

## 2015 CANADA WINTER GAMES PROCESS



### ATTENTION PLAYERS BORN BETWEEN 1997 AND 2000 **Inclusive**

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) will be sending a team to the Canada Winter Games in February 2015. The Games will take place in Prince George, B.C. This National Championship will also feature teams from each Province and Territories. The team will consist of 18 skaters and two goaltenders.

Please be advised of the process to select the OWHA team for the 2015 Canada Winter Games:

- **Participation at a tryout camp is by invitation only.**
- If you feel that you meet the criteria to play for Team Ontario and want to ensure that you were identified within the OWHA's evaluation process, please complete and submit the form no later than April 21, 2014. Only players who are selected to attend will be notified.
- Phase one - Approximately 60 to 80 players will be invited through the OWHA evaluation/scouting process to attend the OWHA's July 2014 selection camp.
- Athletes selected to attend the July 2014 tryout camp will be notified on or before May 15, 2014.
- Phase two - A number of successful athletes from the July camp will be selected to advance to the OWHA selection camp on October 9 – 13, 2014.
- Phase three - The OWHA – Team Ontario – Canada Winter Games team will be selected following the October camp. The team will then come together for a camp in either December 2014 and/or January 2015.
- The OWHA will hold a pre-competition camp in the GTA prior to departure for Prince George, B.C in February 2015.
- The camps must be run financially self-sufficient with funding coming from the participant registration fees. The OWHA will endeavour to keep the costs to a minimum. The direct financial commitment of a successful applicant is expected to be approximately \$ 1800.00. Individual travel to and from camps along with personal expenses are in addition to this amount.
- In order to qualify for the OWHA team, all individuals selected to attend the camps must participate in the full selection process. OWHA evaluations will be the only determining criteria for selection to this team. Evaluations done by non-OWHA assigned individuals will not be part of the process.
- Open to Ontario residents only. Players must be registered with the OWHA in the 2013/2014 season and the 2014/2015 season.

#### **General Competitor Eligibility**

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
3. The Canada Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of the OWHA.
4. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the province or territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
5. An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside her province of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either her province or territory of permanent residence or the province or territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
6. An athlete who is training outside her province or territory of permanent residence may represent the province or territory in which she is training provided she can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she wishes to represent by:
  - Having been a member of a club or provincial/territorial sport organization in that province/territory for the entire previous or current competitive season  
AND
  - Having represented that province or territory at an international, national or regional championship,-  
AND
  - Not having received direct development funding from their province or territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.

OR

- Other similar circumstances may be considered.
7. An athlete is permitted to try out for any province or territory of eligibility but can only try out for one province or territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one province or territory but cannot try out for swimming in another province or territory. An athlete may try out for one province or territory in swimming, and may try out for another province or territory in diving).
  8. Athletes may only compete for one province or territory at a single Canada Games.
  9. Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.
  10. The eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules and by the Technical Package shall be determined by the Sport Committee of the Council. Coaches or PSOs must bring forward any unclear cases to their Chef de Mission and to their NSO as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Sport Committee.
  11. Where a team/province/territory/Chef wishes to challenge the eligibility of an athlete on another provincial/territorial team, it is expected that such a challenge will be made as soon as the protesting team knows that an athlete may be ineligible. Every effort must be made to ensure that protests on eligibility are lodged before an athlete competes.

Other

12. All teams are reminded of the Canada Games Council's regulations concerning advertising on uniforms: only the uniform manufacturer's name or trade mark logo may be worn on team competition uniforms to a maximum size of 60 square centimeters.
13. Canada Games rules do not allow team staff to practice as therapists, physicians or other medical or paramedical practitioners. The Host Society (organizing committee) is responsible for providing high quality medical care at a central clinic at the Athletes' Village and at competition and training venues. The Sport Medicine Council of Canada assists the Host Society by providing additional medical practitioners to ensure that French and English speaking and male and female persons are available, to ensure that sport specific medical expertise is available and to ensure that all regions of Canada are represented. Team staff will not be permitted to administer medical care to athletes.

Please follow the following link to complete the Application if you are interested in being considered for the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F2WKXKP>**

**The application must be completed and received no later than April 21, 2014.**

*For more information regarding the OWHA CWG Programme, please call Pat Nicholls at 905-282-9980.*

**Information collected on this form will be used by the OWHA only.**

OWHA Website: **[www.owha.on.ca](http://www.owha.on.ca)**

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