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TECHNICAL PACKAGE **for** **CROSS COUNTRY** **SKIING**



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**Dedication**

This Technical Package is dedicated to the memory of Ian Legaree. Ian served as the Technical Director of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee for more than 25 years. During that time he brought order, organization and consistency to the process of developing the Sport Technical Packages that guide the conduct of competitions at the Arctic Winter Games. Through his many hours of work and extensive technical knowledge of multiple sports, the clarity, quality, and functionality of the Sport Technical Packages improved continuously, always with the objective of improving the competition experience of all participants, while ensuring safe and fair competition. His dedication to this task has enhanced the Arctic Winter Games experience for thousands of participants, which is his lasting contribution to the Games.

1. Introduction

Technical Packages are critical guiding documents that assist Host Societies as they coordinate all sport competition (including competition formats, rules and procedures) and Mission Teams as they coordinate their teams' participation (including athlete eligibility, categories and team composition). Every Games' Host Society and Participating Unit's Mission Team, Coaches and Managers have an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. Should a need for clarification arise, questions should be directed through the Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review and response by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) Technical Director and Technical Coordinator.

2. Eligibility

Please refer to Appendix F for detailed eligibility rules

3. Registering for the Games

- 3.1. All participants (athletes, coaches and chaperones) must be registered in the Arctic Winter Games electronic registration system (GEMS.pro), including registering for specific events, no later than 14 days prior to the Opening Ceremony.
- 3.2. Chefs de Mission are responsible for ensuring compliance with 3.1 by all members of their jurisdiction's delegation.
- 3.3. Changes to team rosters in the final 14 days prior to the start of the Arctic Winter Games must be made through the Host Society.

4. Rules Governing Competition

- 4.1. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Canada, this competition will be conducted under the rules of the International Ski Federation (FIS) valid as of January 1 of the year of the Games, except as modified by the AWGIC.
- 4.2. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Alaska, this competition will be conducted under the rules of the International Ski Federation (FIS) valid as of January 1 of the year of the Games, except as modified by the AWGIC.
- 4.3. See Appendix A, International Sport Federation Rules, and Appendix C, Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for more detailed information.

5. Governing Body Sanction

- 5.1. It is not required that this competition be sanctioned by the national or international governing body for this sport.
- 5.2. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Canada the competition may be sanctioned by Nordiq Canada or the International Ski Federation (FIS).
- 5.3. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Alaska the competition may be sanctioned by US Ski & Snowboard and/or the International Ski Federation (FIS).
- 5.4. If this competition is sanctioned, the Host Society must advise the jurisdictions on sanctioning and any related matters that might affect their teams.

6. Participants and Age Classes

- 6.1. Each jurisdiction may enter a team comprised of up to 18 athletes and up to 4 coaches as shown in the table below.
- 6.2. All competitors must have been born in 2013 or earlier in order to meet the minimum age requirement of the AWG International Committee
- 6.3. Skiers may be moved up in age class when necessary to fill team sprint pairs.

Class Name	Years of Birth	Athletes in Age Class	
		Male	Female
U18	Born 2008 or 2009	3	3
U16	Born 2010 or 2011	3	3
U14	Born 2012 or 2013	3	3
Coaches	Total of four (4) coaches	2	2

- 6.4. If a coach from one gender is not available a chaperone must be substituted.
- 6.5. Units must ensure that coaches are screened and trained in accordance with their jurisdiction's coaching standards.

7. Competition Program

The competition program shall consist of these events. Details for each event are included in Appendix D.

- 7.1. Interval Start
- 7.2. Mass Start
- 7.3. Sprint
- 7.4. Team Sprint
- 7.5. Two events should be held in classic technique, and two events should be held in free technique
- 7.6. If the competition venue can accommodate the formats and techniques, the technique for each event should alternate from Games to Games, as noted below

Event	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034
Interval Start	Free	Classic	Free	Classic	Free
Mass Start	Classic	Free	Classic	Free	Classic
Sprint	Classic	Free	Classic	Free	Classic
Team Sprint	Free	Classic	Free	Classic	Free

8. Competition Schedule

- 8.1. Competition shall be conducted as per the schedule below.
- 8.2. Alterations at the discretion of the Host Society must be approved by the AWGIC.
- 8.3. For details on the Host Society's process for developing competition schedules and their responsibilities in developing the schedule, please refer to Appendix G.

