

CWG 2027 Information

The Canada Games is a multi-sport and cultural event that brings together the best athletes in a specified age group from each Canadian province and territory.

The primary objective of the Games and the Games movement is national and provincial sport development of Canadian youth. The Games provide the stimulus for Canadian youth to reach their athletic potential, pursue excellence and develop socially and culturally within the context of ethical competition. The Games rotate across the country with facilities built for the games often serving as a sporting legacy to the host communities.

The Canada Winter Games program is considered AAA level ringette. This is the highest form of ringette competition on an extended basis for these athletes in the under 20 category. The games will bring together all the ringette provinces to compete over a week in Quebec City late February-early March 2027. The Manitoba team process consists of a two-year program. The first year being the team selection process and the second year being team consolidation, training and preparation for the games. This cycle the team will be double carded. The year of the games it is expected that age eligible athletes will return from CWG and be leaving to compete at CRC a few weeks later. Details around the double carding are still being worked out.

The CWG program is normally a five-year age gap (2007-2011).

This season (2025-2026) we will have four stages to the selection process.

1. The first ID camp will take place on September 27 & 28 at Seven Oaks Arena. Players will have one skills session each day, run by the coaches. A mental skills session will be held during the week, ahead of the camp.
2. The second camp will be held in Niverville December 20th and 21st. Players will be evaluated at this ice time and there will be players released. There will be a skills session and fitness testing on the Saturday. On Sunday there will be games scheduled with a guest speaker for the athletes during the lunch break. Athletes will be responsible for providing snacks and meals for themselves. A nutrition tips sheet will be provided ahead of the camp.
3. The third camp will be held at Keith Bodley the beginning of January. Sessions will be scheduled on weeknights. Athletes will play one game each evening. Games will be in a CWG format and athletes will be evaluated and some players released. Each squad will have a mental skills session on one of their evenings. Each player will play two games during this camp.
4. The final camp will be held in the spring, dates TBA. This will be the final camp, and will include fitness testing, mental skills session and two games and the final release of athletes.

Athletes must participate in all camps they are eligible/selected for unless exempted as per the Canada Winter Games selection policy, to remain a part of the tryout process.

Year 2: 2026/2027 Season, Pre- Canada Winter Games Tournaments, sanctioned by Ringette Canada will take place in Regina (August 2026), St. Albert (October 2026) and Quebec City (December 2026). Logistics and planning currently in development. The Regina tournament will run in at the same time as La Releve in Regina and the final tournament in Quebec will be run as a CWG test event. CRC will be held in Halifax March 28-April 3rd, 2027.

Athletes selected to the program will be required to double card and age eligible athletes will be expected to compete at Nationals 2027. Ringette Manitoba and the CWG Committee will be working with

coaches, AA programs, and league to ensure minimal conflicts between regular season teams and the CWG program.

A proposed budget is in development and anticipated costs will be shared as soon as they are available. The last CWG cycle the team expenses were approximately \$210,000.00 which did not include family travel to any tournaments or the games, and only included athlete flights for one tournament. Without a budget fully developed for next year, that last cycle was for a fully dedicated single carded team with 4 tournaments, this cycle will only have 3 and double carded athletes. Approximate individual cost last time was \$10-\$15k per athlete. Costs will be fully dependent on fundraising.