U” followed by a number equal to 1 plus the age in years, on December 31 of the calendar year prior to the Games, of an athlete born in the earliest year of eligibility for that class

Example: oldest year of birth for class “x” = 2007

Age of a person born in 2007 on December 31, 2025 = 18 years old

$1 + 18 = 19$

“U” + “19” = Age class name is U19.

# Appendix E

## Ties Within the Medal-Winning Positions

### Appendix E – Ties Within the Medal-Winning Positions

#### 201. Ties Within the First Three Places

In the case of ties for medal-winning positions, two medals will be awarded for that position, and no medals awarded for the next position.

201.1. In the case of a tie for the Gold Ulu, no Silver ulu will be awarded.

201.2. In the case of a tie for the Silver Ulu, no Bronze ulu will be awarded.

201.3. In the case of a tie for the Bronze Ulu, two Bronze ulus will be awarded.



# Appendix F

## Eligibility and Age Requirements

### Appendix F – Eligibility and Age Requirements

#### Preamble:

The Arctic Winter Games combine athletic competition, cultural exchange and social interaction among northern contingents. Arctic Winter Games athletic competitions feature sports that enjoy worldwide popularity and sports unique to the north. The AWG Cultural Program offers opportunities for northern artists to perform on a larger stage to diverse audiences. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee is responsible for providing direction and guidance to contingents to ensure meaningful competition and a diverse cultural program in the Arctic Winter Games Program.

**Purpose:** This policy provides direction and guidance to the participating contingents when selecting athletes and cultural participants for their teams.

To be eligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games, an athlete shall:

301. Be a "Developing Athlete"
  - 301.1. A Developing Athlete is one who has not represented one's nation in international competition (outside of an Arctic Winter Games) in the sport they are competing in.
    - 301.1.1. An athlete who has competed for one's club in international competition (not representing one's nation) is considered a developing athlete;
    - 301.1.2. An athlete who is a member of one's national team, but has not represented one's nation in international competition is considered a developing athlete.
302. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, a Contingent Cultural performer shall comply with the eligibility requirements included in the current Cultural Technical Package.
303. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, all Contingent Athletes and Cultural performers shall:
  - 303.1. be a resident of Yukon, Northwest Territories, Alberta North (north of 55 degrees), Greenland, Alaska, Nunavut or any other participating Contingent/Guest Contingent approved by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC). Current approved Guest Contingents are Nunavik (Quebec, Canada), Yamal-Nenets (Russia)\*, Sapmi (Finland/Norway/Sweden);
  - 303.2. have been a continuous resident of the participating Contingent for six (6) months prior to the opening day of the Games;
  - 303.3. comply with all other Arctic Winter Games rules and regulations as outlined in the Arctic Winter Games Staging Manual, Arctic Winter Games Technical Packages or other publications issued by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee;
  - 303.4. comply with all rules and regulations of their Contingent.

**304. Residency**

'Resident' means a person who makes their permanent home in a jurisdiction and includes someone who may be temporarily absent from the jurisdiction but who maintains a close connection with the jurisdiction and has the intention of returning to the jurisdiction after a temporary absence. An individual leaving a jurisdiction with no intention of returning continues to be considered a resident of that jurisdiction up to 90 days after leaving and may participate if the first day of the Games falls within that 90-day period.

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304.2. An individual who is a resident of a jurisdiction not eligible to compete at the Games; but who lives in a participating jurisdiction as a student, or who is there on a temporary work visa, or who is otherwise temporarily living in a participating jurisdiction; is not considered a resident of the participating jurisdiction and is therefore ineligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games.

**305. Jurisdictional Residency Standards**

Individual Contingents may impose additional requirements for eligibility for their team provided they do not contravene the intent of the AWG International Committee policies.

**306. Minimum Age Requirement**

All participants must have reached the age of 12 as of the December 31 immediately preceding the Arctic Winter Games in which they will participate.

**307. Minimum Age Waiver**

307.1. Applications for exceptions to the minimum age rule must be submitted by the Chef de Mission to the Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games

307.2. Applications must be submitted on the form provided ([URL HERE](#))

**308. Aging Up**

308.1. If a participant wishes to compete in an older age group, the Chef de Mission submit an application to the Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games

308.2. Applications must be submitted on the form provided ([URL HERE](#))

**Yamal Suspension**

\* The Arctic Winter Games International Committee has suspended Yamal, Russia, with immediate effect, following the attacks unfolding in Ukraine in a March 1, 2022 decision.



# Appendix G

## Schedule Development Process

### Appendix G – Schedule Development Process

#### 401. Master Sport Schedule

##### 401.1. First Draft

The Host Society shall distribute a first draft of the Master Sport Schedule - a detailed multi-sport schedule, including: competitions, practices/training, pre-Games Coach/Manager meetings and all technical meetings - to the AWGIC and each Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review no later than 1 year (12 months) prior to the commencement of the Games (Opening Ceremony).

##### 401.2. Final Schedule

The Master Sport Schedule becomes "final" three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Games, unless otherwise approved by the AWGIC.

401.2.1. A final review and approval of the Master Sport Schedule must be conducted by the AWGIC Technical Director prior to being considered "final".

401.2.2. The Master Sport Schedule is developed by the Host Society in consultation with the Sport Vice President, Sport Chairs and the AWGIC as required.

401.2.3. The sport schedule is developed using the Sport Technical Packages and by reviewing the sport schedules from previous Games.

#### 402. Host Society is required to:

402.1. Create a process for stakeholders to provide input and request changes to the schedule;

402.2. Revise and update the Master Sport Schedule, redistributing updated versions as required on an ongoing basis between 12 months pre-Games and the end of the Games;

402.3. Refer to the AWGIC Staging Manual to view approved sport schedule templates.

#### 403. Host Society must do their best to:

403.1. Refrain from scheduling any competition or practice/training within three (3) hours of the beginning of the Opening Ceremony;

403.2. Respect the timing required for participant feeding, transportation and marshaling for opening and closing ceremonies;

403.3. Ensure that practice/training during the first day of the Games reflects the travel realities of Participating Units (e.g., Units with the least amount of travel should be scheduled to practice/train and/or compete first upon arrival in the Host jurisdiction, where Units with the most travel should practice/train and/or compete last).