

2007 WHITEHORSE CANADA WINTER GAMES

MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS 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 NSO's version of prospective high performance athletes.

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 Sport Committee of the Canada Games Council through his or her Chef de Mission or National Sport Organization.

Technical Packages are developed primarily by National Sport Organizations, following principles, guidelines and requirements of the Canada 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 NSO concerned.

If an individual wishes to initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the desired change should be first directed to the National Sport Organization or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef will evaluate the merits of the change and will, if it has merit, submit the requested change to the Sport Committee of the Canada Games Council. The NSO or Chef will submit the rationale for the change. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes or staff complements will not be considered after three years prior to the Games. Substantive changes to events or competition formats will not be considered after 18 months before the Games. Minor corrections will be considered at almost anytime, 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 early.

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TECHNICAL PACKAGE

1. SPORT: ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS – MEN

2. COMPETITORS:

2.1 Competitors: 7 Male

2.2 Staff: 2 coaches, one of whom must be male and one of whom will be the manager. One of the women's team coaches may also be on the floor during the men's competition

3. CLASSIFICATION:

Male athletes must not have reached 19 years of age in the year of the competition (2007); Born 1989 to 1997.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Coaches:

Any staff listed as coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least Level 3 in Artistic Gymnastics. These coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (i.e. November 23rd, 2006).

4.2 Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- a) Athletes that have held Senior (SR1, SR2, SR or C1) cards (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
- b) Athletes that have been National Senior Team members (as defined by Canadian Gymnastics Federation and approved by the Canada Games Council) at any time;
- c) Athletes that have competed for any nation at any senior Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games or senior World

Championships.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status 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 November 23rd, 2006).

5. COMPETITION:

5.1 Regulations

The following will govern the competition:

- * G.C.G. Technical Regulations in force at the time of the Games
- * The rules for the Canada Games are those of Level 6 Category for Gymnastics Canada
- * Gymnasts will have the option of 125 cm. or 135 cm. Vault Table.
- * 2005-2008 FIG Code of Points for situations not covered by the first two documents

5.2 Program

Competition 1 = Team Competition (7 athletes per province or territory)

Competition 2 = Individual All Around Finals

Competition 3 = Event Finals (1 vault in finals)

5.3 Participation

All 7 athletes must compete in the Team competition.

The top 3 gymnasts per province/territory from the Team competition will compete in the Individual All Around competition. The balance, for a total of up to 36 participants, will be based upon the scores obtained in the preliminary competition.

The top 8 gymnasts on each event, with a maximum of 2 per province/territory, from the Team competition will compete in the Event Finals competition. In the case of a tie in 8th position, or in case of a tie between two athletes from the same province/territory, the gymnast with the highest All Around score from the Team competition will participate in the event finals.

5.4 Judging

The Canadian National Stream Requirements for Men's Artistic Gymnastics will be used to score all events. Requirements will be National Level 6 for all three competitions.

5.5 Seeding

The top four teams from the most recent Canada Games are seeded in the final rotation (1 Alberta, 2. Ontario, 3 British Columbia, 4 Québec). The remaining teams are to be drawn into the remaining positions in both subdivisions. Two teams will be drawn to be placed in the 2nd subdivision with the 4 previously mentioned. These six (6) will then be randomly drawn for which team will begin on each apparatus. The remaining teams will then be drawn into the first subdivision.

In the All Around Finals, the athletes are to be seeded as follows: the top six ranked gymnasts will begin on Floor Exercises, the next six on Pommel Horse, and so on. Within each group, the top ranked gymnast will compete last, the second ranked gymnasts will compete second last, and so on. In the event of a tie the modified FIG rules for tie-breaking will be applied (modified as in section 8).

In the event finals, a random draw will be made to determine start order on each event. In the case when a tie has occurred within the top 8, the athlete with the lowest Start Value will be ranked ahead of the other. The modified FIG rules for tie-breaking should be applied if a tie still persists.

6. **SPORT SCORING:**

The Team result comprises the 4 best results (out of a maximum of 7) on each event from competition 1.

The Individual All-around result is the total of the scores obtained by a gymnast on each of the 6 events during competition 2.

The Event Final result is the score obtained by a gymnast, on a given event, during Competition 3.

7. **PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:**

Team, Individual All Around and Event Final ranking points will be used to determine the overall provincial/territorial standing, which determines points for the Games Flag.

Ranking points will be awarded as follows (see Appendix 2 for a complete explanation):

Team Competition = 50%

Individual All Around = 20%

Individual Event Competition = 30% (5% per event)

The points (50%, 20%, 30%) are added and the provinces/territories are ranked from first

to last. Points for the Games Flag are then awarded as follows:

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

8. TIE BREAKING RULE - COMPETITION:

The rules for tie breaking can be found in the most current version of the FIG Technical Regulations. The FIG Rules will be modified to reflect the number of judges on the B jury at the Canada Games.

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING - TIE BREAKING:

In the case of a tie in the team rankings, the province/territory with the greater number of first place team scores per event will be assigned the higher rank. If the tie persists, the procedure is repeated with second place team scores per event, then third, etc.