Day	Format	Tech.	U18 Distance	U16 Distance	U14 Distance
Sunday	Training				
Monday	Interval Start	Free	5Km	5Km	3.75Km
Tuesday	Mass Start	Classic	10Km	7.5Km	3.75Km
Wednesday	Weather Day				
Thursday	Sprint	Classic	600m-1000m	600m-1000m	600m-1000m
Friday	Team Sprint	Free	3x2x600m-1000m	3x2x600m-1000m	3x2x600m-1000m
Saturday	Weather Day				

9. Equipment

- 9.1. A skier's equipment consists of skis, bindings, poles, ski boots, suit, glasses (clothing as well as apparatus with technical functions; the entire competition equipment forms a functional unit).
- 9.2. Wax
Under FIS International Ski Competition Rules (ICR) Book II Cross-Country, Section 222.8, use of fluorinated wax or tuning products containing fluorine is prohibited for all FIS disciplines and levels.
NOTE: Rule 9.2 may be removed after 2026 or 2028 when this rule has become more established.

10. Competition Uniform

- 10.1. Teams are responsible for providing the competition uniforms (ski suits) and should consider the climate and race conditions in the Host region.
- 10.2. Bibs
The Host Society is responsible for providing practical bibs that are suitable for competition, readable from the back and the front, and do not hinder the participant in any way. It is required that bibs are fully visible during the competition. The size, the shape and the method of attachment cannot be changed.

11. Scoring

There are no special scoring rules for this sport.

12. Medals

Medals shall be awarded individually for each individual event and to each of the members of a relay team for relay events, as follows:

Ulu Color		Individual Events		Team Sprint		Coach Receives Ulu with Team
		M	F	M	F	
Gold	U14	3	3	2	2	No
	U16	3	3	2	2	No
	U18	3	3	2	2	No
Silver	U14	3	3	2	2	No
	U16	3	3	2	2	No
	U18	3	3	2	2	No
Bronze	U14	3	3	2	2	No
	U16	3	3	2	2	No
	U18	3	3	2	2	No

13. Major Officials

13.1. Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate should be a FIS-certified Technical Delegate, or a Technical Delegate certified to the highest level below FIS by their National Governing Body (NGB)

13.1.1. The Technical Delegate shall be appointed by the state, provincial or territorial governing body for cross country skiing

13.2. Chief of Competition

The Chief of Competition should have substantial experience organizing cross country ski competitions, or be certified for the position by the sport body.

13.3. Chief of Timing/Timing Contractor

The Chief of Timing and/or Timing Contractor should have substantial experience timing cross country ski competitions, or be certified for the position by the appropriate sport governing body.

14. Resolution of Field of Play Disputes

14.1. Arctic Winter Games policies dictate that each sport shall establish a sport specific jury to deal with protests arising from the field of play as dictated by the rules specified in section 5 of this Technical Package.

14.2. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Canada, field of play disputes will be resolved in accordance with the rules of the International Ski Federation (FIS).

14.3. When the Arctic Winter Games are held in Alaska, field of play disputes will be resolved in accordance with the rules of the International Ski Federation (FIS).

14.4. Decisions resolved in accordance with 14.2 or 14.3 are considered final.

14.5. Such decisions may only be appealed to the Games Jury under these conditions:

14.5.1. Failure to follow the rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package.

14.5.2. An error in fact.

14.5.3. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.

14.6. See Appendix B for details on the appeals process.



Appendix A

International Sport Federation Rules

Appendix A – International Sport Federation Rules

15. International Sport Federation Rules

- 15.1. Where rules of an international sport governing body exist for an Arctic Winter Games sport, the competition shall, in principle, be governed by those rules.
- 15.2. The rules of the international sport governing body will be in effect regardless of the host nation of the Arctic Winter Games.
- 15.3. Arctic Winter Games Rules Modifications
 - 15.3.1. The AWGIC, on the advice of the Technical Director and/or the Technical Committee, may adopt modifications to the international sport governing body rules to ensure safe and fair competition during the Arctic Winter Games.
 - 15.3.2. After each Games, the rules included in each sport's Technical Package will be reviewed at a Sport Technical Meeting. Any recommendations made at the Sport Technical Meeting for rules changes will be evaluated by the Technical Committee and the Technical Director.
 - 15.3.3. The Technical Committee and/or the Technical Director will make recommendations to the AWGIC for any needed changes in the rules.
- 15.4. Rules Included in the Technical Package
 - 15.4.1. Modifications to the international sport governing body rules for Arctic Winter Games competition will be included in Appendix D of each sport's technical package.
 - 15.4.2. Any rules of the international sport governing body that have not been modified for Arctic Winter Games competition shall be followed as written and will not be repeated in the sport-specific technical package.
- 15.5. Knowing and Understanding the Rules
 - 15.5.1. It is the responsibility of each jurisdiction to ensure that their coaches are familiar with the competition rules of the international sport governing body for their respective sports, and any modifications made for Arctic Winter Games Competition.
 - 15.5.2. For each AWG sport, a pre-competition meeting shall be held, attended by all coaches and all major officials to review the rules under which the competition will be conducted.



