

FENCING

AGE GROUP

12 - 16 years of age (as of start date of the Games)
Year of Birth: 2007 - 2011



ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

- 6 athletes per Zone (# of females 3 # of males 3)
2 coaches per Zone (# of females 1 # of males 1)

FILL POLICY

A sport fill policy will be in effect whereby any fill athletes must be of a comparable level of ability, be fully eligible, and have participated in a Zone playoff:

Team

1. In the event that a Zone does not have any athletes, the first opportunity to replace that Zone team will be given to the host Zone, if they can provide a second full team of eligible athletes.
2. The second opportunity to replace that team will be given to the Zone with the greatest number of participants (not in individual events, but participants in total) in a Zone playoff that can provide a full team of eligible athletes.
3. Should no Zone be able to field a second full team of athletes, the host Zone will provide the bulk of athletes, and the individual fill policy will take effect for the individual positions left unfilled.
4. The filled team will be considered a second team from the Zone from which the majority of the athletes reside.

Individual

In the event that there are one or more open slots for a given event:

1. The first opportunity to fill each spot is given to the host Zone
2. Subsequent fill athletes will be designated based on provincial ranking at November 24th, 2023, as detailed below

General

- Distribute places in inverse order from the team's placing at the last Alberta Winter Games according to the principle of making the weakest teams as strong as possible:
 - The highest ranked fill Zone fencer to be placed as fill on the weakest team (based on the previous Alberta Winter Games results) that requires a fill, the next highest fill to the next weakest team and so on.
 - The ranking used will be the ranking published following the last Zone qualification tournament that has been completed.
- Should a tie occur, the Zone Playoffs results will determine the selected athlete.
- In the case of the withdrawal of an athlete from the Games after the Zone teams have been announced, the individual fill policy will be used to fill the vacated position.
- Should the vacancy occur on a team filled by the team fill policy, and that Zone is not

able to provide a new fill athlete, only the vacancy will be filled and all other athletes will remain the same.

- All Zones are required to register athletes for the Zone playoffs on the website identified by the Alberta Fencing Association. This is required even if a fee is not charged, and will allow for proper application of the fill policy.
- All Zones are required to submit their playoff results to the Alberta Fencing Association by November 24th, 2023 in order to allow for the proper application of the fill policy.
- Individual fill athletes compete in both the team and the individual event for the Zone they are filling on, regardless of their home Zone.
- In the case of the team fill policy being applied, any individual fills on a filled team will compete for the Zone from which the bulk of the athletes reside

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **January 16, 2024**.*

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

- Athletes will compete for their Zone of residence, unless they are competing as a fill athlete for another Zone, as per fill policy outlined in this document.
- Each athlete is only eligible to register to compete at the Alberta Winter Games in one (1) weapon, though they may enter the qualification events for multiple weapons.

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

- **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 to at least **Instructor-Beginner** or the equivalent. As this is a developmental event, Zones should assign the coaching positions in the following order of preference, depending on availability:
 1. Comp-Int
 2. Inst-Beg
 3. Comp-Dev
 4. Community

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

AFFILIATION

Athletes must be members of the Alberta Fencing Association to participate in the Alberta Winter Games. Contact the Alberta Fencing Association at (780) 427-9474 or your local fencing club.

Note: The registration deadline for Fencing is **December 11, 2023**.

- Benefits of affiliation include:
- Access to provincial programs
- Liability and Sport Accident insurance
- Newsletter

- Right to participate in coaching and official certification programs
- Right to hold office

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

Each Zone will finalize and submit to the AFA a Zone playoff schedule by August 28, 2023. These dates will be circulated to all clubs as well as posted on the Alberta Fencing Association website.

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

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2024 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. This fee is payable to your provincial sport organization and must accompany the athlete's registration form for the Provincial Games.

Please note the registration deadline for Fencing is **December 11, 2023**.

EVENTS

The competition will consist of Individual and a Team events. Event details will be posted on the Alberta Fencing Association's website before the Games.

Individual Event

- There will be an individual event for each of the six (6) weapon categories.
- The individual event will take the form of a round robin (poule) followed by direct elimination.
- There will be a direct elimination match for third place.

Team Event

Each Zone will qualify one (1) team of six (6) fencers. There will be a maximum of eight (8) teams. The team shall consist of:

- One (1) Men's and one (1) Women's Foilist
- One (1) Men's and one (1) Women's Epeeist
- One (1) Men's and one (1) Women's Sabreur

The team competition will take the form of a round robin (poule) followed by direct elimination. Each team will fence each other once in the poule.

- Order of bouts will be decided by random draw by the coaches or team captains at the beginning of each match.
- There will be a direct elimination match for third place.
- The sabre bouts of the team event will be fought for a maximum of one minute stop time.

Rules of competition are in accordance with the Canadian Fencing Federation and Fédération Internationale d'Escrime rules and regulations.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

As per Canadian Fencing Federation rules and regulations.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

As per Alberta Fencing Association rules and regulations

PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

Sean Rathwell
c/o Alberta Fencing Association
11759 Groat Road
Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 3K6
Telephone: (780) 860-8422 (b) (587) 603-7141 (c)
E-mail: ed@fencing.ab.ca
Website: www.fencing.ab.ca

ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of the eight (8) Zones has a designated Fencing representative. To contact your Zone sport representative please see the list below and contact information for each Zone sport representative (to be confirmed).

Zone	Name	Contact
Zone 1		
Zone 2		
Zone 3		
Zone 4		
Zone 5		
Zone 6		
Zone 7		
Zone 8		