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1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the 2023 NAHC Guidelines
2. The National Aboriginal Hockey Championships are open to Indigenous athletes that meet the requirements outlined in the NAHC Guidelines
3. Any player from Akwesasne Mohawk Territory shall be permitted to choose between playing for either Team Eastern Door and the North (EDN) or Team Ontario, provided that they meet the following criteria:
 - a. They are a band member of Akwesasne – Canada or US Territory, and
 - b. They hold permanent residency in Akwesasne – Canada or US Territory. This privilege is non-transferrable.

Additionally, players that meet these criteria are required to complete a Player Declaration Form, which must be completed by the PTASB and player, and submitted to the ASC NAHC Hockey Committee by March 31, 2023.

4. In the instance of an Indigenous player with permanent residency in Akwesasne who is not a band member, they are only eligible to compete for Team Ontario if they reside on the Ontario portion of the reserve. If they reside on the Quebec portion of the reserve, they are only eligible to compete for Team Eastern Door and the North. Those residing on the US portion of the reserve are deemed ineligible to compete at the NAHC.
5. The eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules or by the Technical Package shall be determined by the ASC Committee. Head Coaches, General Managers or PTASB must bring forward any unclear cases to the ASC Hockey Committee by February 28, 2023.
6. Where a team (province/territory) or General Manager/Head Coach wishes to challenge the eligibility of an athlete on another P/T team, it is expected that such a challenge will be made as of May 9, 2023 to the ASC Hockey Committee.
7. Alternates:

Teams may carry a total of three (3) skaters and one (1) goaltender as alternates for the 2023 NAHC. The following process outlines the procedure and protocol for the use of alternates:

 - Alternates must be registered as a member on the NAHC official Team Roster
 - Alternates must be registered with Hockey Canada
 - Alternates shall have all rights of regular roster players
 - Alternates may be used by the discretion of the head coach