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TECHNICAL PACKAGE for FUTSAL



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Dedication

This Technical Package is dedicated to the memory of Ian Legaree. Ian served as the Technical Director of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee for more than 25 years. During that time he brought order, organization and consistency to the process of developing the Sport Technical Packages that guide the conduct of competitions at the Arctic Winter Games. Through his many hours of work and extensive technical knowledge of multiple sports, the clarity, quality, and functionality of the Sport Technical Packages improved continuously, always with the objective of improving the competition experience of all participants, while ensuring safe and fair competition. His dedication to this task has enhanced the Arctic Winter Games experience for thousands of participants, which is his lasting contribution to the Games.

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. Regardless of the nation in which the Arctic Winter Games are held, this competition will be conducted under the rules of the Futsal Laws of the Game produced by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) as published on January 1 of the year of the Games, except as modified by the AWGIC.
- 4.2. See Appendix A, International Sport Federation Rules, and Appendix C, Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for more detailed information.

5. Governing Body Sanction

- 5.1. It is required that this competition be sanctioned by the state, territorial, provincial, national or international governing body for futsal.
- 5.2. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Canada the competition must be sanctioned by the provincial or territorial governing body, Canada Soccer and/or FIFA.
- 5.3. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Alaska the competition may be sanctioned by the state governing body, US Soccer Federation and/or FIFA.
- 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 nine (9) athletes and up to two (2) coaches per team (eight coaches total) as shown in the table below.
- 6.2. The minimum age requirement of the AWG International Committee requires that all competitors must have been born in 2013 or earlier.

Class Name	Years of Birth	Athletes in Age Class	
		Male	Female
U16	2010-2011	9	9
U18	2008-2009	9	9
Coaches	n/a	4	4

- 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

- 7.1. The competition program shall consist of a round-robin tournament followed by a medal round. Details are included in Appendix B.

8. Competition Schedule

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

9. Equipment

- 9.1. Player equipment must meet the standards established in the Laws of the Game for Futsal.
- 9.2. The Ball
One year prior to the games, the Host Society will provide specifications regarding the FIFA approved ball that will be used during Arctic Winter Games competitions. The ball for AWG2024 is Sedna Rio.

10. Competition Uniform

- 10.1. All uniforms must abide by Futsal Laws of the Game, Law 4 - The Players' Equipment, Section 3.
- 10.2. Uniform colours must meet AWGIC Contingent Uniform Policy requirements.
 - 10.2.1. Shirts must be numbered on the back and the corresponding number used for identification on the team sheet/scoresheet must match the number on the shirt.
 - 10.2.2. The numbers must be clear and visible, in a solid contrasting colour to the shirt colour(s), and a minimum of 15cm in length.
 - 10.2.3. Socks must meet the requirements of the Futsal Laws of the Game
- 10.3. Goalkeeper
Each goalkeeper must wear colours that are distinguishable from those of the other players and the match officials.

11. Scoring

There are no special scoring rules for this sport.

12. Medals

Medals shall be awarded individually by event and individually by team for relay events, as follows:

Ulu Color	Age Group	Team Champions		Coach Receives Ulu with Team
		M	F	
Gold	U18	9 +2	9 +2	Yes
	U16	9 +2	9 +2	Yes
Silver	U18	9 +2	9 +2	Yes
	U16	9 +2	9 +2	Yes
Bronze	U18	9 +2	9 +2	Yes
	U16	9 +2	9 +2	Yes

13. Major Officials

Major officials are as described in Futsal Laws of the Game

14. Resolution of Field of Play Disputes

- 14.1. The AWG Futsal Competition Jury is responsible for resolving all Field of Play disputes,
- 14.2. Only a coach or team official listed on the Team Sheet/Scoresheet of the match being contested may file a protest.
- 14.3. Any protest of a match must be turned into the Futsal Sport Chair within two (2) hours of the completion of the match.
- 14.4. Upon receipt of a protest, the opposing team shall be provided with a copy of the protest and have two (2) hours after receipt of the protest to submit their points of fact or observations of the match being protested.
- 14.5. A protest may only be filed on matters related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, facilities, and balls.
- 14.6. Any protest relating to the facilities, goal posts, crossbars, or markings of the pitch shall be entertained only if a written objection has been lodged with the match officials and the opposing coach prior to the start of the match.
- 14.7. The decision of the Futsal Competition Jury is final.
- 14.8. Such decisions may only be appealed to the Games Jury under these conditions:
 - 14.8.1. Failure to follow the rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package.
 - 14.8.2. An error in fact.
 - 14.8.3. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.
- 14.9. 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 Review Board

