



2021 SASKATCHEWAN SUMMER GAMES

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.



**SOFTBALL
TECHNICAL PACKAGE**

**2021 Saskatchewan Summer Games
July 18 – 24, 2021
Lloydminster, Saskatchewan**

1.0 SPORT: SOFTBALL

- 1.1 Competition Site: Legion Ball Park
 - 1.2 Competition Dates: July 21st – 24th, 2021
 - 1.3 Sanction: Softball Saskatchewan
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2.0 PARTICIPANTS:

- 2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 13 Female
- 2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 2 Coaches 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 Year of Birth: Only players born in 2006 or 2007 (1st year U16 and 2nd year U14)
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4.0 ELIGIBILITY:

- 4.1 Athletes: All Players must be members of Softball Saskatchewan on an affiliated team through a local Minor Association and follow the established Softball Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Summer Games Policies, Roles and Responsibilities.
- 4.2 Coaches: All Coaches must be members of Softball Saskatchewan on an affiliated team through a local Minor Association and follow the established Softball Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Summer Games Policies, Roles and Responsibilities. Softball Saskatchewan will appoint and approve all District Head Coaches and must approve of all Assistant Coaches and Managers. Coaches will be selected by November 30th, 2020. All Coaches and Managers must be certified under

the National Coaching Certification Program to at least be Community Softball Coach trained.

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:

Registration is with:

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7.0 COMPETITION:

7.1 Type of Competition

Round Robin – 2 pools, Pool A with 4 teams and Pool B with 4 teams, each playing a single round robin competition. If there is a team from Team North, then Pool A will have 5 teams.

7.2 Events

Playing Rules

- a) All games will have a maximum of seven (7) runs scored per half inning. If in the top of the 7th inning of play a team is up by more than seven (7) runs the game is over.
- b) Pitchers may pitch a maximum of (4) innings per game. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be re-played. The Pitching distance will be 12.2m (40').
- c) Each player listed on the line-up card must play a minimum of two (2) innings (12 outs) per game. In a mercy rule game, a team will not be penalized if they are not able to play all players. Violation of this rule will result in the Head Coach being suspended for one (1) game in the event.
- d) The Designated Player Rule may be used.
- e) All batters, on deck batters and baserunners must wear a helmet with an attached face mask.

7.3 Playoff Format

Championship Round – Top 2 teams in each Round Robin pool advance to the Championship round:

Game C1 - 1st Place in Pool A plays 2nd Place in Pool B

Game C2 - 2nd Place in Pool A plays 1st Place in Pool B

Winners of Game C1 and C2 play for gold/silver, losers of Game C1 and C2 play for bronze. Third place teams in each Pool play off for 5th and 6th place overall, 4th place teams in each pool play off for 7th and 8th.

7.4 Seeding will be based on results of the 2016 Saskatchewan Games.

Pool A

- 1st – Team Saskatoon
- 4th – Team Rivers West
- 5th – Team Prairie Central
- 8th – Team South West

Pool B

- 2nd – Team Lakeland
- 3rd – Team Regina
- 6th – Team South East
- 7th – Team Parkland Valley

8.0 RESULTS:

8.1 Results Program

Scorebooks will be used at each diamond with final scores of each game entered onto the Gems Pro System.

8.2 Results Format

Game C1 - 1st Place in Pool A plays 2nd Place in Pool B

Game C2 - 2nd Place in Pool A plays 1st Place in Pool B

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8.3 Sport Scoring

All games will have a maximum of seven (7) runs scored per half inning. If in the top of the 7th inning of play a team is up by more than seven (7) runs the game is over. All games will end after 2½ or 3 innings of play if there is a difference of fifteen (15) runs or will end after 3½ or 4 innings of play if there is a difference of ten (10) runs or will end after 4½, 5, 5 ½, 6 or 6½ innings of play if there is a difference of seven (7) runs.

9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:

Final Standings after the Round Robin shall use the following criteria to determine the order of finish.

Note 1 - No games will remain a tie.

Note 2 - If a game is tied after seven (7) complete innings, the teams will revert to the international tie breaking rule starting in the top of the eighth (8th) inning.

Note 3 - The final score of a game is also the score used for tiebreaking purposes. We no longer revert back to the last complete inning.

Note 4 - If the home team is ahead after 6 ½ innings of play, they will NOT bat in the seventh (7th) inning. This rule will also be in effect if the mercy rule comes into play after 2½, 3½, 4 ½ or 5 ½ innings.

Two (2) teams tied

- a) The winner of the round robin game between the tied teams receives the higher placement.
- b) In the event the two teams did not play each other in the qualifying round (round robin);
 - i) The difference of plus and minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then...
 - ii) Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used determine the higher placement. If still tied, then...
 - iii) Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 7 runs per game) for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement

Three (3) teams tied

- a) If all three teams have played each other the winner of the round robin games between the tied teams will receive the higher placement.
- b) If only one team has played all teams they are tied with, and won both games, then they will receive the higher placement. The two remaining teams will revert back to the two teams tied criteria above.
- c) If the teams have or have not played each other, the difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the highest placement. If the two teams remaining have played each other, the head to head game will be used to determine the 2nd and 3rd position. If the two teams have not played each other, the plus/minus criteria will be used to determine 2nd and 3rd placements. If still tied, then...
 - i) Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then...
 - ii) Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 7 runs per game) for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement.

Four (4) or more teams tied

- a) In the event that four or more teams are tied, the following criteria will be used:
 - i) The difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine all four placements. If still tied, then...
 - ii) Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then...
 - iii) Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 7 runs per game) for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement.

11.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE:

Protests that will be received and considered include matters of the following types;

- a. Misinterpretation of a playing rule.
- b. Failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- c. Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given situation

Note:

1. Protests for the above must be made to the Plate Umpire before;
 - a. The next pitch
 - b. All infielders have left fair territory
 - c. On the last play of the game, before the umpires leave the playing field
2. After one pitch has been thrown (legally or illegal), no change can be made on any umpire ruling.

11.0 EQUIPMENT:

- Double base at first base
- Rawlings 12' Red Dot Optic Softballs (PX2RYLC)
- Scorebooks and line-up Cards

12.0 SPORT JURY:

The Sport Jury shall consist of the following.

- Provincial Technical Liaison
- Umpire-In-Chief
- Host Society representative

13.0 OFFICIALS REQUIRED:

13.1 Major Officials

With their being eight (8) Districts represented, six (6) umpires are required. Each game will utilize the two (2) person umpire system. Softball Saskatchewan will appoint an Umpire-In- Chief (UIC) to be in attendance and assign umpires for all games. The UIC will also be part of the Sport Jury.

13.2 Minor Officials

One (1) official scorekeeper is required for each game and four (4) in total would be ideal.

14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES:

Qualified medical personnel available to provide first aid and available first responders

15.0 MEDALS:

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Female Softball	13	13	13
Total	13	13	13

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA:

Softball Saskatchewan will be utilizing District All-Star teams for the Games. Players must be bona fide residents of the District they are representing (No District Transfers allowed). District Tryout dates and locations will be published by March 1st, 2021. Player ID camps, two (2) per District must take place during the month of May and be completed by May 31st. District Teams must be finalized by June 23, 2021 with rosters submitted and registration of athletes, coaches and managers completed. District Teams will be allowed a maximum of six (6) days of practices and two (2) days of exhibition games. Teams will not be allowed to enter tournaments. The District Head Coach makes the final decision on the final 13 player Roster.

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