

2019 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES ROWING 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
April 24, 2017	2.3 Driver requirements. The host must provide the boat driver with accommodations and meals while attending the Games.	Sport Tech	Approved

Summary of Denied Proposals of Change to Technical Package

Date	Proposal	Initiated By	Rational for proposal being denied

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1. Sport: **ROWING**

2. Participants:

- 2.1 **Competitors:** 8 male athletes
8 female athletes
2 Coxswains of either gender
- 2.2 **Staff:** 2 coaches and 1 manager, one of whom must be opposite gender
1 boatperson.
- 2.3 **Driver:** For safety reasons, 1 boat driver will be permitted to accompany the boatperson for provinces and territories that trailer their boats to the Games. This individual will not be a fully accredited member of the team. The host must provide the boat driver with accommodations and meals while attending the Games.
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3. Classification:

- 3.1 **Year of Birth:** Born in 2001 or later (under 19 as of 12/31/19)
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4. Eligibility:

4.1 **Coaches:**

Any staff listed as “coach” on the official registration form must be qualified (i.e. trained or certified status) under the new National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least an RCA Performance Coach level and / or NCCP Level 3 under the old NCCP system, with a confirmed date for transition of qualifications to the new NCCP.

Coaching status “trained” or “certified” 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) Athletes who have been Canadian national senior rowing team members at any time.
- b) Athletes who have held a senior card (as defined by Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance Program) at any time.
- c) Athletes who have competed in the sport of rowing at the following major Games or Championships: Pan American, Commonwealth, Olympics, Senior World Championships.

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4.3 Interpretation:

4.3.1 Athletes who are members of the Canadian national senior rowing team and athletes who are carded (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) or obtain their card prior to May 1, 2019 are **ineligible** to compete in the Western Canada Summer Games.

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

5. Competition:

5.1 Rules:

The most current official rules of the RCA will govern the competition.

5.2 Sanction:

The competition is sanctioned by RCA. [sanction process will be in Spring 2019]

5.3 Equipment:

All provinces shall be responsible for the provision of all boats, oars and sculls as required for each race. The provision of equipment shall respect the order of events and the boating of crews for these events. The transportation of **all** equipment shall be the responsibility of each province.

According to RCA rules, oars must be painted in provincial team colors.

5.4 Event Format:

The following twelve events will be included, with each Province/Territory able to enter one boat per event:

M1x	W1x	single	sculls
M2x	W2x	double	sculls
M4x	W4x	quad	sculls
M2-	W2-	pair oars	without coxswain
M4-	W4-	four oars	without coxswain
M8+	W8+	eight oars	with coxswain

NOTE: Coaches/managers may not participate as competitors

A 2000m time trial will be used to determine lanes for the finals. All finals will be 2000m.

5.5 Seeding:

Seeding will be by random draw.

5.6 Protests:

All protests 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.

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6. Scoring Procedures:

6.1 Each event will be scored separately according to the following:

- 1st Place = 10 points
- 2nd Place = 6 points
- 3rd place = 3 points
- 4th Place = 1 points

The points will be accumulated towards the overall provincial/territorial point total.

6.2 **Tie Breaking Rule:**

In the event that a dead heat occurs, the rowers who are tied shall be awarded the identical placing and the points shall be divided equally (i.e., a tie for second and third spot, each rower would be awarded second place and would receive 4.5 points towards the Provincial/Territorial ranking).

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:

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| 1 st place - 7 points | 4 th place - 4 points |
| 2 nd place - 6 points | 5 th place - 3 points |
| 3 rd place - 5 points | 6 th place - 2 points |
| | 7 th place - 1 point |

Final Provincial point standings will be the total number of points for the men's and women's teams. The maximum number of points a province could receive is fourteen (14). There will be a maximum of seven (7) points for the men's competition and seven (7) points for the women's competition.

7.3 **Tie Breaking:**

In the event of a tie between two or more provinces/territories, the team winning the most gold medals will be awarded an extra point. If there is still a tie, the team with the most silver medals will awarded the extra point, if still tied, the team with the most bronze medals, etc.

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8. Competitive Uniform:

8.1 Each competitor must wear his/her provincial/territorial colors.

9. Medals:

9.1 Gold, silver and bronze awards will be presented to all crew numbers for first, second and third place in each event.

9.2 Medals: 44 gold 44 silver 44 bronze