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TECHNICAL PACKAGE for SNOWSHOEING



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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. Snowshoe Technical Rules
See Appendices C1, C2 and C3 for snowshoe-specific technical rules.
- 4.2. Event Conduct and Format Rules
The governing rules for snowshoe events will be the applicable rules of World Athletics for conduct of track and field (athletics) and cross country running competitions except as modified by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee.
- 4.3. See Appendix A, International Sport Federation Rules, and Appendix C, Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for more detailed information.

5. Governing Body Sanction

It is not required that this competition be sanctioned by the national or international governing body for this sport.

6. Participants and Age Classes

- 6.1. Each Participating Unit may enter a team comprised of up to eight (8) athletes and two (2) 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
U15	2011-2013	2	2
U19	2007-2010	2	2
Coaches	Two (2) coaches total	1	1

- 6.3. If a coach from one gender is not available a chaperone of that same gender 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 the events listed below. See Appendix C1 for event details.

- 7.1. Long Distance
- 7.2. Middle Distance
- 7.3. Short Distance (Combined score for 100m, 200m, 400m)
- 7.4. 4 x 400m Relays (held on the track on the Short Distance day)
 - 7.4.1. Age Group Relay
Age group relay teams consist of two (2) boys and two (2) girls in the same age group
 - 7.4.2. Gender Relay
Gender relay teams consist of four (4) athletes of the same gender, two (2) from the U15 class and two (2) from the U19 class.

8. Competition Schedule

- 8.1. Competition should be conducted as per the schedule below.
- 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	Description	Technique	Start Format	U19 Distance	U15 Distance
Sunday	Practice/training				
Monday	Middle Distance	Individual	Mass Start	5Km	2.5Km
Tuesday	Rest/weather				
Wednesday	Short Distance	Individual plus Relays	Lanes	100m, 200m, 400m, 2x4x400m	100m, 200m, 400m, 2x4x400m
Thursday	Rest/weather				
Friday	Long Distance	Individual	Mass Start	10K (M), 7.5Km (F)	5Km
Saturday	Rest/Weather				

9. Equipment

See Appendix C2 for rules regarding snowshoeing equipment.

10. Competition Uniform

There are no rules regarding competition uniforms.

11. Scoring

See Appendix C1, section 21, for Short Distance Combined Event Scoring Rules.

12. Medals

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

Ulu Color	Class	Individual Events		Age Group Relay		Gender Relay		Coach Receives Ulu with Relay Team
		M	F	M		M	F	
Gold	U15	3	3	2	2	4	4	No
	U19	3	3	2	2			No
Silver	U15	3	3	2	2	4	4	No
	U19	3	3	2	2			No
Bronze	U15	3	3	2	2	4	4	No
	U19	3	3	2	2			No

13. Major Officials

- 13.1. Head Official
- 13.2. Chief of Competition
- 13.3. Chief of Course
- 13.4. Chief of Timing and Results
- 13.5. Chief of Equipment Control

14. Resolution of Field of Play Disputes

- 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. See Appendix C3, rule 28 for the process for handling protests arising on the field of play.
- 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 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.
- 16.5.5.
- 16.6. Determination of Eligibility of the Appeal to 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 C1

Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Snowshoeing

General Competition Rules

Appendix C1 – Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Snowshoeing

18. General Competition Rules

18.1. The Start

- 18.1.1. The middle and long distance cross country races shall use mass start format.
- 18.1.2. The short distance races on the track shall be started in lanes.
- 18.1.3. All athletes must begin their races with the toe of the snowshoe of their leading foot behind the start line.
- 18.1.4. No starting blocks or aids will be allowed for assistance in starting a race.
- 18.1.5. No penalty shall be assessed against a competitor who commits a first or second false start.
- 18.1.6. The competitor who commits a third or subsequent false start shall be disqualified by the starter regardless of whether they committed the first and or second false start.
- 18.1.7. False start decisions of the starter are final and cannot be appealed.

18.2. Seeding and the Draw

- 18.2.1. For all races, the Race Committee shall conduct a random draw of competitors for starting positions, if required.
- 18.2.2. When starting positions are to be determined by draw, the draw must take place at least one day prior to the race.
- 18.2.3. If there are more competitors than lanes available, separate heats shall be used.
- 18.2.4. If more than one heat is needed, athletes will be assigned to heats in a manner which distributes the entries from a single contingent as evenly as possible among the heats.
- 18.2.5. The race starter shall start each race in a regular and consistent fashion.