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All field of play disputes will be resolved according to the governing rules cited in Rule 4 of this Technical Package. This Appendix deals with the appeal of any decisions arising from action on the Field of Play (FOP) which one party believes to be in contravention of proper application of those rules

16. Games Jury

16.1. Composition and of the Games Jury

The Games Jury shall include the following members:

16.1.1. AWGIC Technical Director.

16.1.2. Host Society Sport Manager.

16.1.3. All Chefs de Mission, or designees, with these exclusions:

- the Chef de Mission representing the Contingent filing the appeal;
- the Chef de Mission of the Contingent against which the appeal is being filed is excluded from the Games Jury.

16.2. Games Jury Chair and Quorum

16.2.1. The AWGIC Technical Director will chair the Games Jury.

16.2.2. A minimum of three (3) members must be present to carry out the business of the Games Jury.

16.2.3. No discussion of an appeal may occur, nor may the business before the Games Jury be conducted, without a quorum.

16.2.4. Should the Games Jury lose quorum during a proceeding, the proceeding shall be suspended until there is a quorum.

16.3. Basis for Submitting an Appeal to the Games Jury.

An appeal will be heard by the Games Jury in the following circumstances:

16.3.1. Failure to follow the Rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package, including the failure to correctly apply the applicable International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.

16.3.2. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules specified in Rule 4 of this Technical Package and/or AWGIC exceptions.

16.4. Who Can Submit an Appeal to the Games Jury

16.4.1. A Chef de Mission or their identified designee.

16.4.2. The Head Official of a sport.

- 16.5. Submitting an Appeal of Sport Decision to Games Jury
 - 16.5.1. An appeal must be submitted within five hours of the Contingent receiving the decision made under the specific sport's dispute resolution process or receiving notice that the sport will not be hearing a matter.
 - 16.5.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online Appeal of Sport Decision to Games Jury form to all Chefs de Mission.
 - 16.5.3. Upon submission, the form will be transferred electronically to the AWGIC Technical Director.
 - 16.5.4. The AWGIC Technical Director or their designee will screen all appeals submitted to the Games Jury.
- 16.6. Be Heard
 - 16.6.1. The AWGIC Technical Director or their designee determines whether an appeal does or does not fall within the identified grounds under Section 16.3
 - 16.6.2. If the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee judges the appeal to fall within the identified ground under section 16.3, the appeal shall be heard.
 - 16.6.3. If the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee judges that the appeal does not fall within the identified ground under section 16.3, the appeal shall be dismissed.
 - 16.6.4. The decision of the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee to dismiss the appeal may not be reviewed or appealed.
- 16.7. Communication of Decision to Hear or Dismiss
 - 16.7.1. The AWGIC Technical Director shall inform the respective Chef de Mission of the screening decision, who will inform the individual(s) involved of the decision of the AWGIC Technical Director to hear/not hear the appeal.
 - 16.7.2. If the decision is to hear the appeal, the AWGIC Technical Director shall inform the Chef de Mission responsible for the individuals and/or team against whom the appeal has been made.
 - 16.7.3. The AWGIC Technical Director shall provide the Chef de Mission of the Respondents, if applicable, with a copy of the appeal form submitted to the Games Jury.
- 16.8. Hearing schedule:
 - 16.8.1. The Games Jury shall convene as soon as is practical.
 - 16.8.2. If the AWGIC Technical Director determines that sufficient time has passed, they may proceed with the appeal process, provided there is a quorum to do so.
 - 16.8.3. The AWGIC Technical Director may appoint AWGIC staff or designate someone to record the hearing.

16.9. Hearing and Deliberation

- 16.9.1. The Respondents may represent themselves before the Games Jury or name a representative to do so on their behalf.
- 16.9.2. Representatives may not testify (i.e., give evidence) on behalf of a Respondent.
- 16.9.3. After hearing the description and reasons for the appeal, as well as any relevant testimony and evidence related to the appeal, the Games Jury will deliberate and render a decision in writing.
- 16.9.4. In extraordinary circumstances, the Games Jury may first issue a verbal decision, with the full written decision, with reasons, to be issued as soon as possible following the verbal decision.
- 16.9.5. In making its decision, the Games Jury will have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Games Jury may decide to:
 - Reject the appeal and confirm the decision being appealed;
 - Uphold the appeal and refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision, or;
 - Uphold the appeal and vary the decision.

