



CALL FOR PERFORMING ARTS ENSEMBLES 2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

ABOUT THE GAMES

The Arctic Winter Games is an opportunity that brings the circumpolar world together to celebrate the north through athletic competition, cultural exchange, and social interaction. The Games' cultural and entertainment programs are an integral part of achieving these objectives. **The 2023 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) will be held in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo from January 29 to February 4, 2023.**

OPPORTUNITY

Team Alberta North is looking for **youth performers, 15 to 22 years of age**, who will serve as cultural delegates for Team Alberta North and support the Games' objectives. Performers will participate in the following:

- **Daily Performances:** Pop-up performances and collaborative productions.
- **Cultural Galas:** Two evening performances showcasing each delegation's cultural participants performing project at Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre. In addition, all cultural participants will participate in a fusion piece created by the AWG Artistic Director during the residency.
- **Cultural Exchange:** Opportunities to take two workshops organized by the AWG and led by professional artists. Also, there will be various opportunities to learn about the Wood Buffalo region and its history.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- All participants of the group/ensemble must be residents of northern Alberta (north of the 55th parallel) and have been continuous residents of northern Alberta for six months prior to the opening day of the Games before applying (except attending a formal program of study).
- All participants must be 15 to 22 years of age (born between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2007).
- Highly recommended for multidisciplinary groups/ensembles that feature various art disciplines, such as music, theatre, dance, and storytelling.



- The groups/ensembles applying must be conformed by a minimum of three and a maximum of six cultural participants. In addition, the group must be accompanied by an adult manager responsible for the participants (teacher, artistic director, or choreographer).
- Able to withstand the rigours of performing and are comfortable with sharing their culture, and open to feedback.
- Able to take part in the program of activities outlined by the Host Society, including but not limited to daily performances of own work (10-20 minutes in length and suitable for public performances).
- Able to work cooperatively in a team environment. Comfortable with own artistic repertoire but also able to collaborate with other performers.
- Enthusiastic and energetic.
- Committed to pursuing further development as an artist.
- Prepared to enjoy the experiences of being at the Games, including dorm life, curfews, cafeteria meals, conforming to schedules and other experiences.
- Willing to comply with all Team Alberta North and Arctic Winter Games policies.

COMPETITION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participants must submit the following to qualify for consideration in the competition:

1. SUBMISSION FORM

- Each individual member must meet the criteria stated under “WHO IS ELIGIBLE?”
- Each individual participant must fill out and sign the Submission Form corresponding to their age (last page of this document).

2. RESUME

- A maximum of one page per participant that includes the participant’s background, including the level of training, performing art discipline(s), and other relevant information.
- A maximum of one page with the background and relevant information of the teacher, artistic director, or choreographer responsible for the group/ensemble.



- A maximum of two pages that include:
 - Concept of the performance showcased at the Cultural Galas, including a detailed description of the project outlining the objectives, planned activities, timelines, expected results, etc.
 - Any other potential activity that could be presented to the Pop-Up performances (scheduled for the games week at different venues around the Wood Buffalo region).
 - Additional support materials that may assist in the assessment process.

3. PORTFOLIO

A Performance example must be submitted as part of the application. Via email as an attachment:

- For files too large, they may be submitted via downloadable links:
 - Please format your subject line: <your first initial, last name >, eg. "H.Lee_2023ArcticWinterGames";
 - Please ensure the link contains downloadable files (MP3 or MP4 preferred);
- Video submissions must be Windows-compatible (MP3 or MP4 preferred).
- If you mail in your proposal package and you would like it returned after judging, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your submission.

SUBMISSION

DEADLINE: All submissions to be considered are to be received no later than **Friday October 21, 2022**. All applicants will be notified within six weeks. The decisions of the Committee are considered final.

Email application package to: steven.patrick@gov.ab.ca

Please submit all documents in one e-mail.

Alternatively, please mail a hard copy CD or USB (please include your first initial and last name on the CD or USB) to

Steven Patrick, 10055 106 St, Suite 500
Edmonton AB T5J 1G3

For any questions, please contact

Steven Patrick, Assistant Chef de Mission, steven.patrick@gov.ab.ca 587-989-4037



SELECTION PROCESS

The selected ensemble will be chosen through a one-stage jury process. Decisions of the Selection Panel are final.

