



# **2024 MANITOBA SUMMER GAMES**

Softball Technical Package - February 16, 2024

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: SOFTBALL

## 2. PARTICIPANTS

#### 2.1. Athletes

There will be a maximum of 13 athletes per team.

#### 2.2. Coaches and Managers

Up to 3 Coaching staff per regional team as follows:

1 Head Coach and 2 Assistant Coaches

OR

1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach and 1 Manager

• At least 1 of the coaches must be female.

Region	# of Teams
Winnipeg	2
South	1
West	1
East	1
North	1
Total:	6

# 3. CLASSIFICATION

U15 Category of 2024 (Year of Birth: 2009-2010) Under 15 years of age prior to January 1, 2024

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

#### 4.1. Athletes

Softball Manitoba Registered Players in A/AA classifications are eligible to tryout/compete in the 2024 Manitoba Games.

Softball Manitoba registered players in AAA classifications are ineligible to tryout/compete in the 2024 Manitoba Games.

All players competing in the Games must be registered with Softball Manitoba and registered in the Sport Manitoba Games registration database by June 2024.

#### 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)
- <u>Respect in Sport</u>
- Rule of Two

#### 4.2.2. Sport-Specific Requirements

All coaches must be registered with Softball Manitoba and must be registered in the Sport Manitoba Games database by June 15, 2024.

The Head coach must be NCCP certified at the Competition Introduction level and the Assistants must be certified with the Community Softball level.

All 2024 Manitoba Summer Games coaches must complete their certification along with the Respect in Sport Program no later than May 30, 2024.

A minimum of one member of the coaching staff must be female.

#### 5. COMPETITION

#### 5.1. Events

Teams will compete in a full single round robin. Following round-robin play, the top 4 teams advance to the Medal Round (Page Play).

#### 5.2. Tie-Breaking Rules

Include competition procedures in the event of a tie.

### 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

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

Athletes are to provide their own shoes and socks for the competition. **See 8. Equipment** 

#### 7.2. Regional Team Colours

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

## 8. EQUIPMENT

Provide any necessary notes regarding equipment, including responsibilities, etc.

#### Equipment (Shoes)

Cleats - For all levels of minor play in the Manitoba Summer Games, **no metal cleats or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed**. Hard plastic, nylon or polyurethane spikes similar to a metal sole and heel plate or shoes with detachable cleats that could leave an exposed fastener **are not allowed**.

## 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. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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