

2019 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES SWIMMING 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

April 24, 2017	2.1 Competition Revise to 14 male athletes and 14 female athletes	Sport Tech	PSGB in agreement
April 24, 2017	4.1 Coaches Coaching certifications clarified	Sport Tech Sport Tech	PSGB in agreement
December 8, 2017	3.3 Special Olympics Clarification of Age vs Year of Birth 4.2 & 5.1 Para Swimming IPC rebranded as Para Swimming 5. Competition Adjustments to number of entries and eligibility of entry times Adjustment of Open Water Distances in consultation with Swimming Canada 6. Scoring Procedures Adjustment of awards and competition scoring 9.2.1 Medals Decreased number of Open Water events resulted in a change in total required medals	PSGB submissions for changes	Sport Tech approved April 4, 2018
January 22, 2018	5.3 Event Format Games schedule released, adjustment to competition schedule required 3.2.1 Para Swimming Change in classification nomenclature	PSGB submission for changes	Sport Tech approved April 4, 2018
February 9, 2018	Correction to NSO title, all “SNC” & “Swimming/Natation Canada” now retitled to “Swimming Canada” 5.1 Rules Modification to allow for SO rule on the Start to be considered over Swimming Canada Rules 5.4 Entries Modification to say must be uploaded via Swimming Canada system and time validation. Also wording about entries could be in SC based on feedback form NWT	PSGB submission for changes	Sport Tech approved April 4, 2018

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	6.14 Scoring Procedure Change from British to Canadian Para Points Charts 5.1 Rules Special Olympics(green) 5.4 Entry Times (green)		

Summary of Denied Proposals of Change to Technical Package

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1. Sport: **SWIMMING**

2. Participants:

2.1. **Competitors: Able-Body**

14 male athletes

14 female athletes

Para-Swimming (Classes S1 to S14)

2 male athletes

2 female athletes

Special Olympics

2 male athletes

2 female athletes

2.2 **Staff:** Up to 5 coaches and 2 managers with the following breakdown:

Able-Body and Para-Swimming (Classes S1 to S13)

4 coaches and 1 manager

At least one of the coaches must be female

Special Olympics and Para-Swimming (Class S14)

1 coach and 1 manager

3. Classification:

3.1 **Able-Body:**

Male able-body swimmers must be born in 2003 to 2006;

Female able-body swimmers must be born in 2004 to 2007.

3.2 **Para-Swimming:**

All Para swimmers (classes S1-S14) must be born between 1994 – 2006

3.2.1 Para swimmers must have a Swimming Canada level 3 classification to be eligible for selection. They must have the level 3 sport evaluation completed no less than 14 days prior to the entry deadline. The level 3 sport class must abide by the rules and regulations of Swimming Canada S/SB/SM1–S/SB/SM14. Those swimmers who do not have a level 3 class must have had their request for sport class evaluation **received** by Swimming Canada no less than 90 days prior to the entry deadline.

3.3 **Special Olympics:**

All male and female Special Olympics swimmers must be born in 1994 to 2006.

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4. Eligibility:

4.1 Coaches:

The Head Coach must be either Level 2: Age Group Coach certified or Level 3: Senior Coach In Training, having completed Swim 301. Assistant coaches must be Level 2 Age Group Coach In Training having completed Swim 201 and the Making Ethical Decisions online evaluation.

Special Olympics Coaches must be Level 1: Fundamentals Coach Trained and have completed the Special Olympics Canada Competition Introduction course, and the Making Ethical Decisions online evaluation. Coaching certification must be completed no later than ninety (90) days before the opening of the Games.

All coaches must be a member of the CSCTA, Swimming Canada and their Provincial Swimming Coaches Association. Special Olympics coaches must also be registered with their Provincial Special Olympics organization.

4.2 Athletes:

4.2.1 All swimmers must be registered and be members in good standing of Swimming Canada. All swimmers participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and Swimming Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada or Swimming Canada.

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

4.2.3 Excluded from the Games are:

- a) Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time.
- b) Able body athletes that have held Senior cards (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time; para athletes that have held a Senior card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) for two years or more.
- c) Athletes who have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, FISU Games, Pan Pacific Championships, Senior World Aquatic Championships, Paralympic Games, Para Swimming World Championships or Special Olympics World Games.

4.3 Interpretation:

4.3.1 Athletes who compete in any events in 4.2.3c and athletes who are carded (as defined above in 4.2.3. a and b) 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 compete in any events listed in 4.2.3c on or after May 1, 2019 are **eligible** to compete in the Western Canada Summer Games.

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5. Competition:

5.1 Rules:

Rules will be in accordance with Swimming Canada Rules and Regulations and the World Para Swimming Technical rules at the time of the Games.

Special Olympics swimmers will be allowed to start from the block, beside the starting block or from in-water, as per Special Olympics Canada Swimming Sport Rule 3.1.9. All other Swimming Canada rules shall apply to Special Olympics athletes.

5.2 Sanction:

The competition is sanctioned by the Provincial Section in which the competition is being hosted, under the jurisdiction of Swimming Canada.

5.3 Event Format:

5.3.1 The following events will be held at the Games. Days 1 will be a practice and education day. Days 2-4 will be 50m pool competition days. Day 5 will be an Open Water competition.

