



2017 Canada Summer Games Athletics Technical Package



Technical Packages are a critical part of the Canada Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the organizing committees by detailing tournament formats and scoring procedures, assist Chefs de Mission 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 National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "training to compete" phase of its Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD), or other suitable phase of the model as justified by the NSO, discussed with the LTAD expert group, and approved by the Canada Games Council (CGC) Sport Committee.

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 CGC Sport Committee through his or her Chef de Mission or NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to Games primarily by NSOs, following principles outlined in this document, guidelines and requirements of the CGC. As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO. Technical Packages are developed by sport, not disciplines.

If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will evaluate the merits of the request and will, if it has merit, submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC's Sport Division for consideration. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the rationale for the request. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes or staff complements will not be considered after 36 months prior to the Games. Additions or changes to events/competition formats that result in a significant cost increase to the Host Society will not be considered after 24 months before the Games, unless approved by the CGC and the Host Society. Substantive changes to events or competition formats will not be considered after 18 months before the Games, unless approved by all participating provincial/territorial associations and the CGC. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six months of the Games. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package by Games' participants early.

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**2017 Canada Summer Games
Athletics Technical Package**

1. SPORT: ATHLETICS

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1. Competitors:

Male: up to 33

Female: up to 33

Total team complement not to exceed 61 athletes.

Five (5) of the team positions are reserved exclusively for wheelchair track athletes. At minimum, two (2) of the wheelchair track athletes must be female, and two (2) of the wheelchair track athletes must be male. Two (2) of the team positions are reserved exclusively for para-athletes in shot put or discus. One (1) of the athletes must be female and one (1) of the athletes must be male. Additionally, two (2) of the male team positions are reserved exclusively for Special Olympics athletes and two (2) of the female team positions are reserved exclusively for Special Olympics athletes.

2.2. Competitors Breakdown:

- Maximum of 50 able bodied athletes (Male: up to 27, Female: up to 27)
- Maximum of 5 wheelchair track athletes (minimum 2 male and 2 female)
- Maximum of 2 para throws athletes (minimum 1 male and 1 female)**
- Maximum of 4 Special O athletes (minimum 2 male and 2 female)

** Note that the 2 athletes competing in the para throws events MUST be different than those athletes competing in the wheelchair track events.

2.3. Staff:

- Under 20 athletes: 3 coaches, 1 manager.
At least one of the coaches must be female.
- 21 - 30 athletes: 4 coaches, 1 manager.
At least one of the coaches must be female.
- 31 - 35 athletes: 5 coaches, 1 manager.
At least one of the coaches must be female.
- 36 - 40 athletes: 6 coaches, 1 manager or 5 coaches, 2 managers.
At least one of the coaches plus one of the other staff (coach, manager) must be female.
- 41 - 61 athletes: 7 coaches, 1 manager or 6 coaches, 2 managers.
At least two of the coaches plus one of the other staff (coach, manager) must be female.

2.4. Special Olympics Staff:

For teams including the Special Olympics athletes 1 additional coach OR manager shall be added to the above outlined in 2.2.

2.5. Additional Team Staff*:

- Apprentice Coach
 - See Apprentice Coach Guidelines (coming soon)
 - Apprentice coaches have same access as competitors and team staff.

- Venue Pass Holder
 - See [Venue Pass Holder Policy](#)
 - Venue pass holders do not have access to the field of play
 - Venue Pass Holder's access:
 - Front of House (Spectator areas)
 - Team Areas (athletes lounge, change rooms)

* Additional Team staff positions are administered by the Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Mission Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Missions process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

3. CLASSIFICATION:

Under 22 as of December 31, 2016

Date of Birth: 1995 or later

All Para-Athletics Classifiable athletes must be Under 30 years of age as of December 31, 2016 – born 1987 or later. The wheelchair track events will be contested in the open functional class (T54) only. T33, 34, 52 or 53 class athletes are eligible for selection to their Provincial/Territorial team but will compete in the open class and will therefore compete for the same set of medals as all athletes entered in the event.