Appendix B

Games Jury and Review Board

Appendix B – Games Jury and Review Board

All field of play disputes will be resolved according to the governing rules cited in Rule 4 of this Technical Package. This Appendix deals with the appeal of any decisions arising from action on the Field of Play (FOP) which one party believes to be in contravention of proper application of those rules

16. Games Jury

16.1. Composition and of the Games Jury

The Games Jury shall include the following members:

16.1.1. AWGIC Technical Director.

16.1.2. Host Society Sport Manager.

16.1.3. All Chefs de Mission, or designees, with these exclusions:

- the Chef de Mission representing the Contingent filing the appeal;
- the Chef de Mission of the Contingent against which the appeal is being filed is excluded from the Games Jury.

16.2. Games Jury Chair and Quorum

16.2.1. The AWGIC Technical Director will chair the Games Jury.

16.2.2. A minimum of three (3) members must be present to carry out the business of the Games Jury.

16.2.3. No discussion of an appeal may occur, nor may the business before the Games Jury be conducted, without a quorum.

16.2.4. Should the Games Jury lose quorum during a proceeding, the proceeding shall be suspended until there is a quorum.

16.3. Basis for Submitting an Appeal to the Games Jury.

An appeal will be heard by the Games Jury in the following circumstances:

16.3.1. Failure to follow the Rules as specified in the AWGIC Sport Technical Package, including the failure to correctly apply the applicable International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules and/or AWGIC exceptions.

16.3.2. Failure to follow the dispute resolution procedures specified in the relevant International Federation and/or National Governing Body rules specified in Rule 4 of this Technical Package and/or AWGIC exceptions.

16.4. Who Can Submit an Appeal to the Games Jury

16.4.1. A Chef de Mission or their identified designee.

16.4.2. The Head Official of a sport.



- 16.5. Submitting an Appeal.
 - 16.5.1. An appeal must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee at technical@arcticwintergames.org.
 - 16.5.2. An appeal must be submitted within five hours of the Contingent receiving the decision made under the specific sport's dispute resolution process or receiving notice that the sport will not be hearing a matter.
 - 16.5.3. An appeal must be submitted using the attached form, as set out in Appendix A—this Form is also available online at: <https://xxxxx> (AWGIC Google Workspace).
 - 16.5.4. The AWGIC Technical Director or their designee will screen all appeals submitted to the Games Jury.
- 16.6. Determination of Eligibility of the Appeal to Be Heard
 - 16.6.1. The AWGIC Technical Director or their designee determines whether an appeal does or does not fall within the identified grounds under Section 16.3
 - 16.6.2. If the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee judges the appeal to fall within the identified ground under section 16.3, the appeal shall be heard.
 - 16.6.3. If the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee judges that the appeal does not fall within the identified ground under section 16.3, the appeal shall be dismissed.
 - 16.6.4. The decision of the AWGIC Technical Director or their designee to dismiss the appeal may not be reviewed or appealed.
- 16.7. Communication of Decision to Hear or Dismiss
 - 16.7.1. The AWGIC Technical Director shall inform the respective Chef de Mission of the screening decision, who will inform the individual(s) involved of the decision of the AWGIC Technical Director to hear/not hear the appeal.
 - 16.7.2. If the decision is to hear the appeal, the AWGIC Technical Director shall inform the Chef de Mission responsible for the individuals and/or team against whom the appeal has been made.
 - 16.7.3. The AWGIC Technical Director shall provide the Chef de Mission of the Respondents, if applicable, with a copy of the appeal form submitted to the Games Jury.
- 16.8. Hearing schedule:
 - 16.8.1. The Games Jury shall convene as soon as is practical.
 - 16.8.2. If the AWGIC Technical Director determines that sufficient time has passed, they may proceed with the appeal process, provided there is a quorum to do so.
 - 16.8.3. The AWGIC Technical Director may appoint AWGIC staff or designate someone to record the hearing.

