

AGE GROUP

11 - 15 years of age (as of December 31, 2026)*

- Athletes registered and competing in the youth (13-15) age category.
- In the event a zone does not have a team registered in the youth category they will be permitted to swim in the trials as long as they are minimally 11 years old and no older than 17 at the time of the games.
 - Athletes must be a minimum of 11 years old by the first day of the Games.



ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

<u>8</u> athletes per Zone	(# of females <u>8</u> , may include male athletes on a team of 8 or in a duet)
<u>2</u> coaches per Zone	(# of females <u>2</u>)
0-1 coach/chaperone per zone	(# of males 1, a male chaperone where there is one or more male athletes.)

FILL POLICY

A sport fill policy is in effect whereby:

- The fill-in team or athlete(s) must be fully eligible and have participated in a Zone playoff.
- The first opportunity is provided to the second highest ranked team/duet as applicable of the Host Zone.
- The second opportunity to fill-in will go to the top placed non-qualifying team in the respective north Zone (Zones 5, 6, 7 and 8) or south Zone (Zones 1, 2, 3 or 4). If there are not enough spots to fill with a team, then the fill will go to the top placed duet in the respective north Zone (Zones 5, 6, 7 and 8) or south Zone (Zones 1, 2, 3 or 4) that has not already qualified.
- If a fill-in cannot be obtained by these two (2) means, then the fill procedures will be designated by Alberta Artistic Swimming's Technical Director within the available roster space.
- Fill teams may receive attire from the Zone they are filling for rather than the Zone they represent. This is dependent on the quantity of attire available.

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

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

- Athletes must be a competitive swimmer member with Alberta Artistic Swimming.
- Athletes will compete for the Zone of their club location.

Athletes seventeen (17) years of age, or athletes turning seventeen (17) during the Alberta Games, are NOT eligible to attend the Games. For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertawintergames.ca.

Coaches/Chaperone

- Coaches must be competitive coach members with Alberta Artistic Swimming which includes being fully compliant with all requirements of the Canada Artistic Swimming Coach Certification Registration Policy
- **NCCP Certification** - A minimum of one (1) member per Zone of the staff registered as coaches must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least **Competition Introduction Coach**. **All other coaches must be minimally Trained Competition Introduction**.
- **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.

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

AFFILIATION

- Athletes must be a competitive swimmer member with an Alberta Artistic Swimming competitive club.
- Coaches must be a competitive coach member with Alberta Artistic Swimming
- Individuals must be affiliated with Alberta Artistic Swimming by **October 15, 2025**. Contact Alberta Artistic Swimming at (780) 415-1789.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

- There will be one Zone playoff held. All eligible clubs and participants, even in Zones with a bye, must compete in Zone playoffs. It will be held in **November/December 2025**.
- The Zone playoffs will consist of the Alberta Winter Games figure transitions and routine events. There will be no solos. The figure transition scores, and all routine scores will be combined for a championship score as outlined in the Canada Artistic Swimming rulebook. The first-place team in all Zones will qualify for the Alberta Winter Games, provided that the team may only submit a maximum roster of 8 to participate in the Alberta Winter Games.
- Existing duets within a selected team will be eligible to compete at the Alberta Winter Games provided they competed at the trials.
- There will be no alternates allowed at the Games in either the team or duet event.

To determine the date and location of Zone playoffs/selection please visit www.albertaartisticswimming.ca or <https://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 available in the final technical package.*

Please note the registration deadline for Artistic Swimming is **December 15, 2025**.

EVENTS

Figures

- Four (4) figures competed at the Alberta Winter Games.
 - The four (4) figures will be drawn by September 15, 2025, shared with all competitive clubs and the technical package updated to reflect them.

Routines

- Team: Not to exceed 3 minutes (“no minimum time”)
- Duet: Not to exceed 2 minutes, 30 seconds (“no minimum time”)
- Preliminary and Final Events will be held for Team routine and Duet routine events. All teams will compete in finals.
- The top 12 duets will qualify to compete in finals. There will be no pre-swimmers.

Medals will be presented for championship in duet and team.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

In the event of a protest during a competition, the protest will follow the Canada Artistic Swimming Dispute Resolution Policy section 3.3.2.a

<https://artisticswimming.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/RULEBOOK-2019-Edition-English-Clean.pdf>

The protest will be reviewed by a Jury of Appeal named by Alberta Artistic Swimming prior to the competition.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

N/A

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

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