

2019 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES BASEBALL TECHNICAL PACKAGE

Every Games' coach, manager, Sport Chairperson and Mission staff has an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. Failure to do so could cost an athlete his or her eligibility for the Games as well as affect final standings or the conduct of the competition. If someone does not understand an aspect of a Technical Package, he or she is to seek clarification from the Technical Committee of the Western Canada Games Council through his or her Chef de Mission or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization.

Technical Packages are developed primarily by the Western Canada Games Technical Committee in conjunction with the various Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations, following principles, guidelines and requirements of the Western Canada Games Council. As the overall governing body of the Games, the Council has the ultimate authority for Technical Packages.

If an individual wishes to initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the desired change should be first directed to the Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization or the Chef de Mission. The P/TSO or Chef will evaluate the merits of the change and will, if it has merit, submit the requested change to the Technical Committee of the Western Canada Games Council. The P/TSO or Chef will submit the rationale for the change. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes or staff complements will not be considered after three years prior to the Games. Substantive changes to events or competition formats will not be considered after 18 months before the Games. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six months of the Games. Changes made by the NSO's regarding WCSG alignment to the Canada Games will not be considered after April 1, 2018. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package early.

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ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

1. The Western Canada Summer Games are open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants.
2. The Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their provincial/territorial and/or national sport organization.
3. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the province or territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
4. Students attending school on a full-time basis outside their province/territory of permanent residence during the year of the Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province/territory of permanent residence or the province/territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the academic year preceding the Games.
5. If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her province/territory of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province/territory of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province/territory where the centre is located under the terms of paragraph (6), below.
6. Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to the province/territory she or he wishes to represent by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial/territorial sport organization in that province/territory for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province or territory at a previous national or regional championship or having attended school full-time the previous academic year or a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.
7. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
8. An athlete is permitted to try out for only one province or territory per Games.
9. An athlete may participate in more than one sport, provided the sports occur in different phases of the Games.
10. The Technical Committee of the Council shall determine the eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules and by the Technical Package. **Coaches or PSOs/TSOs must bring forward any cases in question to their Chef de Mission as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Technical Committee.**
11. Where a team/province/territory/Chef wishes to challenge the eligibility of an athlete on another provincial/territorial team, it is expected that such a challenge will be made as soon as the protesting team knows that an athlete may be ineligible. Every effort must be made to ensure that protests on eligibility are lodged before an athlete competes.

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Summary of Draft Changes to Technical Package

Date	Details	Initiated By	Status
March 30, 2017	5.1 Pitch Count will be in effect as per Baseball Canada Pitch Count for Bantam and Midget athletes as per rule book	Sport Tech	Approved
March 30, 2017	6.1.2 Extra inning procedure as outlined in Baseball Canada Rule Book	Sport Tech	Approved
June 20, 2017	5.1 Change Bantam to 15 U and Midget to 18U	Sport Tech	Approved

Summary of Denied Proposals of Change to Technical Package

Date	Proposal	Initiated By	Rational for proposal being denied
March 30, 2017	<p>Request made to go to double round robin with 2nd play 3rd and winner play 1st for Gold/Silver.</p> <p>5.4.1 Triple round robin tournament with finals. Regulation game is seven (7) innings.</p> <p>5.4.2 After the conclusion of the round robin, the top two teams would play for Gold and the other team would be declared the Bronze medalist.</p>	Sport Tech	PSGB declined. Prefer to play more games, thus more playing time for players

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1. Sport: **BASEBALL**

2. Participants:

- 2.1. **Competitors:** 20 male athletes
 - 2.2. **Staff:** 1 head coach
2 assistant coaches
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3. Classification:

- 3.1 **Year of Birth:** Born in 2003 or later (Under 16 as of December 31, 2018)
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4. Eligibility:

4.1 **Coaches:**

Any staff listed as head coach on the official registration form must be Provincial Coach Certified, and Comp Dev Trained.