18.3. Determination of Finish Time

An athlete's final race time/position shall be determined when their torso crosses the finish line.

18.4. Providing Assistance to a Competitor

- 18.4.1. Once a competitor is in the starting area for their race, no assistance in any form may be given to the competitor until the competitor has crossed the finish line.
- 18.4.2. Any direct contact with the competitor shall disqualify the competitor from that event.

- 18.4.3. The single exception to this rule is that a replacement snowshoe may be placed in the snow beside a competitor during the course of the race.
- 18.4.4. Coaches may situate themselves along the course to facilitate providing athletes with replacement snowshoes or they may distribute such equipment along the course at their discretion and as long as this does not interfere with any other athletes;
- 18.4.5. In the long distance event only, accredited coaches may station themselves along the trail to provide water or other nutrients to their athletes during the competition. Rule 16.7 applies if any other athlete is interfered with during this process.
- 18.5. Interference
 - 18.5.1. During the course of the race no competitor shall deliberately interfere in any manner with another competitor.
 - 18.5.2. Deliberate interference shall result in the disqualification of the competitor causing the interference.
 - 18.5.3. During the course of the race no coach or other team official shall interfere in any manner with a competitor from another team.
 - 18.5.4. If a coach interferes with a competitor the Snowshoeing Technical Appeals Committee shall review the matter and determine if a penalty shall be given to the offending team and/or its athletes.
- 18.6. Overtaking a Competitor
 - 18.6.1. In the cross-country races, when a slower competitor is passed, the passing competitor may call "track" and shall pass on the left.
 - 18.6.2. If track is called, the slower competitor shall give way by moving to the right.

19. Temperature/Weather Delays

- 19.1. The Head Official, Host Society Snowshoe Committee Chair, Contingent coaches and other appropriate officials shall meet as required throughout the competition to consider weather conditions and any impact they may have on the competition.
- 19.2. The Head Official shall determine when an event is to be delayed due to weather conditions.

20. Results

- 20.1. The Head Official shall review and approve all results before they are considered final.
- 20.2. The Head Official shall then cause these results to be posted in a public place, marking each result with the time it was posted.
- 20.3. The above noted time limits start when the results have been posted.

21. Scoring Table for Short Distance Combined Events

- 21.1. Each event in the short distance combined competition will be scored according to this formula:
- 21.2. $(\text{Winning Time}) / (\text{Competitor's Time}) \times 1000 = \text{Competitor's points.}$
- 21.3. Competitors will be ranked from the highest to lowest sum of the competitor's points in the three events.

22. Relays

- 22.1. Events

- 22.1.1. Both mixed gender and mixed age-group (same gender) relays shall be held on the same day as the short distance program.
- 22.1.2. A mixed-gender relay team for one age class shall consist of two male and two female athletes in a single age class.
- 22.1.3. A mixed age-class relay team for one gender shall consist of two U15 competitors and two U19 competitors of the same gender
- 22.1.4. The competition distance for both the mixed gender relay and the mixed age-group (same gender) relay relays is 4 x 400 meters
- 22.1.5. Relay competitions shall be run in accordance with World Athletics Rule 24.
- 22.2. Relay Team Composition
 - If a Unit does not have four athletes in a relay category described in 22.3 or 22.4 above, they may:
 - 22.2.1. Enter a three-person team with one athlete completing the course twice, however athletes cannot complete laps consecutively, or;
 - 22.2.2. Enter a two-person team who complete the course by alternating laps.
 - 22.2.3. For the U19 category only, an athlete of the same gender from the U15 category may move up to compete in the U19 category.
 - 22.2.4. An athlete electing to do so is then ineligible to compete in the relay event in the U15 category.
- 22.3. Unofficial Teams
 - If the Host Society allows, unofficial teams can be formed by joining athletes not competing from any contingent. These teams will not be eligible to earn a medal.