10. MEDALS:

GOLD: 16 medals presented to the first place winner in the all-around competition, to the first place finisher in each event, and to the members of the first place men's team (including the coach and manager).

SILVER: 16 medals presented to the second place winner in the all-around competition, to the second place finisher in each event, and to the members of the second place men's team (including the coach and manager).

BRONZE: 16 medals presented to the third place winner in the all-around competition, to the third place finisher in each event, and to the members of the third place men's team (including the coach and manager).

Ribbons will be presented for 4th through 8th place.

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

Proper competition attire must be worn during all competitions. In Competition 1, members of the same team and individuals gymnasts of the same province/territory must wear competition attire that is uniform and of the same colour.

On Pommel Horse, Rings, Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar, all competitors must perform their exercises in long solid coloured competition pants and foot wear (Gymnastic slippers or socks). In Floor Exercise and Vaulting, the gymnasts may wear short pants and perform without foot wear. The wearing of a competition shirt (jersey) is mandatory in all competitions. For violations against the dress code, a deduction for unsportsmanlike conduct will be taken from the final score.

For all medal ceremonies, Provincial/Territorial team colours must be worn.

12. APPENDICES:

Appendices 1 & 2 form an integral part of this technical package.

APPENDIX 1

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Competitor Eligibility

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants.
3. The Games are open to amateur athletes **who are members** in good standing of their provincial and/or national 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. Students attending school on a full-time basis outside their province of permanent residence during the year of the Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province of permanent residence or the province in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the 2006-2007 academic year.
6. If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her province of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province where the centre is located under the terms of paragraph (7), below.
7. Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial sport organization in that province for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province or territory at a previous national or regional championship or having attended school full-time the previous academic year or a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.
8. An athlete is permitted to try out for only one province or territory per Games.
9. 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 PSOs 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.**
10. Where a team/province/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

1. 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 centimetres.***
2. The only coaching permitted is by those accredited coaches identified in the Technical Package. Personal coaches of athletes or additional coaches of any type will not receive accreditation and will not have access to competition or training areas.
3. 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 Canada Games Council 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

The Team, Individual All Around and Individual Event Finals ranking-points will be used to determine the Overall provincial/territorial standing and the points awarded towards the Games Flag competition.

Ranking-points will be awarded as follows:

A) 50% from Team competition:

1. Teams are ranked: 1st to 12th (12 = maximum number of teams)
2. 1st place team is awarded 150 points, 2nd place team is awarded 140 points, ..., 12th place team is awarded 40 points
3. The number of points each team received is multiplied by .50 to determine their final "Team ranking-points" based on 50%.

ex.	1st	=	150 points x .5 =	75 points
	2nd	=	140 points x .5 =	70 points
	3rd	=	130 points x .5 =	65 points
	...			
	12th	=	40 points x .5 =	20 points

B) 20% from Individual All Around competition:

1. Athletes are ranked: 1st to 36th (36 = maximum number of athletes in Individual All-around competition)
2. The first place athlete is awarded 100 points, the 2nd place athlete is awarded 97 points, ..., the 36th athlete is awarded 50 points
3. The number of points for all competitors from a provincial/territorial team are added together.
4. The provinces/territories are then ranked according to their total: highest total = 150 points, next highest = 140 points, ..., lowest = 40 point.
5. The number of points each province/territory received is multiplied by .20 to determine their final "Individual All-around ranking-points" based on 20%.

ex.	1st highest	=	150 points x .2 =	30 points
	2nd highest	=	140 points x .2 =	28 points
	3rd highest	=	130 points x .2 =	26 points
	...			
	(12th lowest)	=	40 points x .2 =	8 points

C) 30 % from Event Final competitions (5 % per Event)

1. Athletes are ranked: 1st to 8th per event (8 = maximum number of athletes in each Event Final competition)
2. The 1st place athlete is awarded 100 points, the 2nd place athlete is awarded 97 points, ..., the 8th place athlete is awarded 81 points on each event.

3. Each provincial/territorial total is calculated: = total number of points awarded to each finalist from that particular province/territory.

NOTE: It is possible for a province/territory to have a score of 0 if they do not have any gymnasts in the Event Final competition.

4. Each province/territory is then ranked according to their total: highest total = 150 points, next highest = 140 points, ...

5. The number of points each province/territory received is multiplied by .30 to determine their final "event Final competition ranking-points" based on 30%.

ex.	1st highest	=	150 points X .3	=	45 points
	2nd highest	=	140 points x .3	=	42 points
	3rd highest	=	130 points x .3	=	39 points
	12th (lowest)	=	40 points x .3	=	12 points

OVERALL PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING

- A)** The ranking-points received by each province/territory for each competition are added.
- B)** The provinces/territories are ranked from highest total to lowest total.
- C)** These standings determine the points awarded towards the Games Flag competition:

1st highest	=	10 pts	7th highest	=	4 pts
2nd highest	=	9 pts	8th highest	=	3 pts
3rd highest	=	8 pts	9th highest	=	2 ½ pts
4th highest	=	7 pts	10th highest	=	2 pts
5th highest	=	6 pts	11th highest	=	1 ½ pts
6th highest	=	5 pts	12th highest	=	1 pt