



## Northern BC Winter Games Society Registration Information for Participants

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# **Northern BC Winter Games Rules**

## **Eligibility**

- Competitors in the Northern BC Winter Games may not have participated in, or have qualified to participate in a national or international level of competition for their sport in the year previous to the Games. Due to the level of development or age group chosen for the Northern BC Winter Games, the Society and/or the Provincial Sport Organization may have implemented additional eligibility requirements for competitors, over and above the restrictions outlined above (refer to the Sport Technical Package for specific information of each sport).
- Athletes or teams competing in the Northern BC Winter Games must be approved by the Regional Representative for their Region.
- The minimum age for competitors shall be 12 years. Some sports may include lower age groups only upon approval of the Northern BC Winter Games Society, and if granted, will be indicated on the Sport Technical Package.
- The Northern BC Winter Games shall be open to individuals whose major domicile has been one of the Northern BC Winter Games regions for a period of at least three (3) months immediately prior to the Games and at least one (1) month prior to the Regional Playdown for the sport. Exception to this rule is students studying outside the Region.
- Each athlete, coach, and manager may only participate for the Region in which s/he makes her/his permanent residence.
- Each athlete, coach, and manager may participate in only one sport at the Games.
- Any special or unusual circumstances must be authorized by the Regional Representative before an athlete can compete in the Games.

## **Registration**

- All participants taking part in the Games must be registered via the Online Participant Registration system by the deadline. Unregistered participants are not eligible to compete at the Games.
- A registration fee of \$65.00 per participant, coach, manager, and chaperone shall be collected by the Regional Representative by the registration deadline.
- Refunds will be at the discretion of the Regional Representative for circumstances other than those covered in the general rules.
- The registration deadline is January 8, 2007 for all sports.

## **Replacement Teams (Team Sports)**

- When one or more of the eight Regions is missing representation from a team sport (as defined below), it is possible for that sport to register one "replacement team" from another Region to round out the competition. In such circumstances, the following conditions apply:
  - Team sports are defined as those whose entire Region compliment is involved as a single team, competing against other regions and where there are no individual events as a part of the Games Tournament.
  - The replacement team must be fully eligible as outlined in the Rules and the Sport Technical Package.
  - Except in unusual circumstances, replacement teams must have participated in the Regional playoff or Regional selection process.
  - All replacement teams must be approved by the Northern BC Winter Games Society Director-Sport.
  - Replacement teams must be registered as Substitutes via the online registration by the registration deadline.
  - The Host Community has the last opportunity for supplying any replacement teams.
  - Replacement teams are eligible for transportation to and from the Games and will be provided with Games Billet accommodation, where required by age.

## **Medals**

- The Northern BC Winter Games Society has implemented the following rule for the disbursement of medals for all sports at the Games:
  - Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in all categories or events, as specified in Sport Technical Packages, where a competition exists. If there is only one person or team in an event or category no medals will be awarded; this athlete/team however, will be presented with a participation certificate. This athlete/team may compete in an alternate category, if the sport's rules permit.
- Only Northern BC Winter Games Society medals are permitted to be awarded.

### **Backfilling (Individual Sports)**

- When one or more of the eight Regions has not used all of its allocated number of participants (individual sports), it is possible for other Regions to backfill athletes into those unused spots to round out the competition. In such circumstances, the following conditions apply:
  - Individual sports are defined as those that do not meet the criteria of a Team Sport, as described above.
  - The additional athletes must be fully eligible as outlined in the Rules and the Sport Technical Package and must be registered as Substitutes via the online registration for their sport and region by the registration deadline.
  - Except in unusual circumstances, the athletes must have participated in the Regional playoff or Regional selection process.
  - All athletes added through the backfilling process must be approved by the Northern BC Winter Games Society Director-Sport.
  - The Host Community has the last opportunity for supplying any additional athletes.
  - Additional athletes are eligible for transportation to and from the Games and will be provided with Games Billet accommodation, where required by age.

