



## 2023 Canada Winter Games Eligibility Restrictions

Eligibility restrictions are aligned with the “Train to Compete” phase of the sport’s Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD), or other suitable phase of LTAD, as justified by the National Sport Organization and approved by the Canada Games Council (CGC).

Eligibility restrictions pertain only to the sport in question (i.e. if an athlete has competed in a Senior World Championship in biathlon, they are still eligible to compete in the Canada Games in badminton).

The CGC Sport Committee has approved the eligibility restrictions for the following sports on the 2023 Canada Winter Games program:

Sport	Eligibility Restrictions
Alpine Ski	To be confirmed
Archery	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li><li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Senior World Archery Championships</li><li>○ Olympic Games</li><li>○ Pan American Games</li><li>○ Commonwealth Games</li><li>○ FISU Games</li><li>○ Senior World Cups*</li></ul></li></ul> <p>*An athlete who has competed at a Senior World Cup but meets all other eligibility restrictions may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis.</p>
Badminton	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li><li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Olympic Games</li><li>○ Pan American Games</li><li>○ Commonwealth Games</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BWF World Championships</li> </ul>
Biathlon	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Senior Biathlon World Championships (those who have previously competed only at a Youth or Junior Biathlon World Championships are not included in this provision)</li> <li>○ IBU World Cup Event</li> <li>○ IBU Cup Event</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Athletes who do not possess a federally issued Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) or Minor's License document to carry and use a firearm</li> </ul>
Boxing	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Pan American Games</li> <li>○ Commonwealth Games</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Cross Country Ski	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ World Cups (domestic World Cups not included)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All competitors must hold a valid Cross Country Canada Racing License.</p>



Curling	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ World Men’s or World Women’s Curling Championships</li> <li>○ World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Fencing	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Pan American Games</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> <li>○ Cadet/Junior World Championships</li> <li>○ Grand Prix events*</li> <li>○ Senior World Cup events*</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*If an athlete has competed at a World Cup or Grand Prix event that was held in Canada, they may be ruled eligible.</p>
Freestyle Ski	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ World Cups*</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*An athlete who has participated in a World Cup event could be eligible only if they are part of the NextGen team.</p>
Figure Skating	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are*:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● International Junior and Senior competitors</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ ISU World Championships</li> <li>○ ISU Four Continent Championships</li> <li>○ ISU World Junior Championships</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>* The above eligibility restrictions do not apply to Special Olympics athletes. Athletes participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada.</p> <p>Skate Canada Rule 5401 (Eligibility to compete) applies to all competitors, with the exception of 5401(3). For the Canada Games, competitors need to be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, with no minimum residency requirement for permanent residents.</p> <p>Competitors must compete in the same category that they registered in at qualifying competition during the 2022-2023 competitive season.</p> <p>Skate Canada Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pre-Novice Singles: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (2)(a)(i).</li> <li>● Pre-Novice Pair: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (2)(b)(i).</li> <li>● Pre-Novice Ice Dance: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (2)(c)(i).</li> <li>● Special Olympics Level 2 Singles (Men &amp; Women): Skaters must be working on Stages 4-6 of the CanSkate Program. Skaters must not have completed Stage 6. Note: Both Level 1 and Level 2 skaters are eligible to compete although Level 2 skills will be performed.</li> <li>● Special Olympics Level 3 Singles (Men &amp; Women): A skater competing in Level 3 must have passed CanSkate Stage 6 and is entering the STAR program.</li> </ul>
Gymnastics - Artistic	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have</li> </ul>



	<p>held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Pan American Games</li> <li>○ Commonwealth Games</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Gymnastics - Trampoline	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Pan American Games</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Senior World Cups</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Hockey	To be confirmed
Judo	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2, C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Commonwealth Games*</li> <li>○ Pan American Games*</li> <li>○ FISU Games*</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*If an athlete who is not carded has competed at a Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games, or FISU Games and meets all other eligibility requirements, they may be ruled eligible.</p>
Karate	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have</li> </ul>



	<p>held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Senior World Cups</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Commonwealth Games</li> <li>○ Pan American Games</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Ringette	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All competitors must be fully registered with their provincial association and Ringette Canada by December 31, 2022.</p>
Snowboard	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Speed Skating	<p><i>LONG TRACK</i></p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Cups</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ ISU Four Continent Championships</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> </ul> <p><b>SHORT TRACK</b></p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Senior World Cups</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ ISU Four Continent Championships</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Squash	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Commonwealth Games</li> <li>○ Pan American Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Table Tennis	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</li> <li>● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior World Championships</li> <li>○ Olympic Games</li> <li>○ Senior World Cups</li> <li>○ Commonwealth Games</li> <li>○ Pan American Games</li> <li>○ FISU Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	○ Professional leagues
Wheelchair Basketball	To be confirmed

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event after November 19, 2022, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2023 Canada Games).

Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport Committee.

