

# 2015 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES

## VOLLEYBALL 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, 2014. 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Initiated By</b>	<b>Status</b>
May 2013	New Technical Packages sent to provinces	Technical Committee	
July 16, 2013	Request for delay in age classification due to change at Canada Summer Games Level	P/TSOs	See May 2014 below
July 16, 2013	5.5 Seeding change to previous WCSG event. This seeding is only necessary for scheduling in the round robin format	P/TSOs	Approved
July 16, 2013	5.4.6 In a 5 team tournament, is there a possibility for a playoff game for the 5 <sup>th</sup> place team	P/TSOs	Approved
November 12, 2013	5.4.6 Change format to "After the round robin, the top four teams will go into a semi-final playoff. Teams 5 and 6 will play for placing	P/TSOs	Approved
November 12, 2013	Allow Territories to have 2 overage athletes / team, 1 year older	P/TSOs	Approved
November 12, 2013	Change the official game ball to Mikasa MVA200	P/TSOs	Approved
May 2014	Change in age classification to 18U	P/TSOs/NSO	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: **VOLLEYBALL**

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2. Participants:

- 2.1. Competitors: 12 male athletes  
12 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: BC, AB, SK, MB  
Born in 1997 or later (18 and under as of December 31, 2015)
- Year of Birth: NWT, YK, NU  
As above, plus a maximum of two athletes per gender born in 1996 or later (19 and under as of December 31, 2015)

NOTE – team size must remain at 12 competitors.

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4. Eligibility:

- 4.1 Coaches:  
Any staff listed as head coach on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 3, or the equivalent level in the new NCCP, competition stream, Development context, (Trained status) in Volleyball.
- The Assistant Coach must be fully certified Level 2 Volleyball or equivalent level in the new NCCP.
- 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.
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5. Competition:

- 5.1 Rules  
The official rules of Volleyball Canada will govern the competition.
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- 5.2 Sanction  
The competition is sanctioned by Volleyball Canada.
- 5.3 Equipment  
The game ball will be the Mikasa MVA200
- 5.4 Event Format
- 5.4.1 Round robin to determine placing for medal round.
- 5.4.2 All matches will be best three (3) of five (5) games.
- 5.4.3 The competition will follow the current Volleyball Canada rulebook for domestic competition.
- 5.4.4 **To Win A Set:** A set, except the deciding fifth set, is won by the team that scores 25 points via rally point scoring and with a minimum lead of two (2) points, no cap. In the case of a 24-24 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is achieved (26-24, 27-25, etc.)
- 5.4.5 **To Win a Match:** The match is won by the team who wins three sets. In the case of a 2-2 tie, the deciding set (5<sup>th</sup>) is played to 15 points, with a minimum lead of two (2) points, no cap, via rally scoring.
- 5.4.6 In a six team tournament the top four teams will play in a 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 semi final. Winners will play for Gold, while losing teams will play for Bronze. The fifth place will play the sixth place team to determine final rankings. In a five team tournament, the fifth place team will play the fourth place team to determine which team plays the first place team in the semi-final.
- 5.5 Seeding  
The seeding will be based on the results of the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games.
- | Male                       | Female                      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AB – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | BC – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  |
| MB – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | MB – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place  |
| BC – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | SK – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place  |
| SK – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | AB – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place  |
| YT – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place | NWT – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place |
|                            | YT – 6 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 6. Scoring Procedures:

- 6.1 The scoring procedure for the round robin will be:
  - Win – 2 points
  - Loss – 0 points
  
- 6.2 Tie Breaking
  - Will be in accordance with Volleyball Canada rules and regulations.

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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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 7 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 6 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 5 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place - 4 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place - 3 points
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place - 2 points
  - 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

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### 8. Competitive Uniform:

- 8.1 Provincial colors must be worn and all competitive uniforms must be in accordance with Volleyball Canada rules and regulations.

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### 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:            30 gold            30 silver            30 bronze

## APPENDIX I

### WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

1. The Western Canada Summer Games are open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.  
*A permanent resident is someone who has been granted permanent residency 90 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Canada Games. Permanent residents have a Record of Landing (IMM 1000), a Confirmation of Permanent Residency (IMM 5292), a Permanent Resident Card, or any other document deemed eligible by Immigration Canada as proof of their status.*
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.

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**APPENDIX II**

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

**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 (pre-Games)..... The group established by the Council to coordinate technical aspects of the Games, made up primarily of Chefs de Mission.
- Games Jury (at Games) ..... Established within the Host Society for non field of play.
- Sport Jury (at Games) ..... Established within the sport organizing committee for the Games for field of play.

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

<b>Appeal/ Protest Type</b>	<b>Authority</b>	<b>Reported by</b>	<b>Forwarded by</b>	<b>Forwarded to</b>	<b>Decision by</b>	<b>Appeal to</b>
Non Field of Play  Technical Package Issues (i.e. eligibility, scoring)	WCSG Technical Committee / Games Jury	Sport or Host	Chef de Mission or Sport Chair	WCSG Technical Committee Chair	WCSG Technical Committee / Games Jury	WCG Council (pre-Games). At Games, decisions rendered by Games Jury are final.
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 Appeals – Pre Games:

#### **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.

#### **Appeals**

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

#### **Appeals Procedure:**

Any appeal of a Technical Committee decision must be done in writing and submitted by the Chef de Mission to the Western Canada Games Council as per the timelines below:

- More than 60 days before the Opening Ceremony = 21 days to appeal
- Less than 60 days before the Opening Ceremony = 7 days to appeal
- 14 days before the Opening Ceremony = 3 days to appeal

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

- 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.

If there are grounds for appeal of the Technical Committee 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 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.

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### 2) Technical Package Protests – At Games:

#### **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:**

During the Games, the Games Jury (2 Council members and 1 representative from the Host Society) will deal with all interpretations and protests. A protest must be submitted in writing by the Chef de Mission within 1 hour of the posting of the final result of the competition.

#### **Hearing the Protest:**

If there are grounds for a protest the Games Jury will convene. The format of the hearing shall be at the discretion of the Games Jury 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:

- Any documents that the parties wish the Games Jury 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 Games Jury may request that any other individuals participate in the hearing.

As soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing, the Games Jury shall issue its written decision.

All decisions rendered by the Games Jury are final and not subject to an appeal.

### 3) 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 by the **Sport Jury** with using the protest 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  
Appeal Form (Pre Games)**

This form must be completed and submitted to the Western Canada Games Council to hear the appeal.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Position of Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Province/Territory:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature - Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature - Chef de Mission:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\*required  
**Province/Territory:** \_\_\_\_\_          **Date and Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Western Canada Summer Games  
Protest Form (At Games)**

**This form must be completed and submitted to the Games Jury within 1 hour of the posting of the final result of the competition to hear the protest.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position of Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Province/Territory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Issue:**

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**Signature – Chef de Mission:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Province/Territory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date and Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

Western Canada Summer Games  
**Notification of Decision**

**Date of Hearing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members of Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Individual(s)/Team(s) Involved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Province/Territory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Decision of Committee:**

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