### **Substitutions**

Competitors:

- The competitors and substitutes, with details of the events they will participate in, must be designated via the online registration system, by the registration deadline.
- Substitution for competitors may be made at the time of registrations in the Host Community, only if the substitute has been previously registered as a Substitute via the online registration system.
- The Regional Representatives will determine the deadline for payment for Substitutes.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Manager, Officials and Chaperones:

- Names of coaches, assistant coaches, managers, officials, and chaperones may be substituted for or added to the list of names previously submitted, at accreditation in the Host Community, as long as the maximum number of allocated adults, or officials, per region for the sport is not exceeded.
- The Regional Representatives will determine the deadline for payment for substitutes.

### **Transportation**

- All participants, athletes, coaches, managers, and officials who are 18 years and under will travel to and from the Games on transportation arranged by the Northern BC Winter Games Society via the Regional Representative.
- Chartered buses will be arranged from each region with various pick-up points and times pre-determined before departure. All participants will be advised of the departure locations and times.
- Alcohol consumption, smoking, and use of drugs are not permitted on Games transportation.
- Participants 19 years of age and older may also choose to travel on Games transportation or on their own, at their own expense.
- All participants 18 years or under must have an adult responsible for them on the bus to and from the Games, and at the Games.
- Any participants required to travel at any other time or by any other manner, must request and receive approval from their Regional Representative (except officials) before departing for the Games. Participants will not be refunded their registration fee nor will they be provided any financial assistance (except officials) if they choose to travel on their own.

### **Transportation of Personal Sport Equipment**

Participants are responsible for the transportation of their personal sport equipment. If the equipment will not fit on the Games buses, the participant must make their own arrangements for transportation and pay the associated costs. If transportation of the equipment requires that the participant not travel on Games buses, approval needs to be obtained from the Regional Representative.

## **Accommodation and Meals**

### **Participants 18 years of age and under**

- All participants 18 years and under are required to stay in Games billet accommodation. Any requests for alternate accommodation arrangements must be made in writing to, and approved by, the Regional Representative upon registration. Exceptions may be made for athletes 10 years old and under.
- Participants 19 years and over are responsible for securing their own accommodation at their own expense.
- Participants with disabilities and their support personnel may stay in their own accommodation, at their own expense. These participants should communicate their choice to the Regional Representative after the online registration is complete.
- No fewer than two participants will be assigned to a billet home. In the case where only two participants are assigned to one billet home and one of the participants cancels at the last minute, the remaining participant will be reassigned to another billet home or another participant will be assigned to that billet home.
- Approval of billet homes shall be subject to all adults who may be in the home with the billet(s) completing a criminal record review. Those billet homes where one or more adults in the home have been found to have committed crimes of violence or abuse (physical, sexual or other) shall not be approved.
- Adult supervision is required in billet homes while participants are present.
- Participants shall be given the opportunity to request a particular billet home in the Host Community (i.e. relatives, friends of the family etc). These billet homes are required to register with the Host Community and all adults who may be alone in the home with the billet(s) are required to complete a criminal records review.
- An athlete is not permitted to request another athlete as a billet partner.
- Billeted participants are provided with suitable sleeping accommodation and two meals per day.
- Billeted participants will need to bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, foam mattress, etc.
- Use of alcohol or drugs is not tolerated by billets. Violation is to be reported to the Host Community Games Office immediately and is subject to disciplinary action by the Northern BC Winter Games Society.
- Curfew is 12:00 midnight; however, billet home adults or the coach(es) may set an earlier curfew if they so choose, taking into consideration the competition schedule. Any violations of curfew will be reported to the Host Community Games Office immediately.

### **Participants over 18 years of age and Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, and Chaperones**

- A coach, assistant coach, manager, or chaperone can request to be billeted with some of their athletes, if the Host Community can accommodate the request.
- Participants 19 years and over are responsible for securing their own accommodation at their own expense.

### **Officials**

- Officials and judges from outside the Host Community will be provided with shared hotel accommodation by the Host Community Society.
- Officials and judges are responsible for their own meals and will be paid a per diem as set by the Northern BC Winter Games Society.

## **Meals**

- Participants staying with billets will be provided breakfast and dinner by the billet family. Lunches will be the responsibility of the participants, at their cost, unless it is indicated on the Sport Technical Packages that lunch is provided by the sport.
- Participants (athletes, coaches, managers and chaperones) staying in their accommodation are responsible for the costs of all their meals.
- Officials are responsible for their own meals but will be provided with a per diem by the Host Community.