16.10. Notification of Games Jury Decision

The AWGIC Technical Director will communicate Games Jury decisions to the appropriate parties, including:

- 16.10.1. To the Chef de Mission of the Respondents
- 16.10.2. To the Chef de Mission of the jurisdiction of the individual(s)/Contingent who brought the issue to the Games Jury.
- 16.10.3. The AWGIC Technical Director is the only person authorized to speak on behalf of the AWGIC to the media regarding Games Jury appeal decisions.
- 16.10.4. A summary of the decision of the Games Jury will be made publicly available on the AWGIC website. No identifying information about any individual participant(s) will be included in the summary.

17. Review Board

- 17.1. Review Board Process.
 - 17.1.1. Following the decision, the AWGIC Technical Director must inform the Chefs de Mission of the parties involved of the option to apply for a review of a Games Jury decision by the Review Board.
- 17.2. Submitting a Request for Review of Games Jury Decision
 - 17.2.1. An appeal must be submitted via the online Request for Review of Games Jury Decision form within five hours of the Contingent receiving the Games Jury's decision being communicated to the Contingent via the Chef de Mission
 - 17.2.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online Request for Review of Games Jury Decision form to all Chefs de Mission.
 - 17.2.3. Upon submission, the form will be transmitted electronically to the AWGIC Technical Director who will forward it to the members of the Review Board appointed for the hearing.
- 17.3. Basis for Request for Review
 - 17.3.1. A review of a Games Jury decision will be heard by the Review Board if the request for review meets at least one of the following grounds:
 - The Games Jury failed to correctly apply the applicable bylaws, rules and policies.
 - The decision of the Games Jury was unreasonable.
- 17.4. Composition of the Review Board.

The Review Board consists of three members.

 - 17.4.1. Two AWGIC directors who are not involved in the complaint process
 - 17.4.2. The Host Society President/Chair or General Manager.
- 17.5. Review Board Process
 - 17.5.1. The Review Board will determine if there are sufficient grounds to warrant a review.
 - 17.5.2. The Review Board will designate one of its members to notify the parties to the request for review of the Games Jury's decision as to whether the request will or will not be reviewed.
 - 17.5.3. The Review Board may appoint AWGIC staff or designate someone to record the review process.
 - 17.5.4. If the Review Board determines that there are sufficient grounds, the Review Board will conduct a review of the Games Jury's decision based on the written decision of the Games Jury, as well as any supporting written documentation submitted to the Games Jury.
 - 17.5.5. The Review Board will determine whether the Games Jury's decision was reasonable, or unreasonable, and will
 - Overturn the decision or
 - Uphold the decision.
 - 17.5.6. The Review Board's determination is final.



Appendix C

Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Futsal

Appendix C –AWG Technical Rules Modifications

18. Uniform

The following are the only exceptions to the Uniform Rules and the Futsal Laws of the Game.

- 18.1. Numbers 1-99 may be used.

19. Duration of the Match/Stoppages of Play

- 19.1. The duration of a match in round robin play shall be two (2) equal periods of twenty (20) minutes straight time with a five (5) minute intermission half time. There shall be no overtime play during the round robin. Group Stage.
- 19.2. The clock shall not stop, except in the following situations:
 - 19.2.1. A Time Out by either team as prescribed by Law 7 in the Futsal Laws of the Game.
 - 19.2.2. A player, coach, or team official is sent off (red card).
 - 19.2.3. An injury to any player that requires medical treatment on the pitch.
 - 19.2.4. The match ball is lost or becomes defective.
 - 19.2.5. The taking of a Penalty Kick or Direct Free Kick Beginning with the Sixth Accumulated Foul.
 - 19.2.6. A goal, by either team, in the final two (2) minutes of the second half or any overtime period.
 - 19.2.7. A player, coach, or team official is cautioned (yellow card) in the final two (2) minutes of the second half or any overtime period.
 - 19.2.8. At the discretion of the match officials (Referee, Second Referee, or Third Official).

20. Mandatory Warm Up Period

- 20.1. Prior to every match, teams shall be given a minimum of a 5-minute warm up period on the pitch.
- 20.2. This time shall be displayed on the official scoreboard.

