



ATHLETE, COACH & CHAPERONE ELIGIBILITY

The specific number, eligibility and residency of Zone athletes and coaches/chaperones eligible to compete in the Alberta Games sports are defined by each Provincial Sport Organization in its Alberta Games - Technical Package. Only a predetermined number of Zone athletes and coaches, as approved by the Multisport Games Unit, will be eligible to participate in the Alberta Games.

Each Provincial Sport Organization APPROVES athletes or teams and coaches/chaperones for the Alberta Games.

For a detailed list of Alberta communities by Zone, visit albertasport.ca/alberta-games/.

- All athletes are to be between the ages of eleven (11) and sixteen (16) to participate in the Alberta Games whereby an athlete must be at least eleven (11) years of age by the opening day of the Alberta Games.
 - The specific age group(s) for each sport is defined, within this range, by the Provincial Sport Organization in their technical package. The Multisport Games Unit must approve any age exceptions in writing.
- Athletes eighteen (18) years of age, or athletes turning eighteen (18) years of age during the Alberta Games, **ARE NOT eligible** to participate in the Alberta Games. The Multisport Games Unit is responsible to approve any exceptions for para athletes which are as reflected in the applicable sport technical package.
- Athletes who have participated in a Canada Games are ineligible to compete in the same sport at the Alberta Games.
- Individual athletes shall participate in only ONE sport at the Alberta Games; unless in a split-shift Alberta Games format, an individual athlete may register and participate in one sport in each of the separate shifts.
- Approved athletes participating in the Alberta Games must have participated in a Zone playoff, qualification, trial or selection as outlined in their sport's technical package.
- All coaches and chaperones **MUST** be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games, have completed a background screening and vulnerable sector check and any other safe sport requirements as defined by their respective Provincial Sport Organization.

General Conditions of Participant Eligibility

1. Games competition is open to Albertans whose major domicile has been the Province of Alberta for a period of six (6) months prior to the opening day of the Games, with the following exceptions:
 - a) Students residing in Alberta but studying outside the province are eligible to qualify;
 - b) Members and dependents of members of the Canadian Armed Forces residing in Alberta, who have been posted to a location within Alberta for less than the minimum of six (6) months, are eligible to qualify;
2. Athletes residing at an address outside the Province of Alberta are eligible to qualify for the Alberta Games, if they meet **both** of the following conditions:
 - * They reside near the Alberta boundary and associate primarily with Albertans in club, league, school, or team play;
 - * They do not compete in any club, league, or provincial/territorial playoffs of any other province/territory, and are eligible for membership or affiliation with their respective Provincial Sport Organization of Alberta.
3. If a team sport has athletes from outside Alberta, it shall be eligible if these three (3) criteria are met:
 - * The majority of the team resides in Alberta, the remaining athletes live in an adjacent province/territory;
 - * The team is affiliated and/or registered to play within Alberta;
 - * The team does not compete in a league, or provincial/territorial playoff of any other province/territory.

Note: The Provincial Sport Organization and the Multisport Games Unit **MUST** approve teams and/or individual athletes in situations #2 and #3, before entering Zone playoff competition or selection.

4. The determination of whether athletes, coaches or chaperones in Zone playoffs or Alberta Games have met sport affiliation requirements rests with the Provincial Sport Organization.
5. An athlete, who competes in one zone's playoff for a specific sport, is ineligible to compete **in that sport** in any other Alberta Games zone, unless permitted within that sport's Technical Package.