16.9. Hearing and Deliberation

- 16.9.1. The Respondents may represent themselves before the Games Jury or name a representative to do so on their behalf.
- 16.9.2. Representatives may not testify (i.e., give evidence) on behalf of a Respondent.
- 16.9.3. After hearing the description and reasons for the appeal, as well as any relevant testimony and evidence related to the appeal, the Games Jury will deliberate and render a decision in writing.
- 16.9.4. In extraordinary circumstances, the Games Jury may first issue a verbal decision, with the full written decision, with reasons, to be issued as soon as possible following the verbal decision.
- 16.9.5. In making its decision, the Games Jury will have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Games Jury may decide to:
 - Reject the appeal and confirm the decision being appealed;
 - Uphold the appeal and refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision, or;
 - Uphold the appeal and vary the decision.

16.10. Notification of Games Jury Decision

The AWGIC Technical Director will communicate Games Jury decisions to the appropriate parties, including:

- 16.10.1. To the Chef de Mission of the Respondents
- 16.10.2. To the Chef de Mission of the jurisdiction of the individual(s)/Contingent who brought the issue to the Games Jury.
- 16.10.3. The AWGIC Technical Director is the only person authorized to speak on behalf of the AWGIC to the media regarding Games Jury appeal decisions.
- 16.10.4. A summary of the decision of the Games Jury will be made publicly available on the AWGIC website. No identifying information about any individual participant(s) will be included in the summary.

**17. Review Board****17.1. Review Board Process.**

- 17.1.1. Following the decision, the AWGIC Technical Director must inform the Chefs de Mission of the parties involved of the option to apply for a review of a Games Jury decision by the Review Board.
- 17.1.2. Only the individual(s) and/or teams directly affected can apply for a review of a Games Jury decision to the Review Board.
- 17.1.3. The review must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director in writing, stating the exact reasons for the review and emailed to technical@arcticwintergames.org.
- 17.1.4. The request for review must be submitted within five hours of receiving the Games Jury's decision.

17.2. Basis for Request for Review

- 17.2.1. A review of a Games Jury decision will be heard by the Review Board if the request for review meets at least one of the following grounds:
 - The Games Jury failed to correctly apply the applicable bylaws, rules and policies.
 - The decision of the Games Jury was unreasonable.

17.3. Composition of the Review Board.

The Review Board consists of three members.

- 17.3.1. Two AWGIC directors who are not involved in the complaint process
- 17.3.2. The Host Society President/Chair or General Manager.

17.4. Review Board Process

- 17.4.1. The Review Board will determine if there are sufficient grounds to warrant a review.
- 17.4.2. The Review Board will designate one of its members to notify the parties to the request for review of the Games Jury's decision as to whether the request will or will not be reviewed.
- 17.4.3. The Review Board may appoint AWGIC staff or designate someone to record the review process.
- 17.4.4. If the Review Board determines that there are sufficient grounds, the Review Board will conduct a review of the Games Jury's decision based on the written decision of the Games Jury, as well as any supporting written documentation submitted to the Games Jury.
- 17.4.5. The Review Board will determine whether the Games Jury's decision was reasonable, or unreasonable, and will
 - Overturn the decision or
 - Uphold the decision.
- 17.4.6. The Review Board's determination is final.



Appendix C

Arctic Winter Games Technical Rules for Cross Country Skiing

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18. Waxing Protocol

- 18.1. Participating contingents will collectively determine a common glide wax to be used by all teams. The exact process of wax selection and application will be determined and circulated among participating teams not less than 3 months/90 days prior to the Games.
- 18.2. Grip wax testing, application and adjustments will be the responsibility of each of the participating teams.

19. Entries and Seeding – General

- 19.1. All competitors must be entered in the events in which they will compete not less than 14 days prior to the start of the Games, as per rule 3, above
- 19.2. Coaches must submit seeded entry lists for each event not less than 48 hours prior to the start of the event, unless otherwise specified by the Chief of Competition

20. Entries and Seeding for Interval Start and Qualifying Round of Sprint:

- 20.1. Skiers will be seeded in three sections within each age group.
- 20.2. Only one skier from each jurisdiction may be seeded in each seeding section.
- 20.3. The fastest skiers will be seeded in Section A, the next-fastest in Section B, and the other skiers in Section C.
- 20.4. The Competition Jury will decide on the start order of the seeded Sections, based upon expected conditions, with the objective being to provide Section A with the best conditions, Section B with the next-best conditions, etc.
- 20.5. Teams must submit their seeding for the first event not later than a time established by the Competition Jury on Sunday of the Games.
- 20.6. The event organizers will present the coaches with the seeded list of skiers entered in the first event at the first Team Captains' Meeting (Sunday afternoon/evening) for inspection by the teams.
- 20.7. The Competition Jury will announce the start order of the seeded sections for the first event at the first Team Captains' Meeting.
- 20.8. Entries for the races to follow, will be submitted after each race on a schedule and in a format established by the Competition Jury and the host organization.

