



Arctic Winter Games Team Alberta North

Selection Criteria for Cross Country Skiing

Team Alberta North Cross Country Skiing team can send up to a maximum of 12 athletes and 3 coaches, to the 2024 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) in the Mat-su Region, Alaska. The team will try to be made up of an equal number of female and male athletes with the emphasis on sending the strongest team possible.

Criteria:

1. Athletes must reside north of 55 degrees latitude, at the time of the selection races, to be able to qualify.
2. Athletes must be born in the following age categories to qualify:

Age Category	Male	Female
Born in 2010 – 2011	6	6
Born in 2008 - 2009		
Born in 2006-2007		

3. Athletes will be chosen based on their results of the Alberta Cup Races 1 & 2 in early December, 2023 in Canmore, Alberta. If a race or this race weekend is cancelled, the replacement races will be the following scheduled Alberta Cup Races, or a regional race event held centrally for all areas to travel to equally.

4. Athletes also must:

- Have a valid Canadian passport and able to travel to Alaska.
- Be the top four (4) finishers of eligible athletes, in their gender-based age category.
- Consideration may be given to named alternates if necessary.
- If categories are not filled due to a lack of athletes trying out or not qualifying within the percentage requirements, positions will be filled with the same gender from an equal or younger age category, beginning with the next finishing athlete of that same gender, to a maximum of two (2) athletes. No athlete can be selected to race up more than one (1) age category.
- If spots are still available and gender spots cannot be filled, a special request will be put in to request an uneven number of gendered athletes be allowed to attend the AWG24. Understanding that this is completely up to the discretion of Team Alberta North Staff.
- A maximum of four (4) athletes per category at the discretion of Team Alberta North are allowed as per the AWGIC Regulations.
- Athletes can race up one (1) age category but are required to still finish within the top four (4) finishers of eligible athletes.
- Relay teams will be selected by the AWG cross country skiing coaching team off of the results from the athlete's previous races at the games, with the intent of making the strongest team(s) possible.

5. Force Majeure Factors: "Force Majeure" means an unexpected event beyond the reasonable control of the athlete that crucially affects the athlete's ability to compete (e.g. racing out of YOB category for other team selection races, illness, injury, transportation breakdown, etc., with proper documentation

included) and can be put forward as rationale for not having competed in or completed a selection race(s).

Expectations of selected athletes:

- It is expected that all athletes and coaches selected to the AWG team for Team Alberta North will attend a mandatory team training camp on snow in Athabasca in February of 2024 and TAN staging events in Grande Prairie or in Fort McMurray.
- Athletes and coaches selected for the team are expected to attend the AWG from March 10-16, 2024 in the Mat-Su Region, Alaska. No athlete will be able to join the team part way through or leave early.
- It is expected that athletes compete in all events they are nominated in. Relay team selection will be finalized during the event.

Selection Deadline will be January 26, 2024.