



TECHNICAL PACKAGE

Technical packages are a critical part of the Saskatchewan Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the organizing committee by detailing tournament formats and scoring procedures, assist the Districts and Provincial Sport Governing Bodies (PSGB) in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coaching certification by stating minimum requirements and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each PSGB's version of developing young amateur athletes.

Every Saskatchewan Games' coach, manager, host sport directors, District sport contacts and District sport councils 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 and 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 Saskatchewan Games Council or the respective PSGB.

Technical Packages are developed primarily by PSGBs, following principles, guidelines and requirements of the Saskatchewan Games Council. As the overall governing body of the Games, the Council has the ultimate authority for Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the PSGB concerned.

Changes initiated by the PSGB must be directed to the Saskatchewan Games Council for approval. The proposed changes must have solid rationale for enhancing the sport technical requirements. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements and team sizes or staff complements after 18 months prior to the games will not be considered.

Saskatchewan Games Athlete Eligibility

1. The Saskatchewan Games shall be open to Saskatchewan residents who are Canadian citizens or who have landed immigrant status for a minimum period of one year prior to the Games.
2. Each District team shall be comprised of eligible athletes whose Saskatchewan domicile or actual residence for at least six months prior to the Games, was located within the recognized boundaries of the District they are representing. In the event an athlete moves from one District to another, less than six months prior to the start of the Games, a special request may be made to the Saskatchewan Games Council to determine eligibility.
3. Students enrolled and attending secondary or post-secondary school on a full-time basis outside their District residence may elect to compete in a District play down in either their home District or academic resident District, but not both.

Students attending a secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of 60% of the eligible credits to be considered a full-time student.

Students attending a post-secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of the equivalent 3 full time classes per year to be considered a full-time student.

4. First Nation athletes who reside and attend school in one District but are members of a First Nation Reserve in another District may elect to participate in either District, but not both. If they try out for one District and are not selected for that team, they are not permitted to try out for that sport in another District.
5. Athletes who have shared custody in a split marriage must participate in the District in which they currently attend school. If an athlete is transferring schools to live with the other parent or guardian in another District in the year of the Games, then the school that the athlete previously attended will be the District they participate in.
6. Athletes residing outside Saskatchewan:

Individual Sports:

Athletes residing at an address outside Saskatchewan are eligible to participate in the Saskatchewan Games if they meet the following conditions:

- They reside near the Saskatchewan boundary and attend school on a full-time basis in a recognized Saskatchewan education system;
- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Provincial Sport Governing Body and shall not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSGB in Saskatchewan.

Team Sports:

If a team has members from outside the Province of Saskatchewan, the team will be eligible if these criteria are met:

- The majority of the team resides in Saskatchewan or attends school on a full-time basis in a Saskatchewan based education system, and the others live within reasonable commuting distance;

- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Provincial Sport Governing Body and shall not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSGB in Saskatchewan.

7. District Team Eligibility

Sports using Club Team selection

When a team roster is comprised of athletes residing in different Districts, the following criteria will determine which District the team will represent:

- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Sport Governing Body;
- Where a team has members from two or more Saskatchewan Games Districts, and is registered in a recognized league, it shall compete in the District where the majority of the players reside. Teams in this position may have members living in adjacent Districts within reasonable commuting distance.

8. The Games shall be open only to amateur athletes recognized as such by the applicable PSGB.
9. For each Games an athlete may participate in one sport only in each half, however an athlete may elect to try out for different sports in the District team selection process. Upon acceptance of selection to a District team in that half the athlete must remain with that team until the completion of the Games and is not eligible to try out for another sport.
10. Coaches, managers and athletes may participate in more than one sport. However, they may only participate in one sport in each half of the Games.
11. The age classification for participation in the Saskatchewan Games is based on the LTAD model for each sport. Recognizing the multi—sport environment that athletes are exposed to at the Games, each sport shall consider the maturity level of the athlete when establishing its age classification.
12. Eligibility of athletes for the Saskatchewan Games program must be clearly identified by the PSGB in each respective sport technical package.
13. Prior to the Games, the eligibility of any athlete not clearly established by these rules shall be determined by the Saskatchewan Games Council. During the Games the eligibility shall be determined by the Games Jury.
14. Coaches, managers and athletes of the District team must stay in the athletes' village during the Games.

**BIATHLON
TECHNICAL PACKAGE**

**2023 SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES
February 19 – 25, 2023
Regina, Saskatchewan**

1.0 SPORT

- 1.1 Competition Site: Regina Wildlife Centre and Qu'Appelle Valley Nordic
 - 1.2 Competition Dates: February 19 - 22, 2023
 - 1.3 Sanction: Biathlon Saskatchewan / Biathlon Canada
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2.0 PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 3 Male and 3 Female
- 2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 1 Coach and 1 Manager

Note: Sports that have both male and female competitors must ensure that at least one coach/manager is of the opposite gender.

3.0 CLASSIFICATION

- 3.1 Athletes are 11 – 15 Years of Age
 - 3.2 Year of Birth: 2007 - 2011
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4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Athletes: Must be registered with Biathlon Saskatchewan and have completed a firearm safety course.
- 4.2 Coaches: Must be members of Biathlon Saskatchewan and have a Gold Level Community Coaching Level or Higher and have completed a firearms safety course (cost is covered by Biathlon Saskatchewan).

As a coach or manager of a District team you will be volunteering with children, who are vulnerable members of our society. As per the policy of the Saskatchewan Games Council, all coaches and managers are required to undergo a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.

As per the mandatory requirements for all sports in Saskatchewan the “Respect in Sport” online training program must be taken by all coaches. It is strongly

recommended that managers take the online training to ensure that as youth leaders they recognize, understand and respond to issues of abuse, bullying and harassment.

4.3 Exclusions: None

5.0 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION

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7.0 COMPETITION

Day One - Sprint 3 x 1km loops, shoot 2 times, individual starts 30 seconds apart, penalty loops for a miss.

Day Two - Mass Start 4 x 1km loops shoot 3 times, penalty loops for a miss.

Day Three - Mixed Relay (Teams of three including one member of each gender) 3 x 1 km loops shoot twice, 3 extra rounds for each bout of shooting (unofficial teams are permitted and each District is eligible to win only one relay medal even if two official teams are entered).

On the arrival day there will be a ski practice (no shooting) at ski trails – location TBD.
Target distance - 50m
Shooting: 22 rifles - prone position off a rest at prone targets.

8.0 RESULTS

Results Program - Excel, spreadsheet format

9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

Competition Jury to break ties.

10.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE

Submit protest to Competition Jury 15 min after results are posted.

11.0 EQUIPMENT

- Targets mats
 - Rests
 - 22 caliber rifles supplied by Biathlon Saskatchewan
 - Ammunition Supplied by Biathlon Sask
 - Rifle Storage arranged by Biathlon Sask and stored away from the athlete's village at a secure site
 - Ski Waxing – location TBD
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12.0 SPORT JURY

Appointed at race consisting of:

- Chief of range
 - Chief of competition
 - A coach appointed at race
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13.0 OFFICIALS REQUIRED

13.1 Major Officials: Chief of Competition, Chief of Timing, Chief of Range supplied by Biathlon Saskatchewan

13.2 Minor Officials: 2 start timers, 2 finish timers, 5 range scorers, 2 penalty loop counters

14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES

1 EMS person on site

15.0 MEDALS

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Sprint	2	2	2
Mass Start	2	2	2
Relay	3	3	3
Total	7	7	7

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA:

A Sask Cup Race in December will be a sanctioned District qualifier to select teams. Each District may also select teams internally using their own criteria.

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