21. Mass Start

- 21.1. If the interval start event is held before the mass start event, skiers will be seeded in the mass start event based upon their finish in the interval start event (i.e., the winner of the interval start event will be seeded first in the mass-start event, the second-place finisher in the interval start event will be seeded second in the mass-start event, etc.).
- 21.2. If the mass start is held before the interval start event, coaches will seed the skiers from their jurisdiction in the same manner as described in rule 18.

22. Sprint

- 22.1. The sprint event will be conducted in ladder format, designed to allow each skier to compete a minimum of three (3) times in the heats, after a qualifying round.
- 22.2. Details of the ladder format are available at zone4.ca.

23. Team Sprint

- 23.1. The team sprint will consist of two skiers alternating laps around the sprint course, with each skier making three laps.
- 23.2. In each age group, each jurisdiction may enter one official team of each gender (i.e. eligible for medals) in the team sprint.
- 23.3. Teams will be seeded for the team sprint based upon the sum of the individual sprint qualifying ranking (finish places) of the two competitors selected for each team. The team with the lowest sum is seeded first, the second-lowest sum seeded second, etc.
- 23.4. If a team must use a substitute after the initial team selection, the team will start in the originally calculated start position.
- 23.5. Make-up teams comprised of skiers from different jurisdictions and/or different age groups are permitted to compete in the team sprint but are not eligible to win medals.



Appendix D

Age Class Naming Convention

Appendix D – Age Class Naming Convention

101. Age Class Naming Convention

Arctic Winter Games age classes are named according to this formula:

“U” followed by a number equal to 1 plus the age in years, on December 31 of the calendar year prior to the Games, of an athlete born in the earliest year of eligibility for that class

Example: oldest year of birth for class “x” = 2007

Age of a person born in 2007 on December 31, 2025 = 18 years old

$1 + 18 = 19$

“U” + “19” = Age class name is U19.

Appendix E

Ties Within the Medal-Winning Positions

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201. Ties Within the First Three Places

In the case of ties for medal-winning positions, two medals will be awarded for that position, and no medals awarded for the next position.

201.1. In the case of a tie for the Gold Ulu, no Silver ulu will be awarded.

201.2. In the case of a tie for the Silver Ulu, no Bronze ulu will be awarded.

201.3. In the case of a tie for the Bronze Ulu, two Bronze ulus will be awarded.



Appendix F

Eligibility and Age Requirements

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Preamble:

The Arctic Winter Games combine athletic competition, cultural exchange and social interaction among northern contingents. Arctic Winter Games athletic competitions feature sports that enjoy worldwide popularity and sports unique to the north. The AWG Cultural Program offers opportunities for northern artists to perform on a larger stage to diverse audiences. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee is responsible for providing direction and guidance to contingents to ensure meaningful competition and a diverse cultural program in the Arctic Winter Games Program.

Purpose:

This policy provides direction and guidance to the participating contingents when selecting athletes, cultural and youth ambassador program participants for their teams.

Sport Participation:

As the guardian and rights holder of the biennial premier circumpolar sport and cultural event for northern youth, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) offers male and female sport competition for Arctic Winter Games participants.

The AWGIC board, membership, and stakeholders remain committed to ongoing collaboration and monitoring developments within the global sport community. While remaining true to its core values of respect and a participant-centred approach, the AWGIC will continue to act with integrity and be accountable for its decisions.

General Eligibility Rules – for all Participants

301. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, all Contingent Athletes, Cultural delegates and Youth Ambassador Program participants shall:
- 301.1. be a resident of Yukon, Northwest Territories, Alberta North (north of 55 degrees), Greenland, Alaska, Nunavut or any other participating Contingent/Guest Contingent approved by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC). Current approved Guest Contingents are Nunavik (Quebec, Canada), Yamal-Nenets (Russia)*, Sapmi (Finland/Norway/Sweden);
 - 301.2. have been a continuous resident of the participating Contingent for six (6) months prior to the opening day of the Games;
 - 301.3. comply with all other Arctic Winter Games rules and regulations as outlined in the Arctic Winter Games Staging Manual, Arctic Winter Games Technical Packages or other publications issued by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee;
 - 301.4. comply with all rules and regulations of their Contingent.