23. Course Layout

- 23.1. General
 - 23.1.1. A starting area not less than 10 x 10 meters shall be provided adjacent to the starting line. This area shall be kept clear of all persons other than competitors and officials.
 - 23.1.2. A warmup shelter and portable washroom facilities should be set up for competitors in a convenient location.
 - 23.1.3. Consideration should be given to providing benches, juice and fruit for the athletes in or adjacent to the warm up shelters.
- 23.2. Track
 - 23.2.1. The 4x400-meter relay events and short distance combined events shall be staged on a 400-meter track that conforms as closely as is possible to World Athletics Rules for track facilities.
 - 23.2.2. A minimum of six (6) racing lanes shall be marked for the entire course.
 - 23.2.3. The entire length and width of the track shall be evenly packed so that competitors have the same snow conditions in each lane.
 - 23.2.4. Start and finish lines and relay exchange zones must be in accordance with World Athletics rules for track competitions.
- 23.3. Cross Country
 - 23.3.1. In principle, the Cross Country events should be conducted in accordance with applicable sections of World Athletics rule 56.
 - 23.3.2. The middle distance and long distance cross country events shall, whenever possible, utilize local terrain, be across the country on a clearly marked, narrow trail (ski trail width) of softly packed snow.

- 23.3.3. The course should be laid out with roughly equal proportions of ascent, descent and flat or gently undulating terrain.
- 23.3.4. A suitable number of checkpoints should be set up and at least one water stop established.

24. Disqualifications

- 24.1. All disqualifications must be stated in writing and approved by the Head Official.
- 24.2. Once approved, the Chief Official will cause the disqualification to be announced over a public address system.
- 24.3. The disqualification shall also be posted to a public bulletin board on the result list.
- 24.4. Once the disqualification has been posted the time limits related to coach appeals outlined in Appendix E sections 29 and 30 come into effect.
- 24.5. The Dispute Procedure (Appendix E, section 29) is then followed with respect to any further actions related to a disqualification



Appendix C2

Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing Equipment

Appendix C2 – Snowshoeing Equipment

25. Snowshoes

25.1. Dimensions

- 25.1.1. The Race Committee shall establish a procedure for “marking” snowshoes
- 25.1.2. The dimensions of the snowshoe must not be less than 222mm by 813 mm (8 3/4” by 32”) in either dimension.
- 25.1.3. The race committee shall construct a measuring box with inside dimensions of 222 millimetres width, 813 millimetres length and 222 millimetres height.
- 25.1.4. Snowshoes shall be measured and marked by a designated sport official before the start of the first day’s events.
- 25.1.5. Officials will check snowshoes for official markings during the weigh-in procedure established in the section below (Weight).

25.2. Materials

- 25.2.1. Snowshoes shall be made of a wooden frame.
- 25.2.2. The webbing shall be of leather or gut.
- 25.2.3. Snowshoes shall not have any device(s) affixed to them, the purpose of which is the improvement of traction.

25.3. Weight

- 25.3.1. A pair of snowshoes complete with bindings shall weigh no less than 1.1 kilograms (2.5 pounds).
- 25.3.2. Snowshoes shall be weighed prior to and after each competition.
- 25.3.3. The weight scale shall be digital or mechanical balance type that is unaffected by cold temperatures, and capable of measuring less than 1.1 kilograms (2.5 pounds).

25.4. Replacement Procedures

- 25.4.1. Athletes must finish the race with at least one (1) of the original snowshoes worn at the start of the race. In the case of snowshoe replacement, the binding method for both snowshoes must be in accordance with rule 26 below.
- 25.4.2. Any replacement snowshoes, which were put on during the course of the race, will be measured immediately after the race and the race committee shall ensure compliance with all rules respecting snowshoes.

25.5. Illegal Snowshoes

- 25.5.1. Any athletes completing the race with an illegal snowshoe(s) or using binding methods not expressly permitted in the language of rule 26 below shall be disqualified from the race; any medals or points awarded shall be

forfeited. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their snowshoes are legal as defined by these rules.

