



2024 MANITOBA SUMMER GAMES

Soccer Technical Package – June 13, 2023

Technical Packages are a critical part of the Manitoba Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist Host Societies by detailing competition formats and scoring procedures, identify the maximum number of participants permitted, and state minimum requirements for coach/manager certifications.

Technical Packages are developed prior to Games primarily by the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) following the guidelines and requirements of Sport Manitoba.

If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should first be directed to the PSO. The PSO will evaluate all requests and if it has merit, the request will be submitted to Sport Manitoba for consideration. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes, coaching staff requirements, or event/competition formats will not be considered within 18 months of the Games.

1. SPORT: SOCCER

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Athletes

Male: Up to 18 athletes per regional team.

Female: Up to 18 athletes per regional team.

2.2. Coaches and Managers

Male: up to 3 coaches (1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches) or 2 coaches (1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach) and 1 manager per regional team.

- At least 1 coach must be male.

Female: up to 3 coaches (1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches) or 2 coaches (1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach) and 1 manager per regional team.

- At least 1 coach must be female.

Region	# of Teams
Winnipeg	2
South	2
West	2
East	1
North	1
Total:	8

3. CLASSIFICATION

U14: Open to athletes born in the year 2010 or later.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Athletes

All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements identified in the Manitoba Games [Eligibility Policy](#).

All athletes must be registered with Manitoba Soccer Association.

4.2. Coaches and Managers

4.2.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements

All coaches competing in the Games must have completed:

- Child Abuse Registry Check
- Criminal Record Check (CRC-PIC or E-PIC)
- [Respect in Sport](#)
- [Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module](#)

4.2.2. Sport-Specific Requirements

All coaches and managers must be at least 18 years of age as of July 11, 2024.

Head Coaches must be Soccer for Life trained.

All coaches and managers must complete the required training below prior to June 1, 2024.

Team Official	Required Training
HC, AC, TO	1. Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen
HC, AC, **TO	2. Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Theory Module
HC, AC, **TO	3. Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Practical Module
HC, AC, TO	4. NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Module and/or Online Evaluation
HC, AC, TO	5. Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program
HC, AC, TO	6. NCCP Making Headway Module
HC, AC, TO	7. NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module
HC, AC, TO	8. NCCP Rule of Two Module
HC, AC, TO	9. Keeping Girls in Sport

*HC: Head Coach, AC: Assistant Coach, TO: Team Official

**TO: Should the 3rd Team Official be an extra Assistant Coach

5. COMPETITION

5.1. Events

Teams will be divided into two pools of four (4) teams and each team will be guaranteed four (4) games. The groups will be determined two months before the games commence by the MSA.

The teams will play round robin within their respective groups before determining which teams advance to playoffs.

Duration of Games:

U-14 Boys 2X30 minutes

U-14 Girls 2X30 minutes

5.2. Tie-Breaking Rules

The following criteria shall be used (in order) to determine the final standings:

- Most points in all group matches
- If two teams are tied in points in all group matches:
 - Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (i.e., head-to-head competition).
 - Results for all group matches.
 - Greater goal difference in all group matches.
 - Greater number of goals scored in all group matches.
 - Kicks from the penalty mark (as per FIFA Laws of the Game) at a time and place decided by the Competition Manager.

The following must be used to achieve completion if three or more teams are tied in points in all group matches:

- Greatest goal difference in matches amongst the teams concerned.
- Greatest number of goals scored in all matches amongst the teams concerned.
- Greatest goal difference in all group matches.
- Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.
- Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Competition Manager.

6. MEDALS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place teams, respectively. Medals will be presented to all respective players and as many as 3 coaches per team.

7. COMPETITION UNIFORMS

7.1. Responsibilities

Manitoba Soccer Association will supply the competitive uniform in the regional colours as per the Manitoba Games Competitive Uniform Policy.

Athletes are to provide their own soccer cleats, shin pads, and gloves (for goalkeepers).

As per FIFA rules, shin pads and proper footwear must be worn.

Tights/bicycle pants worn beneath shorts may extend to the top of the knee and must be of the same colour as the team uniform shorts.

Uniforms must have visible numbers on the back of each shirt. The goalkeeper must have the top of a colour different from both teams' outfield players and the referees.

As per FIFA rules, all jewelry (of any type) must be removed.

7.2. Regional Team Colours

- North: Black
- West: Green
- East: Grey
- South: Red
- Winnipeg Blue: Blue
- Winnipeg Gold: Yellow

8. EQUIPMENT

- Ball: Regulation size 5 game balls are to be used.

9. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

9.1. Overview

For the purpose of all Manitoba Games powered by Manitoba Hydro competitions, rules and regulations, which govern the PSOs, will be used to consider all appeals on sport-specific technical issues.

9.2. Process

- Appeals on technical issues and non-technical issues must be made in writing on an appeal form available from the Sport Committee Chairperson, signed by the coach/manager and the Regional Chef de Mission.
- The appeal must be submitted to the Sport Committee Chairperson within one hour of the end of competition or the time of the initial decision being rendered on technical issues.
- The Sport Committee Chairperson will submit the written appeal to the Sport Appeal Committee within one hour of receiving the written appeal.
- The Sport Appeal Committee will consist of the host sport-specific chairperson, the head official (umpire/referee) of the game/competition, the PSO Technical Representative, Host Society representative (non-voting), and an appointed representative from Sport Manitoba (non-voting).
- The decision of the Sport Appeal Committee will be made within one hour of the time the protest is submitted to the host sport-specific chairperson.
- The decision of the Sport Appeal Committee will be final.

10. ATHLETE FILL POLICY

Age categories will be expanded from (2010–2011) to (2009–2012) born players for those regions outside of Winnipeg. If the total player pool for a single region is below 25 players, teams will be able to select the best available players. If the total player pool is above 25 players, those regions determined to need an expanded age group will be able to select a maximum of 6 overaged players (2009 born). The purpose of

the fill policy is to help ensure that each region has a viable team and to make the teams as competitive as possible.