21. Submission of Team Sheets/Scoresheets

- 21.1. Prior to each match, each team shall submit a list of and verify all eligible players, coaches, and team officials to the match officials.
- 21.2. This list must be verified by the team and submitted to the match officials prior to the end of the warmup period.

- 21.3. Upon the completion of the warmup period, no changes may be made to the Team Sheet/Scoresheet with exception of changing an eligible player's number provided the match officials are notified and approve of the modification.
- 21.4. Any player, coach, or team official serving a suspension shall not be listed on the Team Sheet/Scoresheet

22. Persons Allowed in the Technical Area

- 22.1. Only eligible players, coaches, and team officials listed on the Team Sheet/Scoresheet for the match may be inside the Technical Area.
- 22.2. For one team, only two coaches may be in the technical area during the Game.
- 22.3. Medical Staff provided by the Games may also be inside the technical area to provide medical treatment.

23. Send Offs (Red Card), Caution Accumulations, and Suspensions

- 23.1. A player, coach, or team official sent off (red card) during a match shall receive a minimum one (1) match suspension.
- 23.2. The match officials must submit a written report for each send off (red card) to the Futsal Head Official and the Futsal Sport Chair as soon as possible following the completion of the match, but in any case, not more than four (4) hours of completion of the match. General consensus was that there should be a report following send offs.
- 23.3. All send offs (red card) shall be reviewed by the Futsal Sport Jury. The Futsal Sport Jury may impose additional penalties including, but not limited to, additional match suspensions
- 23.4. Any player, coach, or team official that is suspended must serve their suspension with the team with which the suspension occurred. If a player, coach, or team official is part of multiple teams, they shall not be allowed to participate in any match with any team until the suspension is served.
- 23.5. Any player, coach, or team official who is suspended must not be in the technical area, on the pitch, or in the vicinity of the pitch upon the start of the warmup period for any match in which they are suspended and shall not communicate with their team in any matter, including electronically. Any suspended player must not wear their team's uniform (jersey, shorts, socks)..
- 23.6. For tie breaking purposes, each caution (yellow card) shall accrue 1 penalty point and each send off (red card) shall accrue 3 penalty points
- 23.7. For Divisions/Age Categories with a Group Stage consisting of three (3) or four (4) matches:
- 23.8. A player, coach, or team official shall be suspended for one (1) match if they accumulate two (2) cautions during the Group Stage.
- 23.9. For Divisions/Age Categories with a Group Stage consisting of five (5) or more matches:
- 23.10. A player, coach, or team official shall be suspended for one (1) match if they accumulate three (3) cautions during the Group Stage.

24. Group Stage Match Scoring

During the Group Stage:

- 24.1. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win
- 24.2. One (1) point shall be awarded for a draw/tie
- 24.3. Zero (0) points shall be awarded for a loss

25. Medal Round

- 25.1. If four (4) teams are competing in the medal rounds, the first place team (from the round-robin Group Stage competition) shall play the fourth place team in one semi-final and the second and third place teams will play in the other semi-final.
- 25.2. Semi-final losers will play for the bronze medal; semi-final winners will play for the gold and silver medals.

26. Tie Breaking Procedure:

- 26.1. In case of a tie for any place finish in the Group Stage standings, the following tie-breaking procedure shall be followed in order, until the tie is broken. If a tie occurs among multiple teams, the process shall repeat once a team is eliminated from the tie breaking process.
 - 26.1.1. Most wins in matches played between the teams in the Group Stage.
 - 26.1.2. Goal Differential in the Group Stage.
 - 26.1.3. More Goals Scored in the Group Stage.
 - 26.1.4. Less goals allowed in the Group Stage.
 - 26.1.5. Less Penalty Points.
 - 26.1.6. Coin toss.

27. Overtime in Medal Round:

- 27.1. If a match played during the medal round ends in a tie, a three (3) minute break will occur before the overtime. Overtime shall consist of two (2) five (5) minute periods. The team to score the first goal will be declared the winner. If a tie exists at the end of the overtime periods, penalty kicks shall decide the winner in the following manner: . the match shall be decided by Kicks from the Penalty Mark as prescribed by the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 27.2. Each team will take five (5) penalty kicks, alternating turns, at the same end of the playing area. A different player will take each kick. Players may be selected from those eligible to play at the end of the overtime period. Total goals scored during the round robin tournament. Teams are ranked by points scored, with the team that scored the most points ranked higher/highest.
- 27.3. If the match is tied after five (5) penalty kicks, the penalty kicks will continue until one team is ahead after an equal number of penalty kicks. As above, coaches may choose any player who is eligible to play at the end of the first penalty shot tiebreaker. A different player will take each kick.
- 27.4. A coin toss will be used to determine the team that takes the first penalty kick.

