



## **2016 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 compliments after 18 months prior to the games will not be considered.

## DISTRICT 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. 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.

5. 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.

6. The games shall be open only to amateur athletes recognized as such by the applicable PSGB.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Eligibility of athletes for the Saskatchewan Games program must be clearly identified by the PSGB in each respective sport technical package.
11. 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.
12. Coaches, managers and athletes of the district team must stay in the athletes' village during the games.



## **BASEBALL TECHNICAL PACKAGE**

**2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games  
July 24 – 30, 2016  
Estevan, Saskatchewan**

### **1.0 SPORT:**

- 1.1 Competition Site: Cactus Park
- 1.2 Competition Dates: July 24 – 27, 2016
- 1.3 Sanction: Yes

### **2.0 PARTICIPANTS:**

- 2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 15 Male
- 2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 3 Coaches

### **3.0 CLASSIFICATIONS:**

- 3.1 Year of Birth: 15U – players must be born in 2001 or 2002

### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY:**

- 4.1 Athletes: must be members of Saskatchewan Baseball  
Coaches: must be members of Saskatchewan Baseball. Assistant coaches must have their Regional Coach Trained Status (Level 1 certified in old system)  
Head Coach must have Provincial Coach Trained Status (Level 2 tech and practical and Level 1 certified in old system)

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.

4.2 Exclusions: none

## **5.0 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION:**

Registration is with:  
Saskatchewan Baseball Association  
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## **6.0 PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL LIAISON:**

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## **7.0 COMPETITION:**

7.1 Type of Competition:  
Two pools of 4 teams each with round robin schedule within each pool. First “A” pool plays 2<sup>nd</sup> in “B” pool and 1<sup>st</sup> in “B” pool plays 2<sup>nd</sup> in “A” pool. Winners play for gold/silver and losers play for bronze. Third place in each pool play off for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place. Fourth place in each pool playoff for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.  
PLEASE NOTE: Bantam Pitch Count Procedures will be used – please refer to pitch count on the Sask Baseball website - <http://www.saskbaseball.ca/index.php?id=52>

## **8.0 RESULTS:**

In pool play wins and losses will determine advancement of playoffs.

## **9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:**

**Games cannot end in a tie – score. All provincial playoff games are to be played in completion as per the general baseball rules for ending a game.**



1. In the event of extra innings during round robin play, the following format borrowed from the IBAF will be used:

If the game remains tied after the completion of 7 innings, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:

- Each team will begin the 8<sup>th</sup> inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- To begin the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, representatives from each team will meet at home plate and will indicate (at the same time) to the home plate umpire where the team wishes to begin the batting order. That is, the teams have the option of beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> inning anywhere in the existing batting order that was in effect when the 7<sup>th</sup> inning ended. Note that this is not a new lineup (just potentially a different order), and it may very well be the same lineup that ended the game. The rationale for doing so is to ensure that both teams have an equal chance at having what they consider to be their best hitters and base runners in a position to score in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning.
- For example, if the team decides to have the #1 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #8 hitter will be placed at 2B and the #9 hitter will be placed at 1B. Furthermore, if the team decides to have the #3 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #1 hitter would be at 2B and the #2 hitter would be at 1B.
- Once those players/runners are determined for the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, the order of any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. That is, if the 8<sup>th</sup> inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last official at bat, then the 9<sup>th</sup> inning begins the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at 2B and the #6 hitter at first base.
- With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on 1B and 2B with no one out, all other “Official Rules of Baseball” and will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.
- No player re-entry is permitted during extra innings.
- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

This tie breaking procedure will only be used in “round robin play”

2. When two teams have identical won/loss records after playing the round robin, the order of the finish is determined by reverting to the game previously played between the two teams.
3. When three teams have identical won/loss records after playing the round robin, if one team has defeated the other two teams, that team will get the higher standing.



4. When three or more teams have identical won/loss records after playing the round robin (and #2 above does not apply) runs allowed with a ratio of the innings in a defensive position will be used to determine placing. Only those games between the tied teams are to be used in determining this ratio. This is to declare the team of highest/lowest standing amongst these teams.
5. After one team is declared the winner/loser and two teams remain tied, revert to the game between the two tied teams.
6. If a tie still exists following #3 above, runs scored with a ratio of the offensive innings played will be used to determine placing. Only those games between the tied teams are to be used in determining this ratio.
7. If a tie still remains after #5 above, revert to #3 above and use all games between all teams.

**Exception**

**In a three-way tie for first place only, one team will be awarded first place using the formula. The second and third teams involved in the tie will playoff a playoff game with the winner to advance to the championship round with the first place team.**

1. **Tie breaking example for number 3: When 3 teams are tied and one team has not defeated the other two.**

**Team A - 11 vs Team B - 1**

Mercy rule game in 4 ½ innings with 1 away  
 Team A has 5 defensive innings. Team B has 4 1/3 defensive innings.

**Team C - 9 vs Team a - 8**

Team C won in bottom of 7<sup>th</sup> inning with 2 away.  
 Team C has 7 defensive innings. Team A has 6 2/3 defensive innings.

**Team B - 15 vs Team C - 13**

Team B won after a full 7 innings of play. Both teams have 7 defensive innings.

	Team A	Team B	Team C
Runs against:	10	24	23
# of defensive innings	11.6	11.3	14
Formula used	10 divided by 11.6	24 divided by 11.3	23
divided by 14			
Ratio	0.86	2.12	1.64

Team A is declared first with lowest ratio. The two remaining teams will play the tie breaker game to determine 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the pool



**10.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE:**

Should be made up of Host Sport Chairman and SBA representative at tournament, plus others as identified by host committee

**11.0 EQUIPMENT:**

Safety procedures as per SBA handbook. Diamond D1 baseballs only. No aluminum bats – all bats must be either composite or wood – no metal bats allowed.

**12.0 SPORT JURY:**

As set up by Sask Summer Games Committee

**13.0 Officials**

13.0 Major Officials: Umpires should be 3-4 man crews – 12 in total

13.1 Minor Officials: Scorekeepers – 2 per diamond (one scorekeeper and on pitch count tally official) Announcers 1 per diamond. Ball chasers as needed. Also a pitch count chart should be made visible to both home and away teams during all games.

**14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES**

Host society should have medical personnel at each facility.

**15.0 MEDALS**

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Total	18	18	18

**16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA**

Each district will set up tryout camps within their perspective district. These camps will be advertised on Sask Baseball website and there will be a mail out to all eligible participants within Saskatchewan that will advertise games and tryout camps.

**17.0 PROVINCIAL SPORT CONTACT**

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**18.0 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS TECHNICAL PACKAGE, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WAS APPROVED BY OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

*(Please indicate in the space provided, the date of the meeting and when it was approved. This package must be signed by your President before returning it to the Saskatchewan Games Council.)*

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 24, 2014



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