

2011 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES

SOCCKER 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 anytime, 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, 2010. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package early.

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Summary of Draft Changes to Technical Package

Date	Details	Initiated By	Status
Feb 10/09	SK proposed a change in the format.	SK	PENDING – P/TSOs to provide format
Feb 10/09	Seeding should be based on 2007 WCSG not 2011 as the draft reads	BC, SK, MB, YT	Agreed (typo)
Feb 10/09	The WCSG should follow the most up-to-date CSA Rules and Regulations at the time of the competition. So add this to 5.1 and 6.3.	BC, SK, MB, YT	Agreed.
May/2009	Will list both age groups in the technical package. Provinces to be U15, Territories U16.	BC, AB, SK, MB, YT, NT, NU	Agreed.
Oct/2009	Added 2007 WCSG results for seeding purposes	Technical Committee	Agreed.
Feb 2010	5.4 Event Format	NSO	Being reviewed by NSO
Feb 2010	5.1 Rules - The most current CSA Rules for National Competitions will govern the competition.	NSO	Agreed
Feb 2010	5.7 Discipline - Discipline procedures and sanctions in accordance with CSA Rules for National Competitions.	NSO	Agreed
Feb 2010	5.8 – Duration of Play	NSO	Confirm wording and formatting
Feb 2010	5.9 - Substitutions	NSO	Confirm wording and formatting
Feb 2010	6.2 – wording change Overtime to Extra Time	NSO	Agreed
Feb 2010	6.3.1 – wording change - CSA Rules for National Competitions	NSO	Agreed
Feb 2010	6.3.2 – wording change - (Extra Time, followed by taking of kicks from the penalty mark if required)	NSO	Agreed
Feb 2010	8.1 – more detail provided on uniforms	NSO	Agreed
Feb 2010	Appendix 1, Point 1 – change the word “Landed Immigrant” to “Permanent Resident”	NSO	Agreed
May 2010	Age change to U16 for all Provinces and Territories	NSO	Approved by Council due to age eligibility as per Canada Games

Summary of Denied Proposals of Change to Technical Package

Date	Proposal	Initiated By	Rational for proposal being denied
Feb 10/09	SK – would like to see the roster size change from 17 athletes per team to 18 to fit better into the tournament schedule and LTAD (AB, SK, MB, YT agreed)	SK	No roster increases as per the 2006 agreement that soccer signed off on.
Feb 10/09	Coaching Certification – would like to see this one level lower than Canada Games as this is developmental	YT	Assistant Coaches are one level below (NCCP level 2 or equivalent) with just Head Coaches being Level 3 or equivalent.
Feb 10/09	Proposed age classification be changed to U15 (born on or after Jan. 1, 1996) as these athletes do not compete at the Canadian Soccer Association competition. (BC SK, MB Agreed) AB agreed but also suggested a different age group of U18 or U20. YT made a comment about U16 not having competitions to attend.	BC, AB, SK, MB, YT	To keep the technical package at a U16 competition. P/Ts have the option to bring U15 teams.
Feb 2010	4.1 Any coach who has previously received an exemption from the required coaching certification is not permitted to participate in future competitions until he/she has obtained the necessary qualifications.	NSO	This is a guiding principle of the WCSG and is to be included in the Handbook.
May 2010	4.1 – added the wording “No exemptions to the coaching qualification will be granted. No gender exemptions will be permitted”	NSO	In April 2010, NSO requested, however Tech Committee recommended that the sport is responsible for guiding this process and as a result it will not be added.

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1. Sport: **SOCCER**

2. Participants:

2.1. Competitors: 17 male athletes
17 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

3. Classification:

3.1 Year of Birth:

Born on or after January 1, 1995 (under 16)

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.

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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 Program) or obtain their card prior to May 1, 2011 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, 2011 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, 2011 are **eligible**, providing they meet all other Western Canada Summer Games eligibility criteria.
- 4.3.4 Any player who signs a 2011 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.

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:

Preliminary Play: Single round robin to determine placing for medal round.

Medal Round: The team in first place after the round robin will play the team in second place after the round robin for the Gold and Silver medals. The team in third place after the round robin will play the team in fourth place for the Bronze medal.

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.