28. Abandoned Matches/Forfeited Games

- 28.1. Any match that is abandoned shall be reviewed by the Futsal Sport Jury. The Futsal Sport Jury shall decide whether the match shall be ruled:
 - 28.1.1. a forfeit, by one or both teams
 - 28.1.2. as “result as scored at time of match abandonment”
 - 28.1.3. no contest, or
 - 28.1.4. may order the match replayed.
- 28.2. Any match ruled as a forfeit shall be scored as a 3-0 win for the non-forfeiting team.
- 28.3. Any abandoned match ruled a no contest shall be scored 0-0.

29. Futsal Sport Jury

- 29.1. The Futsal Competition Jury shall meet as needed to address issues that rise above the purview of the Head Official
- 29.2. The Futsal Competition Jury shall consist of the following:
 - 29.2.1. The Futsal Sport Chair
 - 29.2.2. The Futsal Head Official
 - 29.2.3. Two (2) Futsal Technical Officials from a contingent not involved in the dispute being discussed, appointed by the Futsal Head Official.
 - 29.2.4. One (1) coach from a contingent not involved in the dispute being discussed and a the age class not involved in the dispute being discussed, appointed by the Futsal Sport Chair.
- 29.3. Should the Futsal Head Official be one of the match officials (Referee, Second Referee, or Third Official) for the match in question, they shall appoint an official from a neutral contingent to serve in their place.
- 29.4. The Futsal Competition Jury, at their sole discretion, may issue disciplinary action for any on-field misconduct both observed or not observed by the match officials. This includes, but is not limited to, acts of violent conduct, leaving the Technical Areas during a confrontation, abusive language and/or actions.



Appendix D

Age Class Naming Convention

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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

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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

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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, cultural and youth ambassador program participants for their teams.

Sport Participation:

As the guardian and rights holder of the biennial premier circumpolar sport and cultural event for northern youth, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) offers male and female sport competition for Arctic Winter Games participants.

The AWGIC board, membership, and stakeholders remain committed to ongoing collaboration and monitoring developments within the global sport community. While remaining true to its core values of respect and a participant-centred approach, the AWGIC will continue to act with integrity and be accountable for its decisions.

General Eligibility Rules – for all Participants

301. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, all Contingent Athletes, Cultural delegates and Youth Ambassador Program participants shall:
- 301.1. 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);
 - 301.2. have been a continuous resident of the participating Contingent for six (6) months prior to the opening day of the Games;
 - 301.3. 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;
 - 301.4. comply with all rules and regulations of their Contingent.

302. Residence

- 302.1. '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.
- 302.2. 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.

303. 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.

304. 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.

- 304.1. If a contingent desires to bring a participant who is below the minimum age, the Chef de Mission must submit a request via the online form to the AWGIC Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 304.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online minimum age waiver form to all Chefs de Mission
- 304.3. Upon submission, the form will be electronically transmitted to the AWGIC Technical Director for review.
- 304.4. Within 48 hours of submission of the online form, the AWGIC Technical Director will respond to the Chef de Mission with a decision.

305. Aging Up

The AWGIC Technical Committee has established age limits for each age group specified in this Technical Package.

- 305.1. If a contingent desires to bring a participant who is below the minimum age for their age group as specified in this technical package, the Chef de Mission must submit a request via the online form to the AWGIC Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 305.2. The AWGIC Secretariat will provide the URL for the online aging up waiver form to all Chefs de Mission
- 305.3. Upon submission, the form will be electronically transmitted to the AWGIC Technical Director for review.
- 305.4. Within 48 hours of submission of the online form, the AWGIC Technical Director will respond to the Chef de Mission with a decision.

306. Athlete Eligibility

To participate in the Arctic Winter Games as an athlete, each participant must meet the definition of a "Developing Athlete"

306.1. 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.

306.1.1. An athlete who has competed for one's club in international competition (not representing one's nation) is considered a developing athlete;

306.1.2. 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.

307. Cultural Delegate Eligibility

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.

308. Youth Ambassador Program Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, a Youth Ambassador Program participant shall comply with the eligibility requirements included in the current Youth Ambassador Program Technical Package.

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

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- 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).