## **Own Accommodation**

- For those who need to book their own accommodation, or for parents travelling to the Games, refer to the list of accommodations recommended by the Host Community.

### **Arrival in the Host Community**

- All Games participants (regardless of age) must arrive in the Host Community by 11:00 pm on the Thursday of the Games (February 8, 2007) and report to the Games Accreditation Centre in person.
- Accreditation of participants at the Games occurs by 11:00 p.m. on Thursday unless given an exclusion from the policy by the Regional Representative by the Tuesday prior to the Games (January 31, 2007).

### **Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers**

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, and Chaperones are expected to travel to the Games with their athletes and act in a supervisory capacity throughout the Games.

### **Chaperones**

Chaperones may be included with a sport's regional contingent if:

- the Coach, Assistant Coach, and/or Manager are not the same gender as the athletes and none of the athletes are over 19 years of age; or
- the sport's regional contingent includes both male and female athletes but is only permitted to send one coach. A chaperone of the opposite gender of the coach may attend the Games

Chaperones are expected to travel to the Games on Games buses with their athletes and act in a supervisory capacity throughout the Games. Chaperones must be 19 years of age or older.

### **Harassment**

- The Northern BC Winter Games Society will not tolerate harassment. All participants, volunteers and staff are expected to abide by the Society's Harassment Policy. If you would like to review the entire policy, contact your Regional Representative.

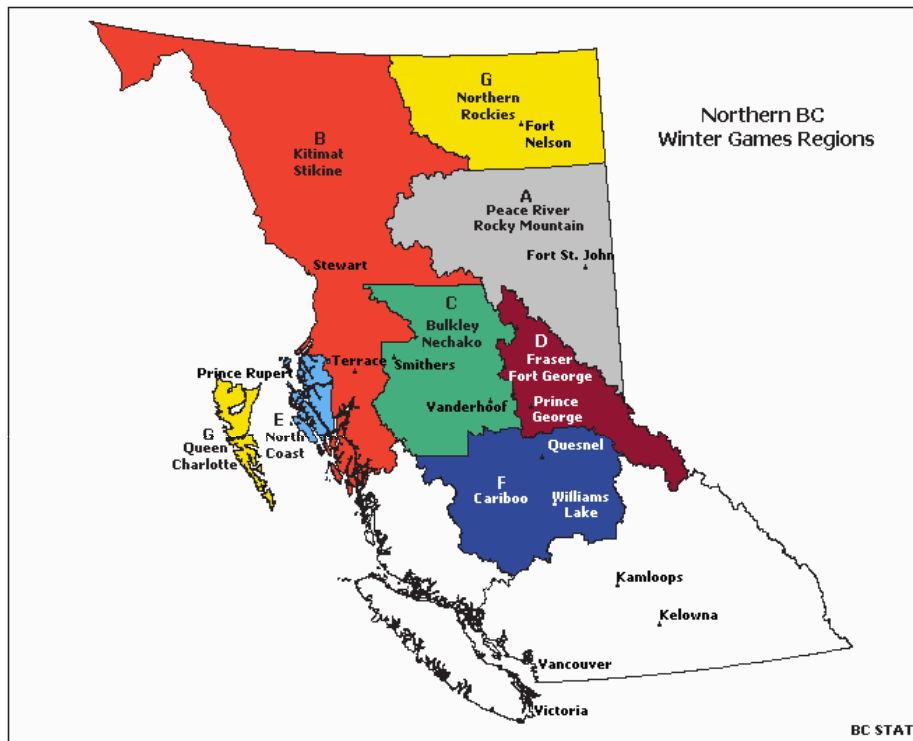
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*Participant information is collected under the authority of the BC Games Society as collector and custodian of this information. This information will be provided to the Northern BC Winter Games Society. The information provided will be used to determine the eligibility to participate in the 2007 Northern BC Winter Games. On confirmation of eligibility the information will be used to arrange liability insurance coverage with respect to voluntary participation of registered participants in the 2007 Northern BC Winter Games. The name, hometown and sport of registered participants will be provided to media outlets and available on the Northern BC Winter Games Society and the BC Games Society websites. The name, address, and image of registered participants may be used in non-commercial promotion/development of sport and/or the Northern BC Winter Games and/or the BC Games. The names, addresses, and images of Games participants may be provided to the Premier and the Minister responsible for the Games. For questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact Irene Schell at the BC Games Society at (250) 387-1375 or [info@bccgames.org](mailto:info@bccgames.org).*

