

ALBERTA GAMES ELIGIBILITY POLICY

The specific number, eligibility and residency of Zone athletes and coaches eligible to compete in the Alberta Games sports shall be defined by each Provincial Sport Organization in its Alberta Games - Technical Package. Only a predetermined number of Zone athletes and coaches, negotiated with Alberta Sport Connection, will be eligible to compete at the Alberta Games.

Each Provincial Sport Organization APPROVES athletes or teams and coaches who will compete in the Alberta Games.

For a detailed list of Alberta communities by Zone, visit www.albertasport.ca and check out “Alberta Games – General Information”.

- Generally, all athletes must be at least eleven (11) years of age by the opening day of the Alberta Games. Any exceptions must be approved by Alberta Sport Connection.
- 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.
- 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.
- To facilitate Games participation, the province has been divided into eight (8) zones. Zone Playoffs or Zone team eliminations can take place in each of the eight (8) zones. Approved athletes participating in the Alberta Games must have participated in a Zone playoff, qualification, trial or selection in their sport. Generally, athletes compete for their Zone of residence at the Alberta Games. Each PSO technical package will specify more detailed sport-specific Alberta Games eligibility.
- All coaches and chaperones MUST be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.

General Conditions of Participant Eligibility

- 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:
 - Students residing in Alberta but studying outside the province are eligible to qualify;
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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 Alberta Sport Connection MUST approve teams and/or individual athletes in situations #2 and #3, before entering Zone playoff competition or selection.

- The determination of whether participants in Zone playoffs or Alberta Games are affiliated with the Provincial Sport Organization rests with the Association.
- 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.