August 9, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 11, 2019	August 12, 2019	August 13, 2019
Practice Day	Pool Session 1	Pool Session 3	Pool Session 5	Open Water
Open Water Education	200 Free	400 IM	100 Free	1500m
	50 Breast	100 Breast	100 Free (S1-S14)	3000m
Open Water Practice	50 Breast SO	50 Breast (SB1-SB3)	200 Breast	
	100 Fly	100 Breast (SB4-SB14)	100 Free SO	
	50 Fly (S1-S7)	50 Back	800 Free M	
	100 Fly (S8-S14)	50 Back SO	4x100 Mixed MR	
	1500 Free W	4x200 Mixed FR		
	4x100 Mixed FR			
Pool Practice	Pool Session 2	Pool Session 4	Pool Session 6	Team Departure
	100 Back	400 Free	50 Free	
	50 Back (S1-S5)	50 Fly	50 Free (S1-S14)	
Opening Ceremonies	100 Back (S6-S14)	50 Fly SO	200 Back	
	200 Fly	200 IM	50 Free SO	
	100 Back SO	150 IM (SM1-SM4)	800 Free W	
	1500 Free M	200 IM (SM5-SM14)	4x100 MR	
	4x100 FR	4x200 FR		

Notes: All pool events will be run as timed finals. All athletes will be expected to swim one individual event per session. All Olympic eligible athletes will have the opportunity to race an Open Water event.

5.3.2 Able-Body Sport:

- a) All events will be run as Timed Finals,
- b) Relays will be swum as Timed Finals.

5.3.3 Para-Swimming:

- a) All events will be swum as Timed Finals.

5.3.4 Special Olympics:

- a) All events will be swum as Timed Finals.

5.3.5 Participation:

The procedures and deadlines for event entries, will be set by the Organizing Committee in accordance with **Swimming Canada** rules.

Able-bodied Swimmers:

- a) A province/territory may enter one team per relay event, there is no limit to the number of swimmers entered in an individual event
- b) A sport competitor may compete in up to six (6) individual events with one event per session, plus the relays, as well as one (1) open water event.

Para-Swimmers:

- a) A Para-swimming competitor may compete in all six (6) Para-swimming events.

Special Olympics:

- a) A Special Olympics competitor may compete in all six (6) Special Olympics events.

5.4 Entry Times

All Provincial and Territorial teams must submit entries via the Swimming Canada O-line Meet Entries system.

All entries will be proven via the Swimming Canada on-line entry system time validation. Meet Management has the right to require proof of time for any Special Olympics swimmers entries that do not pass validation.

All participating Able-bodied, Paralympic, and Special Olympics swimmers must be entered with their fastest long course event time completed between March 1, 2018 and July 8, 2019. **If an athlete does not have a long course time achieved between March 1, 2018 and July 8, 2019, then they must be entered with their fastest short course time achieved during this period.**

If an athlete has not competed in the event since March 1, 2018, they must be entered as "NT" or No Time.

All relays must be entered with the fastest possible time based on the best possible team members individual time add up.

5.5 Seeding:

Event seeding will be done as per the rules of Swimming Canada – Rule SW 3

All events will be senior seeded by gender. This includes able bodied, para-swimming and Special Olympics events.

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.

6. Scoring Procedures:

6.1 Awarding of Medals

- 6.1.1 The order of finish for both individual and relay pool events for able bodied swimmers will be determined based on the rank order of finish based on times.
- 6.1.2 The order of finish for both genders in the able-body open water events will be determined based on the rank order of finish based on times.
- 6.1.3 The order of finish for individual gender relays and mixed relays will be determined by the single (1) best placing per province/territory per event.
- 6.1.4 The order of finish for Para-swimmers will be based on the current Canadian Paralympic Points Charts. The ranking of para swimmers within each event shall be based on the highest para point score, regardless of the distance (e.g. the highest para point score in either the 50 Back (S1-S5) or the 100 Back (S6-14).
- 6.1.5 The order of finish for Special Olympics swimmers will be determined based on the rank order of the finish based on times.

6.2 Tie Breaking Rule:

Tie breaking will be in accordance with Swimming Canada Rules and Regulations and the World Para Swimming Technical Rules at the time of the Games.

6.3 Point Scoring:

- 6.3.1 Point scoring for the individual pool events at the 2019 Games will be based on “Improvement Points”, which are assigned based on how much the swimmer improves over his/her entry time.
- 6.3.2 Point scoring for the relay events at the 2019 Games will be based on “Improvement Points”, which are assigned based on how much the relay improves over their entry time.

6.3.3 Point scoring for the open water events will be based on finishing rank:

1 st place – 15 points	13 th place – 3 points
2 nd place – 14 points	14 th place – 2 points
3 rd place – 13 points	15 th place – 1 point
and so on until...	

6.3.4 Men's and women's totals will be accumulated separately to determine the provincial point standing.

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:

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).

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 swimming point. If there is still a tie, the team winning the most gold and silver medals will be awarded the extra swimming point. If there is still a tie, the team winning the most gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded the extra swimming point. If still tied, this process will continue using the remaining places of finish until the tie is broken.

8. Competitive Uniform:

8.1 Provincial/territorial colors must be worn.

9. Medals:

9.1 Gold, silver and bronze awards will be presented to first, second and third place finishers as determined in section 6 of this document.

9.2 Medals: 94 gold 94 silver 94 bronze

9.2.1 19 Able-body individual events (includes 1.5 & 3 km) for each gender = 38 medals of each color

9.2.2 3 Able-body relays for each gender with 4 swimmers per relay (24), as well as 3 mixed relays with 4 swimmers per relay (12) = 36 medals of each color

9.2.3 6 Para-swimming individual events for each gender = 12 medals of each color

9.2.4 6 Special Olympics individual events for each gender = 12 medals of each color