

# **SASKATCHEWAN GAMES HANDBOOK**

## **POLICIES AND GENERAL GOVERNING RULES**

### **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 Nations 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.