

# INFORMATION PACKAGE



**ARCTIC  
WINTER  
GAMES**  
WHITEHORSE 2026



# Travel Details

## Chartered Flight Times

U18 & U19

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - Flight # 4N931

DEPART: YZF 1:45 PM (MST) ARRIVE: YXY 3:13 PM (MST)

U15

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - Flight # 4N931

DEPART: YZF 7:30 PM (MST) ARRIVE: YXY 11:30 PM (MST)

U15 & U19

Saturday, March 14, 2026 - Flight #2

DEPART: YXY 9:30 PM (MST) ARRIVE: YZF 12:00 AM (MST)

U18

Sunday, March 15, 2026 - Flight #3

DEPART: YXY 9:00 AM (MST) ARRIVE: YZF 2:00 PM (MST)

**Checked Bag Weight Allowance:** Air North will be enforcing a strict 40 lbs checked bag weight allowance per passenger. Bags will be weighed upon check-in at YZF and may be removed if overweight.

**Check-In Time:** Please check-in 3 hours prior to departure, arrive no later than 10:30 AM at the Yellowknife Airport. Before checking in at the ticket counter, find your coaches to receive host bag tags. Check-in will not be permitted without. Bag tag colour is black. Hockey Teams will check-in as a team once all participants receive their bag tag.

## Social Media



Website: <https://www.awg2026.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/whitehorse2026>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/whitehorse2026/>

TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@whitehorse2026>



Website: <https://www.sportnorth.com/teamnt>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GoTeamNT>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/goteamnt>



# Things To Note

- Accommodation:**
- Quiet Time (10:30pm): Quiet time means they can be in the building (not their designated room) but must remain quiet and respectful of others who may also be sleeping.
  - Curfew (11pm): Participants, coaches, and chaperones must be within their assigned building (accommodation school). Anyone who breaks curfew will be reported to their respective Chef de Mission.
  - Lights Out (11:30pm): Lights out means they must be in their assigned room and lights must be out.
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- Showers:**
- Shower's available after competition at Canada Games Center & Takhani Arena
  - Jack Hulland Elementary 7:15 AM - 9:45 PM daily
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- Meals:**
- No meals available at accommodations - Jack Hulland Elementary
  - All meals served at Porter Creek Secondary School
  - Breakfast 6 AM - 8 AM
  - Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM
  - Dinner 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
  - Grazing 10 AM - 10 PM Daily
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## Sports Schedule

<https://www.awg2026.org/sport-schedule>

## Jack Hulland Elementary

**Address:** 1304 Fir St, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6K9 Equipment  
**Medical:** There will be a medic onsite during competition  
The polyclinic will be at Takhini Elementary School  
It will be open from 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM



## **TEAM NT U18 MALE HOCKEY**

| <b><i>FIRST NAME</i></b> | <b><i>LAST NAME</i></b> | <b><i>JERSEY #</i></b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| OWEN                     | BOWDEN                  | 24                     |
| JACOB                    | CARROLL                 | 17                     |
| JOSHUA                   | CHOROSTKOWSKI           | 19                     |
| NOLAN                    | DUSOME                  | 22                     |
| JACKSON                  | FULLER                  | 15                     |
| GRIFFIN                  | JONES                   | 1                      |
| BROCK                    | LANTZ                   | 14                     |
| HARLEN                   | LIZOTTE                 | 31                     |
| ZACHARY                  | MCLEOD                  | 2                      |
| GRAYSON                  | MUELLER                 | 18                     |
| LUKE                     | MURRAY                  | 3                      |
| BLAKE                    | ROSE                    | 12                     |
| GAVIN                    | ROSE                    | 9                      |
| PETER                    | STAPLES                 | 8                      |
| CORMAC                   | STEWART                 | 11                     |
| RIVER                    | WHITEHEAD               | 4                      |
| ZANDER                   | ZORN                    | 7                      |