Selection Criteria:

- Artistic Merit: expertise and technical skill of the group/ensemble
- Creativity and Originality: group interpretation, multidisciplinary team
- Stage Presence: energy connection/communication with the audience
- Indigenous or Northern Alberta concept for the performance at the Cultural Galas.

WHAT TO EXPECT IF SELECTED, INCLUDING EXPENSES:

- Each participant must sign and agree to the Arctic Winter Games 2023 Team Alberta North Code of Conduct.
- Adult manager/supervisor is to attend a coach/manager virtual meeting in November or December 2022.
- Attend Team Alberta North's staging event in Grande Prairie on January 7 or Fort McMurray on January 11 to receive your Team Alberta North uniform and obtain information and expectations for the Games and Team Alberta North. You will be responsible for covering costs to/from the staging event.
- The Government of Alberta will provide the Team Alberta North uniform.
- Selected participants provide their own costumes or equipment for performances.
- Delegates will travel to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo on January 28, 2023 and return on February 4, 2023.
- Accommodation, transportation to all events, and meals during the games will be covered by the 2023 Games Host Society.
- All participants will receive a Welcome package, a Cultural Medallion, and other souvenirs from the 2023 Games Host Society.
- All participants must attend the full duration of the Games (January 28 to February 4) and reside in the Participant's Village as provided by the 2023 Host Society.



SUBMISSION FORM (18 - 22 years old)

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Name of participant

Address

Daytime Phone Number

Email Address

I, _____ (PRINT NAME) hereby make a Submission for the Call for Performances – 2023 Arctic Winter Games and am in agreement with the Terms of Competition as outlined in this Call

Date and Signature of the Applicant



SUBMISSION FORM (15 - 17 years old)

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LEGAL GUARDIAN/PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION

Name of participant:

Name of Legal Guardian/Parent

Address of Legal Guardian/Parent

Daytime Phone Number of Legal Guardian/Parent

Email Address of Legal Guardian/Parent

Date and Signature of Legal Guardian/Parent

TEAM ALBERTA NORTH CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct identifies the standard of behavior that is expected of all Team Alberta North participants including athletes, coaches, managers, artists and mission staff. Participants who fail to abide by this Code will be subject to disciplinary action.

The responsibilities of all Team Alberta North participants are as follows:

1. Participants of Team Alberta North are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and responsible manner at all times. Such conduct is expected of participants from selection and training preceding the Games, during the Games, and until they return home. This includes actions and comments made using social media.
2. Team Alberta North is committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Participants shall refrain from comments and behaviors that are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist.
3. All participants shall attend the Opening or Closing Ceremonies of the Games as well as Sport Opening and Closing Ceremonies, medal presentations, pep rallies and other official Team Alberta North functions. Participants are expected to wear the designated Team Alberta North uniform at these events.
4. All participants shall reside in the Athletes' Village and adhere to the Host Society's rules and curfew of 12 midnight. Coaches may set an earlier curfew if game/event schedules warrant.
5. Participants shall neither consume nor be in possession of alcohol or cannabis in the Athletes' Village, (Alcohol in the Coaches Lounge is an exception) any Games venue or event. Participants shall not be under the influence of alcohol or cannabis at any time they are performing their official duties as a member of Team Alberta North. Minors shall not be in possession of, nor consume alcohol or cannabis at any time during the Games or during travel to/from the Games.
6. A minor is defined by the laws of the jurisdiction where the Games are taking place.
7. Participants shall refrain from smoking in the Athletes' Village, at all official Team Alberta North activities, Games venues and events.
8. Participants shall not engage in any activity or behavior that interferes with a competition or with any participant's preparation for a competition, which endangers the safety of others, or is illegal in the jurisdiction.
9. Team Alberta North recognizes the Canadian Policy on Penalties for Doping in Sport (endorsed by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and Canadian Heritage/Sport Canada). Participants shall not use or be in possession of illicit drugs/narcotics, performance-enhancing drugs or methods or drug paraphernalia.
10. Depending on the severity of the offence, the Chef de Mission or Discipline Committee shall be responsible for discipline which may include any one or combination of the following sanctions:
 - Earlier curfew
 - Verbal or written reprimand
 - Submission by the offender of a verbal or written apology
 - Suspension from specific Team Alberta North activities or sport competition
 - Revoking Team Alberta North clothing or gifts
 - Removal of certain Team Alberta North or Games Host Society Village privileges
 - Removal from a portion of, or the remainder of the Games
 - Removal from the Games and being sent home at the expense of the participant and/or Provincial Sport Organization
 - Other sanctions that are considered appropriate for the offence.
11. The Discipline Committee may deal with any discipline matter within Team Alberta North. The Discipline Committee will consist of a coach or chaperone (which may be the coach or chaperone of the athlete if deemed appropriate), a mission staff person and the Assistant Chef de Mission. The Assistant Chef de Mission shall be the Chair of the Discipline Committee.
12. A participant involved in a discipline situation shall be advised that they have the right to seek the advice and assistance of a Participant's Advocate. The role of the Participant's Advocate is to advise the athlete of his or her rights, to provide support and to speak on behalf of the athlete, if requested.
13. Incidents involving a number of team members may result in the entire team receiving disciplinary sanctions.
14. Any individual who has been disciplined shall have the right to appeal this decision. The Appeals Committee shall hear appeals of disciplinary decisions. The Appeals Committee is made up of the Chef de Mission, a member of the mission staff from a different sport and a third person selected by the Chef de Mission from among the appellant's peers, but not from the same sport/team (i.e., if the appellant is an athlete, this would be another athlete; if the appellant is a coach, then another coach, etc.). Before the Games, the Chef de Mission shall compile a list of athletes, coaches, managers and mission staff who are willing to serve on the Appeals Committee.