Para Throwing events are open to all throwing classifications with results being calculated through the Athletics Canada Points Scoring Tables or equivalent available in 2017. Males and females will not be combined.

“Able Bodied” competitors cannot be entered in Para-Athletics events.

Special Olympics athletes must be under 30 years of age as of December 31, 2016 – born in 1987 or later.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Coaches:

The head coach on the official registration form must have Athletics Canada NCCP Performance Coach “certified” status in at least one Track or Field discipline. These coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (May 1st, 2017).

Assistant coaches on the official registration form must have Athletics Canada NCCP Performance Coach “trained” or “certified” status in at least one Track or Field discipline. These coaches must be certified / trained not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (May 1st, 2017).

If a Provincial/Territorial team does not distinguish between a head coach and assistant coaches, at least one of the team’s coaches must be Athletics Canada NCCP Performance Coach “certified”, while others must minimally be Athletics Canada Performance Coach “trained”.

4.2. Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- a) Senior National Team Athletes are not eligible for the Canada Games**; (to include Olympic/Paralympics, IPC/IAAF World Championships, Commonwealth Games, or **Special Olympics World Games**)
- b) Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance Program) at any time.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding or National Team Status (i.e., no athlete will be excluded if they become National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status after May 1st, 2017).

**Athletes who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by

case basis. Requests must be submitted by the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee.

Athletes participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada.

5. COMPETITION:

The competition will follow the most up to date IAAF rules in 2017;
As well as the most up to date IPC rules for Para-Athletics events in 2017;

5.1. Events:

Men (25 events)	Women (25 events)
100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 and 5000 metres	100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 and 5000 metres
Hurdles 110, 400 metres Steeplechase 3000 metres	Hurdles 100, 400 metres Steeplechase 3000 metres
200, 400, 1500 metres wheelchair	200, 400, 1500 metres wheelchair
Special Olympics: 100, 200 metres	Special Olympics: 100, 200 metres
Relays : 4 x 100 metres, 4 x 400 metres	Relays: 4 x 100 metres, 4 x 400 metres
High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault	High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault
Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Hammer	Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Hammer
Para Shot Put, Discus	Para Shot Put, Discus
Decathlon	Heptathlon

There is a maximum of two (2) entries per event per Province/Territory, except para shot put and discus where there will be a maximum of one (1) per event per Province/Territory.

There is no limit to the number of events a competitor may enter. A Province/Territory may enter only one relay team in each relay event.

There will be qualifying rounds in all field events where the number of entries exceeds 16.

Semi-finals and finals will be conducted in all track events of less than 2000 metres as required by the number of entries.

For races of less than 1500 metres, there shall be a "B" final for those who do not qualify among the top eight who will run in the "A" final. The "B" final will have up to 8 competitors. In the schedule of

events, the "B" final shall precede the "A" final. The "A" finalists will be determined in accordance with IAAF advancement Rule 166. The next eight fastest times will advance as "B" finalists.

To determine the number of rounds and the number of heats in each round, the tables outlined in IAAF rule 166 will be used with the following exceptions:

- The 1500m and steeplechase events shall be conducted as straight finals if there are fewer than 19 declared entrants; and,
- Regardless of the number of entries received, the 5000m event shall be conducted as a straight final.

5.2. Entries:

Only athletes registered through their Provincial/Territorial teams for the 2017 Canada Summer Games for the sport of Athletics can be entered in the Athletics competition at the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

Seed performances must be achieved outdoors between **01 March 2017 and 14 July 2017** at sanctioned or Provincial/Territorial branch-recognized competition (AC, Branch, IAAF).

Final entries showing seed performances shall be made by e-mail using Hy-Tek by **16 July 2017**. **Seed performance must appear of Athletics Canada's official rankings and therefore must include wind readings, implement weights, etc.**

Within 24 hours of receiving the entries the meet organizers will confirm receipt of the entries by sending a list of entries in each event to the e-mail address of the individual who submitted entries by e-mail.