## **SCHEDULE**

| <b><i>DATE</i></b>       | <b><i>TIME</i></b>      | <b><i>HOME</i></b> | <b><i>AWAY</i></b> | <b><i>VENUE</i></b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday March 8, 2026     | 9:00 am – 11:00 am      | NT                 | Nunavut            | TAKHINI Arena       |
| Monday March 9, 2026     | 11:30 pm – 1:30 pm      | NT                 | Alaska             | CGC – RINK 2        |
| Tuesday March 10, 2026   | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm       | NT                 | Yukon              | TAKHINI Arena       |
| Wednesday March 11, 2026 | SEMI-FINAL - TBD        | TBD                | TBD                | TBD                 |
| Thursday March 12, 2026  | BRONZE MEDAL GAME - TBD | TBD                | TBD                | TAKHINI Arena       |
| Friday March 13, 2026    | GOLD MEDAL GAME - TBD   | TBD                | TBD                | TAKHINI Arena       |

COACHING STAFF: CHRIS OPHEIM, JEFF BOWDEN, AND KENT ROSE



## **TEAM NT U19 FEMALE HOCKEY**

| <b><i>FIRST NAME</i></b> | <b><i>LAST NAME</i></b> | <b><i>JERSEY #</i></b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| RYLIE                    | BECK                    | 2                      |
| BLAKELY                  | BECK                    | 22                     |
| NORA                     | BOKEN                   | 14                     |
| OLIVIA                   | BOLT                    | 9                      |
| ALLISON                  | CANE                    | 18                     |
| KAIAH                    | CARTER                  | 7                      |
| SHELBY                   | COAKWELL                | 31                     |
| NEVAEH                   | DUSOME                  | 10                     |
| CAROLYNN                 | FERGUSON                | 25                     |
| JULIET                   | GOODMAN                 | 21                     |
| SOPHIE                   | HAWKINS                 | 6                      |
| PAIGE                    | HAWTHORN                | 1                      |
| SARAH                    | MACKENZIE               | 17                     |
| ABIGAIL                  | MURPHY                  | 8                      |
| SADEE                    | WALDEN                  | 16                     |
| KHLOE                    | WHITEHEAD               | 11                     |
| WILLOW                   | WHITEHEAD               | 12                     |

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|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Monday March 9, 2026     | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  | Yukon              | NT                 | TAKHINI Arena       |
| Tuesday March 10, 2026   | 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  | AB-North           | NT                 | CGC – RINK 2        |
| Wednesday March 11, 2026 | 8:30 am – 10:30 am | NT                 | Nunavut            | CGC – RINK 2        |
| Wednesday March 11, 2026 | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  | NT                 | Alaska             | CGC – RINK 2        |
| Thursday March 12, 2026  | SEMI-FINAL - TBD   | TBD                | TBD                | TBD                 |
| Friday March 13, 2026    | MEDAL GAMES - TBD  | TBD                | TBD                | TAKHINI Arena       |

COACHING STAFF: RYAN NICHOLS, ABBY WEBSTER, AND KAYLEE GRANT



## **TEAM NT U15 MALE HOCKEY**

| <b><i>FIRST NAME</i></b> | <b><i>LAST NAME</i></b> | <b><i>JERSEY #</i></b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| JACOB                    | COUTURE                 | 13                     |
| NASH                     | FRASER                  | 14                     |
| MADDEN                   | JAMESON                 | 4                      |
| OWEN                     | KALLUAK                 | 17                     |
| KADEN                    | KOIDHIS                 | 19                     |
| JACOB                    | KOTOKAK                 | 18                     |
| NATE                     | LALONDE                 | 3                      |
| RYDER                    | LEE                     | 1                      |
| BENJAMIN                 | MAGER                   | 21                     |
| BENNETT                  | MILLETTE                | 2                      |
| MICHAEL                  | MURPHY                  | 9                      |
| BENJAMIN                 | MYRICK                  | 7                      |
| KAI                      | RIVERS                  | 6                      |
| BODIE                    | RIVERS                  | 5                      |
| GRAYSON                  | RUGGLES                 | 20                     |
| CIAN                     | SEGBOER                 | 25                     |
| JACK                     | WALSH                   | 31                     |

