

AGE GROUP

U13, U15 - Athletes (11-14)*

**Athletes must be 11 years of age by the start of the Games.*



ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

8 Athletes per Zone (# of females 4 # of males 4)

2 coaches or chaperones* (# of females 1 # of males 1)

*minimum of 1 coach/zone

FILL POLICY

The sport fill policy will allow vacant positions to be filled based on number of riders per Zone in each age/sex category.

1. If a fill is required for any Zone, the Zone with the highest number of participants in the age/sex category in question has the first opportunity to fill.
 - a. If this Zone is not able to fill the position(s), then the opportunity will be given to the Zone with the next highest participation in the stated age/sex category.
Example: If Zone A does not have a U13 female, the Zone with the highest number of U13 female Zone qualifier participants will be given first opportunity to fill that spot.
2. If one age group in a Zone has been filled by a certain sex and that Zone has more participants to fill, there will be opportunity to fill in any vacant positions in another age group for that specific sex after the initial fill policy has been implemented (see above).
Example: If Zone A has filled the U13 female spot and has another U13 female available, they will be allowed to fill the U15/U17 spot if it is vacant, only after all the other Zones have gone through their U13 female Zone qualifier participants based on the initial fill policy.

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **June 16, 2026.***

ELIGIBILITY

For Alberta Games Eligibility information please visit <https://albertasummergames.ca/sport-information/>.

Athletes

- National team members are not eligible to compete at the Alberta Summer Games.
- Mountain Bike athletes will compete for the Zone in which they **reside**.

Coaches/Chaperones

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

- **NCCP Certification**- A minimum of one (1) staff member of each Zone registered as a coach will be required to have completed “**Trained**” status in NCCP Intro to Competition, while the second additional coach must be NCCP Community Coach Trained at a minimum and, or, pursuing training status for Intro to Competition.

- **Safe Sport** - SafeSport Requirements for all coaches and chaperones by the registration deadline:
 - Must have a clear criminal records and vulnerable sector check from within the last three (3) years, or less if required by your Organization's policies.
 - Must have completed either the CAC Safe Sport Training or the Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders.

Note: Where a coach or chaperone has been substituted after the registration deadline leading into the Games, they must have the above completed and verified with Mission Staff no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the Alberta Games

AFFILIATION

All cyclists at the Alberta Summer Games must have obtained, at a minimum, an Alberta Provincial Race License through the Alberta Bicycle Association (ABA). Contact the ABA at (780) 427-6352 or check out www.albertabicycle.ab.ca for licensing information and membership details.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

A one (1) day Mountain Bike event will be held in each Zone to determine the athletes for the Zone team. Multiple Zones may work together to host combined qualifiers, as well as hosting qualifiers as a part of regularly scheduled Alberta Cup XC events. Clubs may hold pre-qualifiers with eliminations prior to the final qualifier.

Two female and two male athletes, aged 11-12 and two female and two male athletes aged 13-14 will be selected per zone.

No qualifier races to be hosted after **June 14, 2026**.

To determine the date and location of the Zone playoffs/selection please visit www.albertabicycle.ab.ca/ab-summer-games or www.albertasummerngames.ca

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2026 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. *Information on the collection of this fee(s) will be updated by early 2026.*

Please note the registration deadline for Mountain Bike is **June 15, 2026**.

EVENTS

Day 1 (Friday)	Practice Day & Short Track (XCC)
Day 2 (Saturday)	Cross Country (XCO)
Day 3 (Sunday)	Team Relay (morning)

Cross Country Optimal Winning Times		
Category	Min. Optimal Winning Time	Max. Optimal Winning Time

Female U13/U15	25m	35m
Male U13/U15	25m	35m

UCI/CCC/ABA Regulations will govern the event.

Each zone can enter a relay team. Relay Teams will be comprised of three (3) riders (with at least one female) made up of riders from either age group.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

Protests must be in written format accompanied by a \$20 payment to the Chief Commissaries at race completion. Payment will be refunded if protest upheld.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Equipment must meet all specifications as outlined in the UCI Mountain Bike regulations.

PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of the eight (8) Zones has a designated Cycling Alberta - Zone representative. The list of Mountain Bike Zone Sport Representatives will be available in the final technical package.

ZONE	NAME	CONTACT
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