26. Binding

- 26.1. Bindings must be made of soft leather or hide or lampwick.
- 26.2. Metal buckles are allowed but may only be used to fasten one part of the binding to another part of the binding and not the binding to the snowshoe
- 26.3. Not allowed are:
 - 26.3.1. 3 pin cross-country ski bindings or other metal bindings that prevent the snowshoe from swinging sideways;
 - 26.3.2. Velcro or similar materials;
 - 26.3.3. Nylon straps, plastic clips or buckles.
- 26.4. Bindings may be affixed to the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks by using one toe loop that is sewn to the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks within 76 millimetres (3 inches) of the centre front part of the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks.
 - 26.4.1. The binding cannot be affixed to the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks in any other way.
 - 26.4.2. The loops must be of a natural material such as hide or leather.

27. Footwear

- 27.1. All athletes must wear traditional style footwear (mukluks, moccasins or kamiks) when racing.
- 27.2. Footwear must be made of soft leather below the ankle including the sole.
- 27.3. No commercial shoes, hard-soled shoes or rigid orthotics are to be worn inside the mukluks, moccasins or kamiks.
- 27.4. Acceptable liners are felt, wool or foam.
- 27.5. Rubber liners are not allowed. No cleats or track shoes or any kind, or part thereof, are allowed.
- 27.6. Velcro or similar materials are not allowed.
- 27.7. Duct tape or similar materials or cardboard or similar manufactured materials are not allowed.



Appendix C3

Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing Protests and Appeals

Appendix C3 – Snowshoeing Protests and Appeals

28. Protests & Appeals

- 28.1. The purpose of this protocol is to provide a fair and reasonable process for any formal protests that are lodged with respect to the snowshoeing competition.
- 28.2. Field of Play disputes should be managed in accordance with the AWGIC Field of Play conduct Policy and Protest Procedure and the following:

29. Authority/Related Documents

- 29.1. The Arctic Winter Games Snowshoeing Technical Package including the Snowshoeing Protest/Dispute Protocol shall be the authoritative document for all sport specific formal protests as detailed below.
- 29.2. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee Discipline Policy shall prevail in all other matters.

30. Application

- 30.1. This protocol applies to sport technical matters related to the organization and conduct of the snowshoeing events.
- 30.2. Other protests (for example perceived major violations of the principles of “Fair Play”) may be brought to the attention of the Head Official. However the Games Jury, rather than the Snowshoeing Technical Appeals Committee, would consider them.

31. Snowshoeing Technical Appeals Committee

- 31.1. The Host Society will arrange for the appointment of a Snowshoeing Technical Appeals Committee to deal with all sport specific formal protests.
- 31.2. This committee shall consist of the Head Official, the Sport Chair and two other persons appointed by the Host Society.
- 31.3. Coaches may be appointed to the Snowshoeing Technical Appeals Committee.
- 31.4. If a dispute before the Committee involves an athlete or a coach on the team from that coach’s jurisdiction, that coach is recused from the Committee deliberations until the dispute is resolved.

32. Dispute Procedure

- 32.1. Protests of official decisions with respect to technical or rules-related matters must be filed in written form using the Arctic Winter Games “Discipline Action/Protest Form” by a coach with the Head Official within 30 minutes of the following:
 - 32.1.1. The posting of the results of an event
 - 32.1.2. The posting of a disqualification of an athlete
 - 32.1.3. The rendering of another decision by an official for which appeals are allowed.
 - 32.1.4. If there are multiple heats within an event, a written protest must be received within 30 minutes of the completion of the posting of the results of the heat.
 - 32.1.5. If the event consists of a single race then the 30-minute requirement relates to the posting of the results of the event itself.
- 32.2. The Technical Appeals Committee shall meet and render a decision on the protest as soon as possible after receiving the protest or appeal.
- 32.3. Only the Head Official will announce the decision of the protest to the parties involved.

33. Appeals

- 33.1. All decisions of the Technical Appeals Committee are final unless a review of the decision can be justified as detailed in the AWGIC Discipline Policy.
- 33.2. An affected party wishing to file an appeal of a decision of the Technical Appeals Committee must submit the appeal in writing to the Head Official within three (3) hours of being notified of the Technical Appeals Committee’s decision. The appeal must contain a clear description of the perceived error in law, fact or procedural fairness that justifies an appeal to be heard.
- 33.3. The Technical Appeals Committee will then discuss the matter with the Arctic Winter Games International Committee Technical Director to determine if the decision is appealable. The affected parties will be advised as soon as possible after this decision is made.



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.

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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

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, 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 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).