DECLARATION

I, _____, being a member of Team Alberta North representing _____ (sport), agree to abide by this Code of Conduct while traveling to, participating at, and returning from the 2023 Arctic Winter Games. I understand that if I do not abide by this Code of Conduct, disciplinary sanctions may be imposed against me. If these sanctions include expulsion from the Games, I understand that I may be returned home at the expense of myself and/or the Provincial Sport Organization to which I belong.

I hereby grant to Team Alberta North and Alberta Culture and Status of Women, the right to use and distribute, without any payment of fee or charge, any written information pertaining to me and submitted during the 2023 Arctic Winter Games registration process (excluding information contained on the medical form), and any image of me whether in a photograph, video tape or other electronic media acquired while traveling to, participating at or returning from the 2023 Arctic Winter Games, provided such use and distribution is not commercial in nature.

Signature of Participant



Date

Should the participant be subject to discipline resulting in their being sent home at their expense, I agree to cover these costs.



Signature of Parent/Guardian if participant is under 18

Signature of Provincial Sport Organization



PLEASE NOTE: This document MUST have signatures from a parent/guardian and your Provincial Sport Organization to be complete.

Sample Minor Infractions:

Use of tobacco products, including snuff, by minors, anywhere and at any time; Use of tobacco products, by adults, at any Games venue, event or any official Team Alberta North event; Disturbance or disruption after quiet time in the Athletes' Village; Disrespectful, offensive or abusive comments (which includes racist or sexist) or behavior (including the use of social media; e.g. posting comments on Facebook or Twitter); Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as arguing; Being late or absent from Team Alberta North events (e.g., Opening or Closing Ceremonies)

Sample Major Infractions:

Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as fighting; Curfew violations; Repeated disturbances or disruptions after quiet time in the Athletes' Village; Repeated or gross display of disrespectful, offensive or abusive comments (which includes racist or sexist) or behaviors; Possession or use of illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia; Use of alcohol or cannabis by a minor at any time; Use or possession of alcohol or cannabis by an adult within the Athletes' Village or any Games venue or event or being under the influence of alcohol or cannabis while performing official duties for Team Alberta North; Intoxication; Betting or gambling; Activities or behaviors which disrupt competition; Pranks, jokes or other activities which endanger the safety of others; Criminal activities

Sample Minor Sanctions:

Earlier curfew; Verbal or written reprimand; Formal verbal apology (Witnessed); Formal written apology (Hand-delivered); Suspension from certain Team Alberta North activities, which may include suspension from next scheduled competition at the Games; Other sanctions, as deemed appropriate by the Discipline Committee or Chef de Mission

Sample Major Sanctions:

Revoking Team Alberta North clothing; Removal of certain Team Alberta North or Athletes' Village privileges; Assignment to direct supervision for a prescribed period of time; Removal from a portion of, or the remainder of the games at the expense of the athlete; Other sanctions, as deemed appropriate by the Discipline Committee.

Note that the above samples are representative only and that each discipline case may entail unique circumstances. Decisions on discipline will be at the discretion of the Chef de Mission, Discipline Committee or Appeal Committee, as appropriate.