The Assistant Coach must be Provincial Coach Certified.

Coaching certification must be completed no later than ninety (90) days before the opening of the Games.

4.2 **Athletes:**

4.2.1 All athletes must meet the Western Canada Games Eligibility criteria, as outlined in Appendix 1 which forms an integral part of this Technical Package.

4.2.2 Excluded from the Games are:

- a) Any Canadian national youth baseball team member from the 2018 team.
- b) Athletes who are carded (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) or obtain their card prior to May 1, 2019 are **excluded** from the Western Canada Summer Games.

4.3 **Interpretation:**

4.3.1 Athletes who are carded or become Canadian national baseball team members after May 1, 2019 are **eligible** to compete in the Western Canada Summer Games.

4.3.2 Athletes who are de-carded or dropped from the Canadian national baseball team prior to May 1, 2019 are **eligible**, providing they meet all other Western Canada Summer Games eligibility criteria.

5. Competition:

5.1 **Rules:**

The most current official rules of Baseball Canada will govern the competition.

Pitch Count will be in effect as per Baseball Canada Pitch Count for 15U and 18U athletes as per rule book.

5.2 **Sanction:**

The competition is sanctioned by Baseball Canada.

5.3 **Equipment:**

5.3.1 Game ball will be the official baseball of Baseball Canada.

5.3.2 All players shall use wooden bats (wood composite bats are permitted).

5.4 **Event Format:**

5.4.1 Triple round robin tournament with finals. Regulation game is seven (7) innings.

5.4.2 After the conclusion of the round robin, the top two teams would play for Gold and the other team would be declared the Bronze medalist.

5.4.2 The ten run rule will be in effect any time after the completion of 5 (or 4½) innings of play. The umpire will award the game to the team with a lead of ten (10) or more runs any time after the trailing team has had 5 or more turns at bat.

5.5 **Seeding:**

Seeding to be based on the standings of the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games. As BC is not participating rankings will be as follows:

SK – 1st Place

AB– 3rd Place

MB – 2nd

Place

5.6 **Protests:**

All protest shall be filed in accordance with the Western Canada Games Protest Procedures, which are attached as Appendix 2 and form an integral part of this technical package.

5.7 **Venue:**

Full size field as per this age group as per Baseball Canada rulebook which includes 90 foot base paths and 60 feet 6 inches from home plate to the pitching rubber.

6. Scoring Procedures:

6.1 There will be two (2) points awarded for a win.

6.1.1 All games will be played until a winner is declared.

6.1.2 Extra Inning Procedure is outlined in the blue pages of the Baseball Canada Rulebook

6.2 **Tie Breaking Rule:**

6.2.1 Should ties occur between the P/T, division standings will be decided according to the following priorities:

a) The team with the best win-loss record in the game(s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.

b) If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of number of runs against per defensive inning for games between or among the original tied teams.

c) If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of number of runs scored per offensive inning for games between or among the original tied teams.

Note: When calculating the number of defensive and offensive innings that are to be credited to each team under priorities (2) and (3), innings will be calculated on a fractional basis.

7. Provincial/Territorial Ranking:

7.1 For an event to be eligible for Provincial/Territorial points, three (3) or more provinces/territories must participate.

7.2 Once the scoring procedure for the sport determines a winner, points for the aggregate award will be as follows:

1st place - 7 points

4th place - 4 points

6th place - 2 points

2nd place - 6 points

5th place - 3 points

7th place - 1 point

3rd place - 5 points

Final Provincial point standings will be the total number of points after the scoring of the team competition. The maximum number of points a province could receive is seven (7).

8. Competitive Uniform:

- 8.1 Provincial colors shall be used, with each team having a Home and Away set. The designated home team shall wear the white or light color.
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9. Medals:

- 9.1 Gold, silver and bronze awards will be presented on a team basis to the first, second and third place finishers, including the coaches and managers.

9.2 Medals: 23 gold 23 silver 23 bronze