## **SCHEDULE**

| <b><i>DATE</i></b>       | <b><i>TIME</i></b> | <b><i>HOME</i></b> | <b><i>AWAY</i></b> | <b><i>VENUE</i></b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Monday March 9, 2026     | 8:30 am – 10:30 am | NT                 | Alaska             | CGC – RINK 2        |
| Monday March 9, 2026     | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  | Nunavut            | NT                 | TAKHINI Arena       |
| Tuesday March 10, 2026   | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm | Yukon              | NT                 | CGC – RINK 2        |
| Wednesday March 11, 2026 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm | NT                 | AB- North          | CGC – RINK 2        |
| Thursday March 12, 2026  | SEMI-FINAL - TBD   | TBD                | TBD                | TBD                 |
| Friday March 13, 2026    | MEDAL GAMES - TBD  | TBD                | TBD                | TBD                 |

COACHING STAFF: STEPHANE MILLETTE, CURTIS ROWE, AND ASHLEY RIVERS

## Canada Games Center

The Canada Games Centre (CGC) is a multi-use community sport, recreation and fitness facility for Whitehorse and surrounding communities. The CGC has something to offer people of all ages and abilities. We hope you make the CGC a part of your healthy active lifestyle!

200 Hamilton Blvd, Whitehorse, YT Y1A OA6



## Takhini Arena

Takhini Arena is centrally located off Two Mile Hill, and is the largest spectator seating venue with 1535 seats. The arena is available for ice bookings October to March, and dry floor bookings from May to August. The arena features an NHL ice sheet, lobby, concession, mezzanine with kitchen, dressing rooms, storage and tiered spectator seating.

345 Range Rd, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 3A1



# Participant Events

## Free Swim at Canada Games Centre

- The Canada Games Center pool will be exclusively available to AWG participants on Monday and Wednesday of the Games. The event is first-come first served basis.
- Monday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 11 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Participants will be responsible for organizing their own transportation (bus loops or city transit) and have their accreditation badge to access the pool.
- Should participants wish to utilize the pool outside blocked hours, they must purchase their own wristband.

## Free Movies at Yukon Theatre

- AWG participants will have access to the Yukon Movie Theatre during the Games week with their accreditation badge.
- Participants will be responsible for organizing their own transportation (bus loops or city transit).
- Yukon Theatre 304 Wood Street, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2E6 (867)-687-4834

## Dance

- The AWG participant dance will be held at the Kwanlin Dunn Cultural Centre (1171 Front Street)
- Friday, March 13 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Participants will be responsible for organizing their own transportation to the event (bus loops or city transit) and the AWG Host Society will provide extra buses after the dance to shuttle participants back to accommodations.

## Watch Live

Catch all the action! We have partnered with Home Team Network so you can stream our events live. Check back on March 8th. Broadcasting will begin with the Opening Ceremony at 7:30pm.

<https://app.hometeamlive.com/events/35>

# Packing Checklist

## Carry On Bag (no suitcases)

- Government Issued ID, Healthcare information
- Travel Documents (If necessary)
- Uniform, shoes, multiple pairs of socks, warm-up (tracksuit), plastic bag (for sweaty clothes, smelly shoes), sandals for comfort
- Toiletries (toothbrush, tooth paste, chapstick, extra hair ties/bobby pins)
- Medications and vitamins
- Glasses/Contacts
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Cash, Credit/Debit Card
- Technology (phone, tablet, headphones, chargers)

## Checked Bag (40 lbs MAX)

- Pillow & Towel
- Light Blanket (optional)
- Pajamas
- Clothing for outside game play (pants, sweaters, shirts, underwear, swimsuit, etc.)
- Dress clothes and shoes
- Outdoor gear - toque, gloves/mitts, etc.
- Outdoor Shoes/Boots
- Indoor Shoes/Slippers
- Additional toiletries (Shampoo, conditioner, body soap, deodorant, hair ties, hair bands, etc.)

## Hockey Bag

- Dryland gear (shorts, t-shirt, running shoes) - Hockey NWT clothing not to be worn until Whitehorse Games
- Swim trunks, towel, and flip flops/sandals (for the shower)
- Water bottle
- Extra skate laces
- Extra hockey tape (stick and shin pad)
- Extra Set of Hockey Skate blades (if you have them)
- At least two hockey sticks
- Mouth guard (this is optional)
- Note: ensure adequate neck guard, that has good velcro

**WEAR ON THE PLANE**

- Snow pants
- Jacket
- Hoodie
- Toque

# Thank you Partners

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# NWT TEAM PROFILES

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## The Northwest Territories prepares to take to the ice in hockey

**Thorsten Gohl**  
Special to Northern News Services

*The road to the 2026 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse for Team NT continues with a look at the hockey teams with Thorsten Gohl.*

After three days of high-energy training, competition, skill testing, and evaluation in January, Team NT selected its hockey athletes for the 2026 Arctic Winter Games. The trials brought together athletes from all over the territory, each arriving ready to compete, learn, and give their very best. From the first whistle to the final shift, the rink was filled with intensity, teamwork, respect, and pride. Every athlete who stepped onto the ice represented their community with heart.