Each team shall identify any omissions or oversights to their entry to the meet organizers within 24 hours of receipt of the entry list.

Official results must be submitted, at the request of the Athletics Meet Director, for verification of seed performances.

5.3. Finalizing Entries:

A Final Confirmation of Entries will be in effect at the 2017 Canada Summer Games. Known substitutions (for athletes that have not traveled with the team) must be submitted in writing to the Meet Director, one hour prior to the opening of the Technical Meeting.

The deadline for the confirmation of entries is 9:00 am on the day the event is to be held. Confirmation of entries is to be presented in writing to the entries/results coordinator.

5.4. Schedule of Events:

A draft Schedule will be available to teams as soon as one has been developed and approved for public circulation.

After receiving and considering input from the Provinces and Territories a revised draft schedule will be made available to teams.

NOTE: The Final Schedule may change when entries are received and the numbers entered in each event are known. Where qualifying rounds are not required, finals may be run at the time of the qualifying round.

After receipt of the entries the Competition Schedule will be modified to reflect the number of entries in each event and the Final Schedule will be posted on the Canada Games website (www.canadagames.ca) and communicated to the teams by email to the address from which the team entries were submitted.

6. SPORT SCORING:

In the individual events there are 26 scoring positions, with points awarded for 1st through 26th position as follows:

Position	Pts
1st place	100
2nd place	90
3rd place	80
4th place	70
5th place	65
6th place	60
7th place	55

Position	Pts
8th place	50
9th place	47
10th place	44
11th place	41
12th place	38
13th place	35
14th place	32

Position	Pts
15th place	29
16th place	26
17th place	24
18th place	22
19th place	20
20th place	18
21st place	16

Position	Pts
22nd place	14
23rd place	12
24th place	10
25th place	8
26th place	6

For events run in lanes, positions 9 to 16 shall be determined by the order of finish in the "B" final. Qualifiers for the "A" final shall be scored from 1-8 depending upon finish order in the "A" final. Athletes not in the "A" or "B" final shall be ranked by their time, height or distance from qualifying rounds.

In the relay events there are 13 scoring positions, with points allocated for 1st through 13th as follows:

Position	Pts
1st place	100
2nd place	80
3rd place	65
4th place	55
5th place	45
6th place	40
7th place	35

Position	Pts
8th place	30
9th place	25
10th place	20
11th place	15
12th place	10
13th place	5

Positions 9 through 13 shall be determined by the order of finish of the “B” final. Qualifiers for the “A” final shall be scored from 1-8 depending on the order of finish in the “A” final.

Athletes and relay teams competing in the qualifying round of track events and in qualifying rounds of field events that do not finish (DNF), are disqualified (DSQ), do not start (DNS), or do not record a valid jump or throw (NH) (NM) shall not score team points. Furthermore, athletes and relay teams that DNF, are DSQ, DNS, NH or NM in events that are contested as a straight final (i.e. no qualifying round is held) shall not score team points. The exceptions to the above are the Combined Events (Heptathlon and Decathlon) where athletes who start each of the events that make up the combined event shall be deemed to have finished the Combined Event even if they do not finish or record a performance in one or more of the events that make up the combined event.

Athletes who have qualified for the finals will be awarded points since they did rank higher than the athletes who were beat out in the preliminary rounds. For example, if Athlete X advances to the “A” Final but then gets disqualified, he/she would still be awarded points of the 8th place finisher (50 pts based on the scoring system). If two athletes were to be DSQ in the “A” Final, they would then split the points that would have been awarded to the 7th and 8th place finishers $(55+50)/2 = 52.5$ pts per competitor. The same procedure applies to athletes and relay teams that do not finish the B final and to athletes that have qualified for a field event final but do not record a valid performance in the final.

Furthermore, athletes or relay teams not finishing (DNF), disqualified (DSQ), not starting (DNS) or with no valid jump (NH) do not score in the overall ranking in events with a straight final.

All individual and relay events shall be scored according to the above-mentioned system regardless of the number of entries received and/or Provinces/Territories represented.

7. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

Provincial/Territorial ranking shall be determined by the sum of points scored in all individual and relay events. Men and women will be ranked separately. Flag points will be awarded on the following basis:

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st place	10	6 th place	5	11 th place	1.5
2 nd place	9	7 th place	4	12 th place	1
3 rd place	8	8 th place	3	13 th place	0.5
4 th place	7	9 th place	2.5		
5 th place	6	10 th place	2		

8. TIE BREAKING RULE – COMPETITION:

The competition will follow IAAF and IPC rules for breaking ties.

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING – TIE BREAKING:

If there is a tie on points between two or more Provinces/Territories, the tie shall be broken in favour of the Province/Territory with the most first places, if still tied, the most second places, and if still tied, the most third places and so on until the tie is broken.

10. MEDALS:

(Note: Relay teams may be awarded up to six medals if there are changes in runners from semi-finals to finals. Only the four finalists will take part in the medal ceremony)

Total: Gold: 74 Silver: 74 Bronze: 74

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

Provincial/Territorial colours must be worn.

12. EQUIPMENT:

The organizers will provide starting blocks, relay batons, and throwing implements. Throwers may submit their implements for certification and use in the events' equipment pool. Athletes in the pole vault and decathlon must provide their own poles, which must be submitted for inspection and control prior to the event.

13. APPENDICES:

The attached appendices are an integral part of this technical package.

APPENDIX 1 – COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
3. The Canada Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their sport's Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization.
4. 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.
5. An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their Province or Territory of permanent residence or the Province or 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 current academic year.
6. An athlete who is training outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence may represent the Province or Territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province or Territory she or he wishes to represent by:
 - i) Having been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season

- AND –
 - ii) Having represented that Province or Territory at an international, national or regional championship,

- AND –
 - iii) Not having received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.

- OR
 - iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered.
7. An athlete is permitted to try out for any Province or Territory of eligibility but can only try out for one Province or Territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one Province or Territory but cannot try out for swimming in another Province or Territory. An athlete may try out

for one Province or Territory in swimming, and may try out for another Province or Territory in diving).

8. Athletes may only compete for one Province or Territory at a single Canada Games.
9. Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.
10. The eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules and by the Technical Package shall be determined by the Sport Committee of the Council. Coaches or P/TSOs must bring forward any unclear cases to their Chef de Mission and to their NSO as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Sport 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.

Other

12. All teams are reminded of the Canada Games Council's regulations concerning advertising on uniforms: only the uniform manufacturer's name or trade mark logo may be worn on team competition uniforms to a maximum size of 60 square centimeters.
13. Canada Games rules do not allow team staff to practice as therapists, physicians or other medical or paramedical practitioners. The Host Society (organizing committee) is responsible for providing high quality medical care at a central clinic at the Athletes' Village and at competition and training venues. The Sport Medicine Council of Canada assists the Host Society by providing additional medical practitioners to ensure that French and English speaking and male and female persons are available, to ensure that sport specific medical expertise is available and to ensure that all regions of Canada are represented. Team staff will not be permitted to administer medical care to athletes.

APPENDIX 2 – COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The NCCP model distinguishes between training and certification. Coaches can participate in training opportunities to acquire or refine the skills and knowledge required for a particular coaching context and as a result, they are considered “trained”.

To become “certified” in a coaching context, coaches must be evaluated on their demonstrated ability to perform within that context in areas such as program design, practice planning, performance analysis, program management, ethical coaching, support to participants during training, and support to participants in competition.

NCCP coaches are described as follows:

- **In Training** – when they have completed some of the required training for a context;
- **Trained** – when they have completed all required training for a context;
- **Certified** – when they have completed all evaluation requirements for a context.

For more information relating to NCCP Performance Coach training and certification, consult - <http://athletics.ca/programs/coaching/training-test/#sthash.1MCPobrx.dpuf>

APPENDIX 3 – PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

To be confirmed by Athletics Canada.