

## AGE GROUP

12 - 16 years of age (as of start date of the Games)

Year of Birth: 2009 – 2013\*

*\*Athletes seventeen (17) years of age, or athletes turning seventeen (17) during the Alberta Games, are NOT eligible to attend the Games.*



## ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

6 athletes per Zone (# of females 3 # of males 3)

2\* coaches and/or chaperones per Zone (# of females 1 # of males 1)

\*Minimum of 1 coach/zone

## FILL POLICY

A sport fill policy will be in effect whereby any fill athletes must be of a comparable level of ability, be fully eligible, and have participated in a Zone playoff:

### Team

1. In the event a Zone does not have any athletes, the first opportunity to replace that Zone team will be given to the host Zone, if they can provide a second full team of eligible athletes.
2. The second opportunity to replace that team will be given to the Zone with the greatest number of participants (not in individual events, but participants in total) in a Zone playoff that can provide a full team of eligible athletes.
3. Should no Zone be able to field a second full team of athletes, the host Zone will provide the bulk of athletes, and the individual fill policy will take effect for the individual positions left unfilled.
4. The filled team will be considered a second team of the Zone from which the majority of the athletes reside.

### Individual

In the event there are one or more open slots for a given event:

1. The first opportunity to fill each spot is given to the host Zone.
2. Subsequent fill athletes will be designated based on provincial ranking as at November 24th, 2025, as detailed below in General.
3. Should a tie occur, the Zone Playoff results will determine the selected athlete. If two athletes achieve the same result at the Zone Playoffs, the athlete who competed in the larger playoff will be given precedence.

### General

- Distribute places in inverse order from the team's placing at the last Alberta Winter Games according to the principle of making the weakest teams as strong as possible:
  - The highest ranked fill Zone fencer to be placed as fill on the weakest team (based on

the previous Alberta Winter Games results) that requires a fill, the next highest fill to the next weakest team and so on.

- The ranking used will be the ranking published following the last Zone qualification tournament that has been completed.
- In the case of the withdrawal of an athlete from the Games after the Zone teams have been announced, the individual fill policy will be used to fill the vacated position.
- Should the vacancy occur on a team filled by the team fill policy, and that Zone is not able to provide a new fill athlete, only the vacancy will be filled, and all other athletes will remain the same.
- All Zones are required to register athletes for the Zone playoffs on the website identified by the Alberta Fencing Association. This is required even if a fee is not charged and will allow for proper application of the fill policy.
- All Zones are required to submit their playoff results to the Alberta Fencing Association by November 25th, 2025 in order to allow for the proper application of the fill policy.
- Individual fill athletes compete in both the team and the individual event for the Zone they are filling, regardless of their home Zone.
- In the case of the team fill policy being applied, any individual fill on a filled team will compete for the Zone from which the bulk of the athletes reside.

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **January 13, 2026**.*

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## **ELIGIBILITY**

*For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit [www.albertawintergames.ca](http://www.albertawintergames.ca).*

### Athletes

- Athletes will compete for their Zone of residence, unless they are competing as a fill athlete for another Zone, as per fill policy outlined in this document.
- Each athlete is only eligible to register to compete at the Alberta Winter Games in one (1) weapon, though they may enter the qualification events for multiple weapons.

### Coaches/Chaperones

*All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.*

These requirements must be met by registration deadline.

- **NCCP Certification** - Identified zone coaches must be fully Certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Instructor Beginner and have completed a minimum of five (5) of the following seven (7) multi-sport modules under the Competition Introduction pathway:
  - Make Ethical Decisions (training and evaluation mandatory)
  - Planning a Practice
  - Teaching & Learning
  - Basic Mental Skills
  - Design a Basic Sport Program
  - Nutrition
  - Making Headway In Sport

- As this is a developmental event, Zones should assign the coaching positions in the following order of preference, depending on availability:
  - Comp-Int Certified
  - Comp-Int Trained
  - Comp-Int – In Training
  - Comp-Dev
  - Community
- **Safe Sport** - SafeSport Requirements for all coaches and chaperones by the registration deadline:
  - Must have a clear criminal records and vulnerable sector check from within the last three (3) years, or less if required by your Organization's policies.
  - Must have completed either the CAC Safe Sport Training or the Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders

*Note: Where a coach or chaperone has been substituted after the registration deadline leading into the Games, they must have the above completed and verified with Mission Staff no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the Alberta Games.*

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## **AFFILIATION**

Athletes and Coaches must be members of the Alberta Fencing Association to participate in the Alberta Winter Games. Contact the Alberta Fencing Association at (780) 427-9474 or your local fencing club.

Note: The registration deadline for Fencing is **December 11, 2025**.

Benefits of affiliation include:

- Access to provincial programs
- Liability and Sport Accident insurance
- Newsletter
- Right to participate in coaching and official certification programs
- Right to hold office

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## **ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES**

Each Zone will finalize and submit to the AFA a Zone playoff schedule by **August 14, 2025**. These dates will be circulated to all clubs as well as posted on the Alberta Fencing Association website.

To determine the date and location of Zone playoffs/selection please visit [www.fencing.ab.ca](http://www.fencing.ab.ca) or [www.albertawintergames.ca](http://www.albertawintergames.ca).

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## **ALBERTA GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE**

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2024 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. *Information on the collection of this fee(s) will be updated no later than the fall of 2025.*

Please note the registration deadline for Fencing is **December 11, 2025**.

## EVENTS

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The competition will consist of Individual, and a Team events. Event details will be posted on the Alberta Fencing Association's website before the Games.

### Individual Event

- There will be an individual event for each of the six (6) weapon categories.
- The individual event will take the form of a round robin (poule) followed by direct elimination.
- There will be a direct elimination match for third place.

### Team Event

Each Zone will qualify one (1) team of six (6) fencers. There will be a maximum of eight (8) teams. The team shall consist of:

- One (1) Men's and one (1) Women's Foilist
- One (1) Men's and one (1) Women's Epeeist
- One (1) Men's and one (1) Women's Sabreur

The team competition will take the form of a round robin (poule) followed by direct elimination. Each team will fence each other once in the poule.

- Order of bouts will be decided by random draw by the coaches or team captains at the beginning of each match.
- There will be a direct elimination match for third place.
- The sabre bouts of the team event will be fought for a maximum of one minute stop time.

Rules of competition are in accordance with the Canadian Fencing Federation and Fédération Internationale d'Escrime rules and regulations.

## PROTEST PROCEDURES

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As per Canadian Fencing Federation rules and regulations.

## EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

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As per Alberta Fencing Association rules and regulations.

## PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

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### ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of the eight (8) Zones has a designated Fencing representative. To contact your Zone sport representative please see the list below and contact information for each Zone sport representative.

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