

AGE GROUP

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ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

8 athletes per Zone (# of females 4, # of males 4)
2 coaches per Zone (# of females 1, # of males 1)

FILL POLICY

1. The first “fill” spot will be given to the Zone with the greatest number of participants in that sex at the Zone playoffs.
2. Each subsequent “fill spot will follow as per the highest number of participants in the Zone playoff.
3. If after the first round of fills there are still available spots, the Zone with the greatest number of participants in the playoff will start the process again filling a second “fill” spot from that Zone, and so on until all spots have been filled.
4. Fill athletes will receive Zone ID for the Zone of which they are filling.
5. Fills will stay in Village accommodations with the Zone to which they are filling
6. Fills count toward team points for the Zone for which they are filling, as well as their individual points.

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

ELIGIBILITY

For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertawintergames.ca.

Athletes

- Athletes will be ineligible if they have represented Canada in the team event at either World Junior or Pan-Am Junior competitions.
- Athletes may compete in the Zone of their residence or the Zone where they are a club member and actively train at, however, they must declare Zone of choice prior to playoffs.
- Athletes born between February 17, 2009 – February 12, 2015, are eligible to compete in badminton at the 2026 Alberta Winter Games. Athletes must be between the ages of 11 – 16 during the dates of the Games (Feb 13-16, 2026).
- Athletes that are 17 years of age or are turning 17 during the dates of the Games ARE NOT eligible to participate.

Coaches/Chaperones

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

- **NCCP Certification** – Minimum one (1) staff registered as coach per zone must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Comp Intro Regional. Additional

coaches must be at least trained at Comp Intro Regional.

- **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

Both the coach and manager must be current members of Badminton Alberta, with the coach required to also have a provincial level coach license with Badminton Alberta.

AFFILIATION

Affiliation with Badminton Alberta is mandatory at Zone and provincial levels by all athletes.

- Valid Badminton Alberta affiliation at the base membership level is required at the Zone playoff level.
- Payable on site or through Badminton Alberta at (403) 297-2722. Detailed benefits of affiliation can be obtained by visiting the Badminton Alberta on-line at www.badmintonalberta.ca.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

The Zone selection process to be determined by each Zone must be approved by the Provincial Sport Coordinator. Selection process will be determined by:

- Size of entry
- Events contested will be determined by size of entry
- Time and courts permitting, Zone trials will consist of singles, doubles and mixed doubles. If all five events are held, the winner in each event will qualify for the Games. The order of play will be doubles, singles and mixed doubles.
- The winner of any event is not eligible to contest the next event. The team winning doubles will not be permitted to contest singles, the winners of singles will not be allowed to contest mixed doubles. If mixed doubles are not held, the second-place finisher in singles will fill the fourth position.
- Each Zone will qualify 4 males and 4 females for nomination to represent their respective Zones.
- Qualified Zone athletes will be restricted to one individual event entry in the individual event competition and must be nominated no more than once in each tie within the team competition.

To determine the date and location of Zone playoffs/selection please visit www.badmintonalberta.ca or www.albertawintergames.ca.

ALBERTA GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2026 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 Badminton is **January 11, 2026**.

EVENTS

Team Competition

- Consisting of five (5) matches (1 males singles, 1 female singles, 1 male doubles, 1 female doubles, 1 mixed doubles)
- Each team member must be nominated for 1 event per tie. All players must be nominated.
- No player may be nominated for more than 1 event
- Team line-ups may be altered for each round of team competition
- Round Robin qualifying (2 pools of 4 teams), with top teams playing off for positions 1-4, bottom 2 players/team in each pool will play for positions 5-8
- Round robin pools will consist of Zones 1,3,5,7 in Pool A and Zones 2,4,6,8 in Pool B
- Each draw will consist of 1 entry per Zone, for a draw size of 8 position.

Individual Competition

- Five individual event draws will be developed in one age category (under 17 years)
- Round Robin qualifying (2 pools of 4 entries), with top two teams playing off for positions 1-4, bottom 2 players/teams in each pool will play for positions 5-8
- Round Robin pools will consist of Zones 1,3,5,7 in Pool A and Zone 2,4,6,8 in Pool B.
- Each draw will consist of 1 entry per Zone, for a draw size of 8 positions. Events governed by Badminton World Federation rules

PROTEST PROCEDURES

- All protests during the tournament must be brought immediately to the attention of the Tournament Referee.
- If the Tournament Referee feels it is necessary, he/she has the right to summon the Protest Committee to decide on any protests.
- The Protest Committee will consist of the Tournament Referee, Provincial Sport Coordinator and Host Community Sport Chair.
- All decisions by the Tournament Referee or Protest Committee are final.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Feathered shuttles will be used in all events at the Alberta Games.

PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

The Provincial Sport Coordinator indicated above has been appointed by Badminton Alberta to serve as the primary contact and leader of the association's participation in the Alberta Games. For any questions about Badminton in the Alberta Games, contact your Provincial Sport Coordinator, or visit www.badmintonalberta.ca.