

2019 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES SOCCER 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

Summary of Denied Proposals of Change to Technical Package

Date	Proposal	Initiated By	Rational for proposal being denied

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1. Sport: **SOCCER**

2. Participants:

- 2.1. **Competitors:** 18 male athletes
18 female athletes
- 2.2. **Staff:** Men's: 2 coaches and 1 manager
one of the coaches must be male
- Women's: 2 coaches and 1 manager
one of the coaches must be female
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3. Classification:

- 3.1 **Year of Birth:**
Provinces: Born in 2003 or later (under 16 as of 12/31/18)
Territories: Born in 2002 or later (under 17 as of 12/31/18)
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4. Eligibility:

- 4.1 **Coaches:**
The head coach listed on the official registration form must be a Certified National B License Coach.
- The Assistant Coach must have successfully completed the B License Part 1 (Provincial B).
- 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) Current Canadian national senior soccer team members.
 - b) Current senior card holders (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program).
 - c) Athletes who have competed in the sport of soccer at the following major Games or Championships: Pan American, Commonwealth, Olympics or World Cups.
- 4.3 **Interpretation:**
- 4.3.1 Athletes who are members of the Canadian national senior soccer team and athletes who are carded (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance

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- Program) or obtain their card prior to May 1, 2019 are **excluded** from the Western Canada Summer Games.
- 4.3.2 Athletes who are carded or become Canadian national soccer team members on or after May 1, 2019 are **eligible** to compete in the Western Canada Summer Games.
 - 4.3.3 Athletes who are de-carded or dropped from the Canadian national soccer team prior to May 1, 2019 are **eligible**, providing they meet all other Western Canada Summer Games eligibility criteria.
 - 4.3.4 Any player who signs a 2019 contract within a professional or non- amateur league is **ineligible** to compete but any player with a thirty (30) day game tryout contract is **eligible** to compete in the Games.
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5. Competition:

5.1 Rules:

The most current CSA Rules for National Competitions will govern the competition.

5.2 Sanction:

The competition is sanctioned by the Canadian Soccer Association.

5.3 Equipment:

The ball used will be the F.I.F.A. approved sponsor – Size 5.

5.4 Event Format:

5.4.1 With five teams:

Single round robin to determine placing.

5.4.2 With six or seven teams:

Preliminary Play: Teams will be placed into two pools based on the seeding in 5.5 below. Each team will play a single round robin within their pool. All games are played to winner.

Medal Round: The winner of Pool A will play the winner of Pool B in the Gold medal game, the 2nd place team in Pool A will play the 2nd place team in Pool B in the bronze medal game and the 3rd place team in Pool A will play the 3rd place team in Pool B for the 5th and 6th place.

5.5 Seeding:

Seeding shall be based on the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games, as follows:

Males

AB – 1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Place

Place

Females

MB – 1st Place MB –

AB – 2nd Place SK –

SK – 3rd Place YK – 4th

YT – 4th Place NT – 5th

NT – 5th 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

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package.

- 5.7 **Discipline:**
Discipline procedures and sanctions in accordance with CSA Rules for National Competition.

- 5.8 **Duration of Play:**

AGE GROUP	REGULAR
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U-16	2 x 35 minutes
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a). Where a game is abandoned because of floodlight failure/weather or any cause beyond the control of the participating teams and more than seventy percent (70%) of the regular game time has been played then the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score.

b). Where a game is abandoned as a result of discipline issue by one or either of the competing teams then the matter shall be reported to the Western Canada Games Council who will convene a disciplinary hearing and decide the appropriate course of action.

c). Where a game is abandoned under (a) above and the score is tied but the competition requires a winner this will be determined by the toss of a coin.

- 5.9 **Substitutions:**
A maximum of five (5) substitutions can be made during the game and two (2) substitutions at half time or at the end of regulation time before any extra time. A player who is substituted out of the game cannot re-enter the game by means of a later substitution.

6. Scoring Procedures:

- 6.1 The scoring procedure for the round robin will be: Win –
3 points
Draw – 1 point
Loss – 0 points

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 Criteria for determining the final standings:

- a) Most points in all group matches
b) If two (2) teams are tied in points after all matches:
i) Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (head to

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- head competition);
 - ii) Greater goal difference in all matches;
 - iii) Greater number of goals scored in all matches;
 - iv) Kicks from the penalty mark as per FIFA Laws of the Game.
- c) If three (3) or more teams are tied in points after all matches:
- i) Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned (head to head competition);
 - ii) Greater number of goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned;
 - iii) Greater goal difference in all group matches;
 - iv) Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - v) Drawing of lots to determine ranking
- d) Where kicks from the penalty mark are used for tie breaking, players under suspension are not eligible to participate; however this does not constitute the serving of any disciplinary suspension already awarded.

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

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 after the scoring of the team competition. Separate points will be awarded for the men's and women's competition. The maximum number of points a province could receive is fourteen (14).

8. Competitive Uniform:

- 8.1 Provincial colors shall be used, with each team having a Home and Away set. A primary and secondary color (jersey, shorts, socks) must be declared at the pre- competition meeting, at which time uniform selection for each game will be determined.

If tape or a similar material is applied externally to socks, it must be the same colour as the part of the sock it is applied to.

Players, including Goalkeepers, are not permitted to wear playing uniforms that clash with the colour of the match officials kit. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish him or her from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees.

Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. **NO jewellery:** that includes rings, bracelets (except medical alert bracelets — which must be either made of Velcro or similar soft material, or covered with a sweatband), earrings, necklaces, other visible body piercing, etc. The practice of taping jewellery is not acceptable. If **undershorts are worn, they must be the same main color as the shorts. If undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same color as the main color of the sleeve of the jersey.** Players not complying will not be allowed to enter the field until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms to the Laws of the Game.

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The CSA Cast policy will apply. Prior to the pre-competition meeting, any player wearing a cast or who intends to wear a brace or medical support is to be presented for inspection. The CSA Supervisor of Officials will assess the player's eligibility to play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

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: 42 gold 42 silver 42 bronze