



2027 CANADA WINTER GAMES

TRYOUT PROCESS DOCUMENT



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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a transparent, consistent, fair, and athlete-centred process for selecting players to represent Yukon in hockey at the Canada Winter Games.

The selection process is designed to identify athletes who demonstrate the combination of:

- Hockey ability
- Competitive readiness
- Positional and team needs
- Character and leadership
- Coachability
- Commitment to team objectives
- Ability to represent Yukon with pride and professionalism

The objective of the selection process is not simply to identify the highest-skilled individual players, but to assemble the strongest possible team capable of competing successfully at the Canada Winter Games.

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Yukon Canada Winter Games Hockey Program recognizes the following principles:

2.1 Fairness and Transparency

All eligible athletes will have access to a clearly communicated evaluation process.

2.2 Athlete Development

The selection process will provide athletes with a meaningful development opportunity regardless of final selection outcome.

The program recognizes that evaluation and selection are part of the athlete pathway and should encourage continued growth.

2.3 Best Team Selection

The final roster will be selected based on the needs of the team.

The highest individual statistical performance or ranking at a tryout does not automatically guarantee selection.

The Selection Committee may consider:

- Position balance
- Player roles
- Special teams requirements
- Leadership
- Team chemistry
- Ability to perform under pressure

2.4 Independence and Integrity

The selection process must be conducted free from actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

Selection decisions must be made based on athlete performance and published criteria.

3. AUTHORITY

Yukon Hockey is responsible for establishing and administering the player selection process for the Yukon Canada Winter Games Hockey Team.

The Board of Directors delegates responsibility for player evaluation and roster recommendations to the Canada Winter Games Hockey Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee shall have authority to:

- Establish evaluation procedures
 - Conduct player assessments
 - Review athlete information
 - Rank athletes
 - Select the final roster
 - Identify alternate players
 - Provide recommendations regarding team composition
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4. SELECTION COMMITTEE

4.1 Composition

The Selection Committee shall consist of:

Recommended composition:

- Hockey Yukon Technical Representative
- Independent evaluator(s)
- Player Development representative
- Head Coach, Canada Winter Games Team
- Assistant Coaches

The Committee should consist of a minimum of three (3) voting members.

4.2 Qualifications

Selection Committee members should have:

- Appropriate hockey experience
- Understanding of athlete evaluation
- Knowledge of player development
- Ability to assess players objectively

Preference should be given to individuals with:

- Hockey Canada coaching certification
- High-performance coaching experience
- Previous Canada Games or elite hockey experience

4.3 Conflict of Interest

All Selection Committee members must disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

Examples include:

- Evaluating their own child
- Evaluating a close family member
- Personal relationships that may influence objectivity
- Financial or professional relationships with athletes

A Committee member with a conflict shall:

- Declare the conflict
- Abstain from discussion and voting where appropriate
- Not participate in final selection decisions involving that athlete

Parents or guardians of eligible athletes should not serve as voting members of the Selection Committee.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

All evaluation information shall be considered confidential.

Confidential information includes:

- Player rankings
- Evaluation scores
- Evaluator notes
- Selection discussions
- Committee deliberations

Selection Committee members shall not disclose confidential information outside approved organizational channels.

6. ROLE OF THE HEAD COACH

The Head Coach is responsible for:

- Establishing the team's playing philosophy
- Identifying positional requirements
- Providing leadership throughout the evaluation process
- Participating in athlete assessments
- Developing the final team structure in partnership with the evaluation team

The Head Coach does not have unilateral authority to select players outside the approved process.

Final selection authority rests with the Selection Committee.

7. COMMUNICATION OF PROCESS

Prior to evaluations beginning, Hockey Yukon will publish:

- Eligibility requirements
- Tryout dates
- Registration process

- Evaluation stages
- Selection criteria
- Communication timeline

Athletes and families will be informed that:

- Selection decisions are competitive decisions.
- Not all players will receive individualized explanations.
- Appeals are limited to process concerns, not disagreement with evaluator opinions.

8. APPEALS

Appeals of the outcomes of the Canada Winter Games Team Tryouts and Team Selection Process will only be considered if clear evidence is provided that:

- The decision under appeal was influenced by demonstrable bias; or
- There were irregularities in the selection process that resulted in an unjust outcome.

If an appeal is submitted, the parent or guardian of the athlete must provide a written email outlining the concerns and the reasons they believe the athlete was improperly released or not selected.

The appeal must:

- Be submitted to both the President of Hockey Yukon and the Executive Director of Hockey Yukon.
- Be received within 48 hours of the player release or team selection announcement.

Appeals received after the 48-hour deadline will not be considered.

The purpose of the appeal process is to review whether the selection process was conducted fairly and in accordance with this policy. Appeals will not be considered solely because there is disagreement with the Selection Committee's evaluation or athlete rankings.