



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 nature, level of development or age group chosen for the Northern BC Winter Games, the Society and some Provincial Sport Organizations have restricted eligibility of competitors further to those restrictions outlined earlier. Refer to the Sport Technical Package for specific information about 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 of age. 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 shall compete only 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.
- Each athlete may participate in the playdowns for more than one sport and may register as a substitute in more than one sport as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for the sport and are registered as substitute by the deadline.
- 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 must be submitted to the Regional Representative by the registration deadline. Only one cheque for the entire regional complement for each sport will be accepted. Individual cheques from participants and cash will not be accepted.
- Refunds will be at the discretion of the Regional Representative for circumstances other than those covered in the general rules and based on society policy.
- The registration deadline is January 7, 2008 for all sports.

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 in policy 6.h.
- The additional athletes must be fully eligible as outlined in the Rules and the appropriate Sport Technical Package and MUST BE registered as substitutes on Games Registration forms for their sport and zone 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 athletes.
- Additional athletes are eligible for transportation to and from the Games and will be provided with Games Billet accommodation, where required by age.

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 Regional complement 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 on Games Registration forms 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.

Substitutions

Competitors:

- Athletes and substitutes must be registered via the Online Participant Registration , by the registration deadline.
- Substitution for athletes may be made at the time of accreditation in the Host Community, only if the substitute was previously registered as a substitute via the Online Participant Registration.
- Registered Substitutes **do not** travel to the Games **unless** they are replacing registered Athletes who are not attending the Games.

Coaches, Manager, Officials and Chaperones:

- Names of coaches, managers, officials and chaperones may be substituted for or added to 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 registration payment for substitutes.

Transportation

- All participants, athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, chaperones, and officials who are 18 years and under will travel to and from the Games on transportation arranged by 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.
- 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.
- At least one coach or manager or assistant coach or chaperone must travel with their athletes to and from the Games on bus transportation arranged for by the Northern B.C. Winter Games Society.
- All persons riding on bus transportation arranged by the Northern BC Winter Games Society must be registered as an athlete, coach, manager, assistant coach, chaperone, or official.
- Participants 19 years of age and older may also choose to travel on Games transportation.

Transportation of Personal Sport Equipment

Participants are responsible for the transportation of their personal sports 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

- All participants 18 years and under are required to stay in Games billet accommodation. For athletes under 10 years of age exceptions may be made.
- Any requests for alternate accommodation arrangements must be made in writing to, and approved by, the Regional Representative upon registration. All participants 18 years and younger must be properly chaperoned.
- Participants 19 years and over are responsible for securing their own accommodation at their own expense.
- Participants with disabilities and their support personnel may have the option of staying in Games billet accommodation or securing other accommodation at their own expense. These participants should communicate their choice to the Regional Representative upon registration.
- 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.

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

- Coaches are required to let their Regional Representative know where they will be staying while at the Games.
- 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.

Billet Home Rules

- Approval of billet homes shall be subject to all adults who may be alone 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.
- 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 participant's 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.
- 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 athletes' coach(es) may set earlier curfews if they so choose, taking into consideration the athletes competition schedule. Any violations of curfew will be reported to the Host Committee Games Office immediately.
- Adult supervision is required in billet homes while participants are present.
- 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.

Billet Home Assignments

All athletes who are under 19 years of age are required to be billeted. After accreditation, the regional team coach will proceed into the Billet Centre with all of her/his athletes. Athletes will be assigned to billet homes and then will depart with their billet families. The coach will have some input but not final say in who is assigned to which home.

Meals

- Participants staying with billets will be provided breakfast and dinner by the billet family. Lunches will be the responsibility of the participants unless specifically told otherwise by the Regional Representative.
- Participants (athletes, coaches, managers, and chaperones) staying in their own 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 7, 2008) 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 January 31, 2008.

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 and Manager are not the same gender as the athletes and none of the athletes are over 19 years of age.
- the sport's regional contingent includes both male and female athletes but is only permitted to send one coach, in which case 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. Chaperones are responsible for their own accommodation, at their own expense. Chaperones are required to pay the \$65.00 registration fee.

Harassment

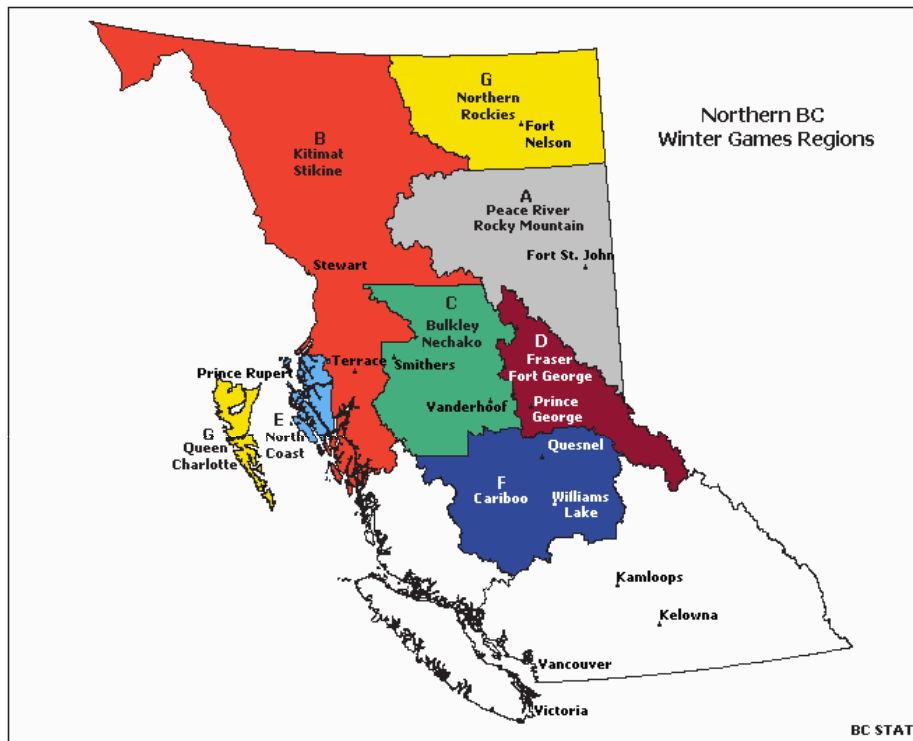
- The Northern BC Winter Games Society will not tolerate harassment. All participants, volunteers and staff are expected to abide by the Society's Harassment Policy. If you would like to review the entire policy, contact your Regional Representative.

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 2008 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 2008 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.

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 Dawson Creek 2008 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 2008 Northern BC Winter Games.

Participants and volunteers agree to release, discharge and undertake not to commence action against the Dawson Creek 2008 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 Dawson Creek 2008 Northern BC Winter Games. The Dawson Creek 2008 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 2008 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: Fort St. John, 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

Major Centres: Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe and the communities included in bus route area of School District 59. Refer to the Northern BC Winter Games Society for a list of communities included in the Host Berth.