302. Residence

- 302.1. 'Resident' means a person who makes their permanent home in a jurisdiction and includes someone who may be temporarily absent from the jurisdiction but who maintains a close connection with the jurisdiction and has the intention of returning to the jurisdiction after a temporary absence. An individual leaving a jurisdiction with no intention of returning continues to be considered a resident of that jurisdiction up to 90 days after leaving and may participate if the first day of the Games falls within that 90-day period.
- 302.2. An individual who is a resident of a jurisdiction not eligible to compete at the Games; but who lives in a participating jurisdiction as a student, or who is there on a temporary work visa, or who is otherwise temporarily living in a participating jurisdiction; is not considered a resident of the participating jurisdiction and is therefore ineligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games.

303. Jurisdictional Residency Standards

Individual Contingents may impose additional requirements for eligibility for their team provided they do not contravene the intent of the AWG International Committee policies.

304. Minimum Age Requirement

All participants must have reached the age of 12 as of the December 31 immediately preceding the Arctic Winter Games in which they will participate.

305. Minimum Age Waiver

- 305.1. Applications for exceptions to the minimum age rule must be submitted by the Chef de Mission to the Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 305.2. Applications must be submitted on the form provided ([URL HERE](#))

306. Aging Up

- 306.1. If a participant wishes to compete in an older age group, the Chef de Mission submit an application to the Technical Director not less than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games
- 306.2. Applications must be submitted on the form provided ([URL HERE](#))

Athlete Eligibility**307. To participate in the Arctic Winter Games as an athlete, each participant must meet the definition of a "Developing Athlete"**

- 307.1. A Developing Athlete is one who has not represented one's nation in international competition (outside of an Arctic Winter Games) in the sport they are competing in.
- 307.1.1. An athlete who has competed for one's club in international competition (not representing one's nation) is considered a developing athlete;
- 307.1.2. An athlete who is a member of one's national team, but has not represented one's nation in international competition is considered a developing athlete.

Cultural Delegate Eligibility**308. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, a Contingent Cultural performer shall comply with the eligibility requirements included in the current Cultural Technical Package.**

Youth Ambassador Program Eligibility

309. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, a Youth Ambassador Program participant shall comply with the eligibility requirements included in the current Youth Ambassador Program Technical Package.

Yamal Suspension

* The Arctic Winter Games International Committee has suspended Yamal, Russia, with immediate effect, following the attacks unfolding in Ukraine in a March 1, 2022 decision.



Appendix G

Schedule Development Process

Appendix G – Schedule Development Process

- 401. Master Sport Schedule
 - 401.1. First Draft

The Host Society shall distribute a first draft of the Master Sport Schedule - a detailed multi-sport schedule, including: competitions, practices/training, pre-Games Coach/Manager meetings and all technical meetings - to the AWGIC and each Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review no later than 1 year (12 months) prior to the commencement of the Games (Opening Ceremony).
 - 401.2. Final Schedule

The Master Sport Schedule becomes “final” three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Games, unless otherwise approved by the AWGIC.

 - 401.2.1. A final review and approval of the Master Sport Schedule must be conducted by the AWGIC Technical Director prior to being considered “final”.
 - 401.2.2. The Master Sport Schedule is developed by the Host Society in consultation with the Sport Vice President, Sport Chairs and the AWGIC as required.
 - 401.2.3. The sport schedule is developed using the Sport Technical Packages and by reviewing the sport schedules from previous Games.
- 402. Host Society is required to:
 - 402.1. Create a process for stakeholders to provide input and request changes to the schedule;
 - 402.2. Revise and update the Master Sport Schedule, redistributing updated versions as required on an ongoing basis between 12 months pre-Games and the end of the Games;
 - 402.3. Refer to the AWGIC Staging Manual to view approved sport schedule templates.
- 403. Host Society must do their best to:
 - 403.1. Refrain from scheduling any competition or practice/training within three (3) hours of the beginning of the Opening Ceremony;
 - 403.2. Respect the timing required for participant feeding, transportation and marshaling for opening and closing ceremonies;
 - 403.3. Ensure that practice/training during the first day of the Games reflects the travel realities of Participating Units (e.g., Units with the least amount of travel should be scheduled to practice/train and/or compete first upon arrival in the Host jurisdiction, where Units with the most travel should practice/train and/or compete last).