

## 2019 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES SOFTBALL 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 or could 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 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 the 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*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Initiated By</b>	<b>Status</b>
April 24, 2017	4.1 Eligibility Coach ADD must have taken the Making Ethical Decisions (MED) Module	Sport Tech	Approved
June20, 2017	6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3 Revision to mercy rule adopted at recent Softball Canada meeting	Sport Tech	Approved

## *Summary of Denied Proposals of Change to Technical Package*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Initiated By</b>	<b>Rational for proposal being denied</b>

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1. Sport: **SOFTBALL**

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2. Participants:

2.1 **Competitors:** 14 female athletes  
14 male athletes

2.2 **Staff:** 2 coaches and 1 manager for each team, one of whom must be of the same gender.

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3. Classification:

3.1 **Year of Birth:** Female born in 2003 or later (under 16 as of 12/31/18)  
Male born in 2000 or later (under 19 as of 12/31/18)

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4. Eligibility:

4.1 **Coaches:**

Any staff listed as head coach or assistant coach on the official registration form must be Competition Introduction Certified and Team Manager must be a minimum of Community Softball Certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) in Softball and have taken the Making Ethical Decisions (MED) module.

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 softball team members (World Youth or Senior).
- b) Athletes who have competed in the sport of softball at the following major Games or Championships: Pan American, Commonwealth, Olympics.

4.3 **Interpretation:**

4.3.1 Athletes who are members of the Canadian national senior softball 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 **excluded** from the Western Canada Summer Games.

4.3.2 Athletes who are carded or become Canadian national softball 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 softball team prior to May 1, 2019 are **eligible**, providing they meet all other Western Canada Summer Games eligibility criteria.

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## 5. Competition:

### 5.1 **Rules:**

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

### 5.2 **Sanction:**

The competition is sanctioned by the Softball Canada.

### 5.3 **Equipment:**

The equipment will be as per Softball Canada's rule book for this age group. A double base shall be used at first base.

### 5.4 **Event Format:**

5.4.1 Qualifying Round Male and Female: Double round robin with either 3 or 4 teams entered over 3 days of competition.

5.4.2 Playoff Round Female: Single Knockout with 2<sup>nd</sup> team vs 3<sup>rd</sup> team and winner advances to play 1<sup>st</sup> place team for Gold

5.4.2 Playoff Round Male: Four teams advance, with 1<sup>st</sup> playing 2<sup>nd</sup> for Gold/Silver, and 3<sup>rd</sup> playing 4<sup>th</sup> for Bronze.

5.4.3 The designated player rule will be in effect.

### 5.5 **Seeding:**

Not required for the round robin format.

### 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.

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## 6. Scoring Procedures:

### 6.1 **The scoring procedure is as follows:**

Win – 2 points

Loss – 0 points

### 6.2 The seven (7) run rule will be in effect any time after the completion of five (5) or (4½) innings of play.

The umpire will award the game to the team with a lead of seven (7) or more runs any time after the trailing team has had five (5) turns at bat.

A mercy rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when:

6.2.1 After 2 ½ or 3, complete innings of play if there is a difference of fifteen (15) runs.

6.2.2 After 3 ½ or 4 complete innings of play if there is a difference of ten (10) runs.

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6.2.3 After 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2 or 6 innings of play there is a difference of seven (7) runs.

**6.3 Tie Breaking:**

6.3.1 Games: The tie-breaker rule will go into effect starting with the top of the eighth inning, in qualifying round and playoff games, as per softball Canada's tie breaking rule.

6.3.2 Rankings:

Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria:

- a) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:
- b) Winners of games between tied teams (NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher). The remaining teams then go to next criteria with no reverting back:
- c) Difference PLUS or MINUS of total runs scored, with a limit of 7 PLUS or MINUS per game allowed.
  - i) If teams are still tied within c) then the least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games will be used. If still tied, then:
  - ii) The total runs scored in all games, with a maximum of 10 runs scored per game, will be used. If still tied then:
  - iii) Positions will be settled by a coin toss.

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**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:

<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> place - 3 points	1 <sup>st</sup> place - 4 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place - 2 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - 3 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - 1 point	3 <sup>rd</sup> place - 2 points
	4 <sup>th</sup> place - 1 point

Final Provincial point standings will be the total number of points after the scoring of the team competition.

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**8. Competitive Uniform:**

8.1 Provincial colors shall be worn by the teams.

**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.

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9.2 Medals: 17 gold 17 silver 17 bronze