*As a condition of entry into, or volunteering at, the Northern BC Winter Games, it must be understood that the participants and volunteers enter entirely at their own risk, and will not hold the Northern BC Winter Games Society, the Fort St. John 2007 Northern BC Winter Games Society, the Province of British Columbia, and the BC Games Society, their staff, agents, and volunteer workers responsible for injury, loss or damage occurring during the 2007 Northern BC Winter Games.*

*Participants and volunteers agree to release, discharge and undertake not to commence action against the Fort St. John 2007 Northern BC Winter Society, the Northern BC Winter Games Society, the Province of British Columbia, and the BC Games Society from any and all claims and causes of action, or liability of any kind whatsoever for injuries, property damage, or death which in any way results from participating or volunteering in the Fort St. John 2007 Northern BC Winter Games. The Fort St. John 2007 Northern BC Winter Games Society, the Northern BC Winter Games Society, the Province of British Columbia, and the BC Games Society do not assume responsibility for loss of wages, medical, dental, or hospital care for athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, chaperones, officials or volunteers during the 2007 Northern BC Winter Games.*

## Map & Regional information



### Northern BC Winter Games - Regional & Berth Structure

The Northern BC Winter Games encompass the boundaries of the six Northern Regional Districts. There are six regions (A – F) that send participants to the Games, but there are eight berths (A-H: eight spots for each sport to send teams/contingents) to the Games. The seventh berth was established for the Queen Charlotte and Northern Rockies to address the issue of athletes from these areas travelling long distances to participate in playdowns. The eighth berth is given to the Host Community to develop local athletes and to celebrate the community. Each sport is entitled to field athletes in eight berths. Athletes may only try out for and/or compete for one Region.

For the Opening Ceremony, seven groups will parade into the Ceremony organized in Regions A-F and the Host Region. Athletes in “Region G” (Queen Charlotte/Northern Rockies) will parade into the Opening Ceremony with the other athletes from their communities (Athletes from the Queen Charlottes will parade in with Region E - North Coast, and Fort Nelson athletes with parade in with athletes from Region A - Peace River Rocky Mountain).

#### **Region A: Peace River Northern Rockies**

*Major Centres:* Dawson Creek, Hudson’s Hope, Taylor, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge

#### **Region B: Kitimat – Stikine**

*Major Centres:* Terrace, Kitimat, Stewart, Kitwanga, the Hazeltons

#### **Region C: Bulkley – Nechako**

*Major Centres:* Smithers, Houston, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Fort Fraser

#### **Region D: Fraser – Fort George**

*Major Centres:* Mackenzie, Prince George, McBride, Valemount, Hixon

#### **Region E: North Coast**

*Major Centres:* Prince Rupert, Port Edward, Port Simpson, Kitkatla, Masset, Port Clements, Tlell, Sandspit

#### **Region F: Cariboo**

*Major Centres:* Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, 108 Mile Ranch and all communities included in the Cariboo Regional District.

#### **Region G: Queen Charlotte - Northern Rockies**

*Major Centres:* Fort Nelson, Queen Charlotte City, Queen Charlotte Islands

#### **Region H: Host Community**

The Host Region is determined as follows:

**Students** – enrolled in and attending a school in School District #60 Peace River North.

**Adults** – Participants residing within the boundaries of School District # 60 Peace River North or in or near one of the following communities: Fort St. John, Taylor, Charlie Lake, Baldonnel, Wonowon, Clearview, Hudson’s Hope, Buick Creek, Prespatou, Cecil Lake, Goodlow, Rose Prairie, Montney, Altona, Pink Mountain, Halfway River FN, Doig River FN, Blueberry River FN

**For clarification refer to the School District #60 map attached or contact your Regional Representative.**

