



2011 CANADA WINTER GAMES

Technical Packages – Age Categories

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The Canada Games Council has been working very closely with all National Sport Organizations on the 2011 Canada Winter Games program to develop their sport-specific technical packages. Age categories are being selected to develop Canada’s next generation national team athletes in the “Train to Compete” phase of their sport’s Long Term Athlete Development Model, or other suitable phase of LTAD as justified by NSO, and approved by the Canada Games Council, to suit next generation national team athletes.

To view the team sizes (number of male athletes, female athletes, athletes with a disability, coaches, managers, and other participants) approved for the sports on the 2011 Canada Winter Games program, please visit the Canada Games Council’s **Technical Manual**, in the “**Sport**” section of the Council’s website.

The Canada Games Council Sport Committee has approved the age categories for the following sports on the 2011 Canada Winter Games program:

SPORT	Age Category
Archery	Under 22 as of January 1, 2011 Year of Birth: Born in the calendar year 1989 or later
Alpine Skiing	Alpine Canada strongly recommends that athletes are no younger than 15 years of age as of December 31, 2010 for the Canada Games competition. Alpine Canada will review exceptional circumstances of athletes under the age of 15, which must be approved by Alpine Canada. These minimum age exemption requests must be brought forward to the Canada Games Council or Alpine Canada on or before December 1, 2010 for consideration. ALPINE: BC, AB, ON, QC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 & under, as of December 31, 2010 SK, MB, NB, PE, NS, NL, NT, YT (Canada District): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/gender – 16 & under, as of December 31, 2010 • 2/gender – 19 & under, as of December 31, 2010 PARA-ALPINE: 35 & under, as of February 11, 2011

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Badminton	23 and under for men, as of December 31, 2011 21 and under for women, as of December 31, 2011
Biathlon	Born 1990 -1993 inclusive
Boxing (M)	Juniors: open category boxers only Year of birth: 1993 and 1994. Athletes who were born in 1995 and are upgraded to Junior by their provincial association by December 31, 2010 are eligible (CABA Rules 8:1 to 8:5)
Curling	Competitors shall be a maximum of 17 years of age on December 31, 2010. YEAR OF BIRTH: Any athlete born on and since January 1, 1993.
Cross Country Skiing	ABLE-BODIED COMPETITION: 23 years of age and under Year of birth: All athletes born 1988 or later PARA-NORDIC: Year of birth: Athletes born 1976 or later* *In keeping with the objective of targeting athletes within the Training to Compete (TTC) level of the LTAD, age exceptions will be provided to Para-Nordic athletes born prior to 1976 who's athlete development level is consistent with TTC. The CGC and CCC recognize that an age-dependent criterion may not adequately reflect the entry of the athlete into Para-Nordic skiing due to late onset disabilities through injury or medical condition. CCC's Para-Nordic Committee in cooperation with the CGC will consider these special cases up to December 1, 2010. Appendix 2 outlines the procedure to apply for an age exemption for Para-Nordic athletes, if required.
Figure Skating	<u>Pre-Novice Singles:</u> males and females - under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010 <u>Pre-Novice Pairs:</u> males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010 females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010 <u>Pre-Novice Dance:</u> males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010 females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010 <u>Novice Singles:</u> males and females - under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010 <u>Novice Pairs:</u> males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010 females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010 <u>Novice Dance:</u> males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010 females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010

	<p><u>Special Olympics events:</u> males and females – Special Olympics athletes must be a minimum of 13 years of age, and under 30 years of age, as of December 31, 2011.</p>
Freestyle Skiing	<p>Athletes must be born on or after July 2, 1992 and on or before July 1st, 1996 inclusive. This meets with The Canadian Freestyle Ski Association (CFSA) age category for Juvenile/Junior.</p>
Gymnastics – Artistic	<p>MEN’s COMPETITION: Competitors shall be 18 & under as of December 31, 2011, and at least 12 years of age on January 1st, 2011.</p> <p>WOMEN’s COMPETITION: Female athletes must be a minimum of 12 years old as of January 1, 2011 and a maximum of not having reached 19 years old as of January 1, 2011; Born 1992 (<i>except on January 1st</i>) to 1998 inclusive.</p>
Hockey	<p>MEN’s COMPETITION: Male competitors under 16 years of age as of December 31, 2010 YEAR OF BIRTH: 1995 to 1999 inclusive</p> <p>WOMEN’s COMPETITION: Female competitors under 18 years of age as of December 31, 2010. YEAR OF BIRTH: 1993 to 2000 inclusive</p>
Judo	<p>Athletes born 1992 to 1995 inclusive;</p> <p>plus younger athletes identified as per Judo Canada Early Bloomer Clause which states:</p> <p><i>“an athlete who wins a medal at the U17 National Championships and wishes to enter a National Championships in an older age group (U20, Senior) in the following year despite the fact that he/she still is under seventeen years old, such athlete will be allowed to move to the older age division” – subject to the approval by Judo Canada’s Development Committee on a case-by-case basis</i></p>
Ringette (W)	<p>19 years of age or under as of December 31, 2010 Born on or after January 1, 1991</p>
Shooting	<p>YEAR OF BIRTH: 1991 to 1998 inclusive</p>
Snowboard	<p>For the Halfpipe event, eligible athletes must be 19 and under as of February 11, 2011. Minimum age at this date is 13.</p>

	<p>For the Parallel Giant Slalom event, eligible athletes must be 21 and under as of February 11, 2011. Minimum age at this date is 15.</p> <p>For the SBX event, eligible athletes must be 21 and under as of February 11, 2011. Minimum age at this date is 15.</p>
Speed Skating	<p>SHORT TRACK: Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2010 but have not reached the age of 19 on June 30th, 2010 <u>Year of Birth:</u> July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1996 inclusive</p> <p>LONG TRACK: Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2010 but have not reached the age of 19 as of June 30th, 2010 <u>Year of Birth:</u> July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1996 inclusive</p>
Squash	<p>2 boys Under 17, as of February 19, 2011 2 girls Under 17, as of February 19, 2011 2 boys Under 19, as of February 19, 2011 2 girls Under 19, as of February 19, 2011</p>
Synchronized Swimming	<p>Competitors 21 years of age or under as of December 31, 2011. Competitors 12 years of age or over as of December 31, 2011. YEAR OF BIRTH: 1990 to 1999 inclusive.</p>
Table Tennis	<p>Under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2011. Players must be born in 1993 or after</p>
Wheelchair Basketball	<p>Athletes 24 years of age or under Born on 1st January 1987 or after</p>

Final technical packages for these sports will become available on the Canada Games Council's website as soon as the appropriate approval and translation is completed. Age categories are not subject to change.