Medal Round: In the semi-finals, the first place teams in each pool will host the second place teams from the opposite pool. The winning teams from these games will then play for Gold and Silver, while the losing teams from the semi-finals will play for the Bronze medal. The third place teams from each pool will play each other for 5th and 6th place.

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- 5.5 Seeding
Seeding shall be based on the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games, as follows:

Males	Females
MB – 1 st Place	AB – 1 st Place
SK – 2 nd Place	BC – 2 nd Place
AB – 3 rd Place	SK – 3 rd Place
BC – 4 th Place	MB – 4 th Place
YT – 5 th Place	YT – 5 th Place
NT – 6 th Place	NT – 6 th 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 Discipline
Discipline procedures and sanctions in accordance with CSA Rules for National Competitions. One game automatic suspension for a dismissal and an accumulation of 3 yellow cards result in a one game suspension.

- 5.8 Duration of Play

AGE GROUP	REGULAR	EXTRA TIME
U-16/17/18	2 x 45 minutes	2 x 15 minutes
U-14/15	2 x 40 minutes	2 x 10 minutes

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) substitutes 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.

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6. Scoring Procedures:

- 6.1 The scoring procedure for the round robin will be as per F.I.F.A.
 - Win – 3 points
 - Tie – 1 point
 - Loss – 0 points
- 6.2 There will be no extra time in the round robin games, as per CSA rules.
- 6.3 Tie Breaking
 - 6.3.1 **Standings:** Procedures used will be in accordance with the CSA Rules for National Competitions for breaking ties in a round robin.
 - 6.3.2 **Medal Games:** Tie breaking procedures for medal games shall be as per F.I.F.A. Rules (Extra Time, followed by taking of kicks from the penalty mark if required)

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).

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.

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.

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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.

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

APPENDIX I

**WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

1. The Western Canada Summer Games are open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
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 or 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 and to their NSO 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.

APPENDIX II

**WESTERN CANADA GAMES COUNCIL
 GUIDE TO PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

Introduction:

The rules and regulations that govern participation in the Western Canada Summer Games emanate from a variety of responsible agencies. For example:

- technical packages are developed by the Western Canada Games Technical Committee in consultation with Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (P/TSO's) and National Sport Organizations (NSO's);
- team selection is done by Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations based on the technical packages;
- field of play is governed by NSO rules for each sport;

In an effort to clarify the various jurisdictions and processes in place to deal with particular cases in the lead up to or during the Western Canada Games, the Western Canada Games Council has developed this guide. There are a variety of committees that will hear appeals related to the Games. An overview of these committees follows:

- Western Canada Games Council (WCGC)..... The governing body for the Games.
- WCGC Technical Committee The group established by the Council to coordinate technical aspects of the Games, made up primarily of Chefs de Mission.
- Technical Advisory Board..... The committee that is put into action during the Games as a version of the Technical Committee to handle Games-time issues.
- Games Jury..... Established within the Host Society
- Sport Jury..... Established within the sport organizing committee for the Games.

Please direct any comments or questions to the Chair of the Western Canada Games Council.

Appeal/ Protest Type	Authority	Reported by	Forwarded by	Forwarded to	Decision by	Appeal to
Technical Package Issues (i.e. eligibility, scoring)	WCSG Technical Committee / Technical Advisory Board	Sport or Host	Chef de Mission or Sport Chair	WCSG Technical Committee Chair	WCSG Technical Committee / Technical Advisory Board	WCG Council
Field of Play (i.e. sport rules)	NSO/Sport Rule Book	Sport	Sport	Head Official	Sport Jury or as per sport rule book	As per NSO rule book

* **Sport** indicates those people associated with the individual provincial/territorial sport team (i.e. coach, manager, P/TSO staff)

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1) Technical Package Protests:

Description:

Prior to and during the Games, the Technical Package for each sport is administered by the Technical Committee of the Western Canada Games Council.

Protest Procedures:

Prior to the Games, the Technical Committee will continue to deal with interpretation issues from Chefs de Mission through written submissions. During the Games, the Technical Advisory Board (a three person sub-committee of the Technical Committee) will deal with all interpretations and protests. A protest must be submitted in writing by the Chef de Mission. Every effort must be made to bring the protest forward at the earliest opportunity.

