



## **Basketball NWT 2023 Nationals Athlete Selection Policy**

The purpose of the *Athlete Selection Policy* is to set clear guidelines and to establish the minimum requirements for assessing and selecting athletes. The objective is to identify players to represent Basketball NWT's Territorial Team at the 2023 Nationals. Basketball NWT wants to ensure that the Northwest Territories (NWT) is well represented in the sport of basketball at the 2023 Nationals in Sherbrooke, QC.

### **1. Selection Principles**

- 1) All athletes are deserving of opportunities to be assessed fairly for selection to Basketball NWT (BNWT) Territorial Teams.
- 2) It is important for athletes and those supporting them to understand how the athletes will be assessed for selection to BNWT Territorial Teams.
- 3) Feedback to athletes on their performance is a foundation of ongoing athlete development.
- 4) The goal is to have teams be competitive, play cohesively and display good sportsmanship.
- 5) Selecting athletes that are physically fit, technically skilled and display the appropriate attitudinal qualities.

### **2. Athlete Eligibility**

- Male U15: Born in 2007 or later (Up to five (5) over-agers born in 2007 can be selected).
- Male U17: Born in 2005 or later (Up to five (5) over-agers born in 2005 can be selected).
- Possess a **current** membership and is in good standing with BNWT.
- Must be an NWT resident.

### **3. Selections Process**

- Video evaluations will be accepted for athletes residing outside of Yellowknife, Behchoko and N'dilo. The head coaches will provide the specific video requirements for video evaluations (gameplay and/or drills). Athletes must be registered for the selections to submit a video evaluation prior to the start of the selection camp.
- Each athlete must be evaluated by a minimum of two evaluators.
- Twelve (12) athletes will be selected and three (3) alternates per team. An alternate can be added to the roster if one or more of the original team members are removed from the roster prior to the competition.
- Athletes will be notified of the selection results at the end of the selection camp and within 1 week of video evaluation submission, including the final trials. All athletes will be provided with direct feedback on their performance while at the camps or by phone call for video evaluations.



- Scoring: 1 point for weak, 2 points for fair, 3 points for OK, 4 points for good and 5 points for talented.
- Categories Evaluated: Shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding, offensive knowledge, defensive knowledge, defensive abilities and physical testing (endurance & strength).
- Evaluation Form: To be posted on the BNWT website.

#### **4. Selection Committee**

A selection committee composed of two evaluators, including but not limited to the Nationals coaching staff. All evaluators must be in agreement on the selected players. All evaluators must be approved by Basketball NWT's Board of Directors.

Parents of athletes involved in the trials or other individuals deemed by Basketball NWT to have a conflict of interest in the selection process shall not be eligible to be evaluators.

#### **5. Requirements to remain selected**

To remain selected, the following is required:

- The athlete must remain in good standing with Basketball NWT;
- The athlete must meet the minimum technical requirements and training;
- The athlete must meet the expectations and code of conduct as outlined by the head coach and approved by Basketball NWT.

**Failure to meet these requirements will result in removal from the roster.**

#### **6. Exemptions**

All requests for an exemption must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director. A medical exemption must be accompanied by a doctor's note. Any exemption must be approved by Basketball NWT's Board of Directors. Exemptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Exemptions must be received seven (7) days prior to selections.

#### **7. Appeal Process**

Athletes must contact Basketball NWT's Executive Director by email [rami.bnwt@gmail.com](mailto:rami.bnwt@gmail.com) or by calling at (867) 445-6421 if they wish to appeal. Players must appeal in writing within two (2) business days of the selections. The appeals will be reviewed by an executive committee selected by Basketball NWT and a decision rendered within one week of the appeal being filed.

**All inquiries and forms must be sent directly to the Executive Director at [rami.bnwt@gmail.com](mailto:rami.bnwt@gmail.com).**



SELECTIONS EXEMPTION  
REQUEST FORM

**DATE:**

**ATHLETE**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

SIGNATURE:

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**PARENT / GUARDIAN**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

SIGNATURE:

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**LIST REASON FOR EXEMPTION:**

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION required with application form:**

- Letter of support from your school if the reason is an NWT school programming commitment
- Physician's note if reason is due to injury or illness

***The application and supporting documentation must be submitted to Basketball NWT 7 days prior to the start of the selections or the request will not be considered.***