Hockey has been part of the Arctic Winter Games since the very beginning. In many ways, it reflects the spirit of the North itself. It connects people and communities across distance and weather, teaching life skills that reach far beyond the rink, including grit, goal setting, resilience, and mental toughness. More importantly, it teaches young people how to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Team NT will compete at the Canada Games Centre and Takhini Arena, with competition running from March 7 to March 13 and gold medal games set for the final day.

### U18 Male Team

This year's U18 male team brings together athletes from Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Smith, and Aklavik. Described as experienced, gritty, and honest, this group carries a strong sense of purpose as many of these players will be attending their final Arctic Winter Games. With the three-year cycle, most will age out before the next opportunity.

For the coaching staff, that reality adds meaning. The goal is not only to compete, but to create memories that last a lifetime and inspire these young men to stay connected to the game. There is hope that some will return in the future as coaches, mentors, and leaders, giving back to the same communities that supported them.

One athlete being highlighted is Zach McLeod from Aklavik. Having played hockey since

he was a young child, Zach represents what is possible for youth growing up in smaller Northern communities. His journey carries the potential to inspire the next generation back home, showing that hard work and determination matter more than where you come from.

The U18 group is excited simply to get to the Games and compete. After months of preparation, they are ready to enjoy the experience, play the game the right way, and proudly represent the North on the ice.

### U19 Female Team

The U19 female team is made up of athletes from Yellowknife and Hay River, a hardworking, fast, young, and dedicated group that continues to push the growth of female hockey in the North. Hockey in the NWT creates connections that last a lifetime. Whether on a rink, a pond, or a frozen lake, the sport brings people together and opens doors to experiences that go far beyond wins and losses.

This year's team is especially young, which makes well for the future. The experience gained at these Games, facing strong competition and learning to adapt in a fast-paced tournament environment, will help shape the next generation of northern players. They are known for being tenacious and difficult to play against, a group that competes hard and never backs down.

One athlete to watch is Willow Whitehead from Yellowknife. A fierce competitor who has played on male development teams for years, she has long been recognized for her leadership and skill. She currently leads the U18 female development team in Yellowknife and continues to set an example for younger players across the territory.

For these athletes, representing the Northwest Territories brings pride and honour. Female hockey is growing rapidly across the North, and this team is a big reason why.

### U15 Male Team

The U15 team reflects a strong sense of unity. Described as close knit, with diverse leadership and a common goal, this group is built on the idea that every player has a role to play. Each athlete brings individual skills, but what



Zach McLeod of Aklavik will be a member of the U18 male hockey team when the Arctic Winter Games begin in Whitehorse next month. Photo courtesy of Thorsten Gohl

makes the team special is their willingness to put the group first. Players are ready to take on responsibilities that help the team succeed, whatever that may look like.

Hockey continues to hold a deep place in Canadian identity, and in the North it remains one of the most accessible and meaningful pathways for youth to stay active, build friendships, and pursue new opportunities. The U15 group represents the next generation stepping into that tradition.

Full final rosters, including coaching staff and additional team details for the U15, U18, and U19 teams, are available on the Hockey NWT website.

### More than a game

Across all three teams, the common thread

is clear. Hockey in the Northwest Territories is about connection, growth, and community. It is about early mornings, long drives, frozen outdoor rinks, and the shared experiences that shape young people into confident and resilient individuals.

As these athletes prepare to take the ice in Whitehorse, they carry more than sticks and skates. They carry the pride of their communities, the support of families and coaches, and the spirit of the North with them.

For many, these Games will become memories they carry for the rest of their lives. And for the next generation watching from the stands, from small communities, and from backyard rinks, they will be a reminder that dreams can grow anywhere, even in the far North.

#WE ARE  
# ALL TEAM **NT**