Hearing the Protest:

Upon notification of a protest, the Technical Committee / Technical Advisory Board shall follow the following procedures:

- The parties shall be given reasonable notice of the hearing;
- Any documents that the parties wish the Technical Committee / Technical Advisory Board to consider shall be provided to the other parties, in advance of the hearing;
- Either party may be assisted in the hearing by a representative, advocate or advisor;
- The Technical Committee / Technical Advisory Board may request that any other individuals participate in the hearing.

Appeals

If there are sufficient grounds for appeal of a Technical Committee / TAB decision, appeals will be dealt with by the Western Canada Games Council. All decisions of Council are final.

If sufficient grounds for an appeal are not met, Council will advise all parties of such.

Appeals Procedure:

Any appeal of a Technical Committee / Technical Advisory Board decision must be done in writing and submitted by the Chef de Mission to the Western Canada Games Council.

An appeal may be heard only if there are sufficient grounds for appeal. The sufficient grounds include the Technical Committee/Technical Advisory Board:

- making a decision for which it did not have the authority or jurisdiction as set out in the technical packages;
- failing to follow procedures as laid out in the technical package;
- making a decision which was influenced by bias;
- failing to consider relevant information or taking into account irrelevant information in making the decision;
- exercising its discretion for an improper purpose; and/or
- making a decision which was unreasonable.

Council will convene to review the notice of appeal and reason for the appeal and shall decide whether or not there are sufficient grounds for an appeal. If sufficient grounds for an appeal are not met, Council will advise all parties of such.

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If there are grounds for appeal of the Technical Committee / Technical Advisory Board decision, appeals will be dealt with by the Western Canada Games Council. The format of the hearing shall be at the discretion of the Council and may involve documentary submissions, telephone conference, in-person appearances, or a combination of these formats. The following procedures shall apply to any hearing, regardless of its format:

- The parties shall be given reasonable notice of the hearing;
- Any documents that the parties wish Council to consider shall be provided to the other parties, in advance of the hearing;
- Either party may be assisted in the hearing by a representative, advocate or advisor;
- Council may request that any other individuals participate in the hearing.

As soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing, Council shall issue its written decision, with reasons. Council shall have the authority to uphold the Technical Committee's / Technical Advisory Board decision, to reverse the decision and substitute a new decision, and/or to modify any of the Games' results impacted by its decision.

In extraordinary circumstances, Council may issue a verbal decision, with the written decision with reasons to follow.

The decision of Council shall be final and binding on the parties.

2) Field of Play:

Rules governing the conduct of the specific sport contests shall be as specified in the NSO rule book unless otherwise stated in the Technical Packages. Disputes over field of play decisions and rulings will be dealt with using the protest and appeals mechanisms of each sport.

Please Note:

All Technical Package protests and appeals shall use the attached forms, and the decisions of such protests and appeals shall also be communicated by the attached forms.

All communication regarding the protests and appeals and decision of such will be through the respective Chef de Mission.

The notification of the decision shall include the following items:

- Issue to be decided
- Authorities considered
- Positions of the parties
- Facts as determined by the Committee
- Decision
- Reason for decision
- Date and signature of Committee Chair

Western Canada Summer Games Protest/Appeals Form

Protest

Appeal

Eligibility or Residence
Protest

Technical Package
Protest (scoring or
ranking)

For
Protests
and
Appeals

This form must be completed and submitted to the appropriate body to hear the protest.

Date: _____

Name of Individual: _____

Position of Individual: _____

Province/Territory: _____

Issue:

Grounds for appeal:

For
Appeals

Authority/
Jurisdiction

Procedural

Decision of Bias

Relevancy of
Information

Improper
Discretion

Unreasonable
Decision

Rationale (use extra pages if required): _____

For
Protests
and
Appeals

Signature - Individual: _____

Signature – Chef de Mission: _____
*required

Province/Territory: _____ Date and Time: _____

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Notification of Decision

Date of Hearing: _____

Members of Committee: _____

Name of Individual(s)/Team(s) Involved: _____

Province/Territory: _____

Decision of Committee: _____

Rationale: _____

Signature – Chair of Committee: _____

Date and Time of Decision: _____