



2011 HALIFAX CANADA WINTER GAMES

CURLING 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 National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of prospective high performance athletes.

Every Games' coach, manager, sport leader, 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 the 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 the 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 size 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: CURLING

2. PARTICIPANTS:

- 2.1 Competitors: 4 male and 4 female
- 2.2 Staff: 1 coach for each team

The coach's gender **is not restricted by the team's gender.**

3. CLASSIFICATION:

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.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Coaches:

Coaches named on the official registration form must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least Level 3 (Theory, Technical and Practical), or the equivalent in the new NCCP Competition stream, Development context (Trained status) in Curling. These coaches must be so certified no later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (by November 13, 2010).

4.2 Competitors:

There are no restrictions other than age and residency.

5. COMPETITION:

- 5.1 C.C.A. Rules of Curling for officiated play.
- 5.2 Pre-playoff Competition Format

Pre-playoff competition will consist of one pool of six (6) and one pool of seven (7) teams in a round robin competition. Each team will meet all the other teams in its division in eight (8) end games. In the event a game is tied after the regulation eight (8) ends have been played, an extra end or ends must be played to determine a winner. The team that has accumulated the most victories in its division will be ranked first, the next highest will be ranked second, and so on. The coach of the losing team may concede the game after a minimum of five (5) ends played and with the approval of the head official.

5.3 Round Robin Seeding

Seeding is determined by the Canadian Curling Association and is based on the results of the 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Canadian Junior Curling Championships.

MEN

POOL A	POOL B
1.	2.
4.	3.
5.	6.
8.	7.
9.	10.
12.	11.
13.	

WOMEN

POOL A	POOL B
1.	2.
4.	3.
5.	6.
8.	7.
9.	10.
12.	11.
13.	

5.4 Playoffs

Following the round robin competition, the first two (2) teams of each division will play for the medals while the remaining teams will meet in the following manner to determine their final standings:

Semi-Final

Game # 1

1a vs 2b

Game # 2

2a vs 1b

Finals

Winner Game #1 vs winner Game #2

Winner - Gold
Loser - Silver

Loser Game #1 vs loser Game #2

Winner - Bronze
Loser - 4th

3a vs 3b

Winner - 5th
Loser - 6th

4a vs 4b

Winner - 7th
Loser - 8th

5a vs 5b

Winner - 9th
Loser - 10th

6a vs 6b

Winner - 11th
Loser - 12th

The last place team in Pool A will be ranked 13th overall.

5.5 Stone Selection, Practice & Last Stone Advantage

Round Robin Portion:

During the round robin portion, the first named team on the draw will throw red handled rocks and will practice first for exactly ten (10) minutes commencing thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the round robin draw. The team throwing yellow-handled stones will practice second and will have the same period of pre-game practice time commencing twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of the draw.

Tie-Breakers & Playoffs:

Following the conclusion of the round-robin competition, the top two (2) teams in each division shall participate in the playoff process.

The highest ranking team based on round robin position will have choice

of last rock advantage and rock handle colour in any playoff game. Teams finishing in the same position after round robin play will draw to the button for last rock advantage in the first end. Choice of colour will belong to the team with the better Skilled Based Team Ranking System.

In all playoff and tie-breaker games, the team delivering the last rock in the first end will practice first. A team is allowed to throw its own rocks during practice and not those of the opposition.

5.6 Rock Matching

Rock matching shall only be facilitated during the pre-competition practice or during a pre-game practice.

5.7 Coaching

Only the official team coach (certified Level III) is permitted on the ice. The coach will receive building accreditation, have access to the ice area for pre -competition practices, pre-game practices, timeouts, 4th end breaks, extra end breaks and late night practice sessions. Coaches are considered to be part of the team and will therefore march in all ceremonies and will be introduced with the team.

5.7.1 Time-outs are sixty (60) seconds but the time allocated to the coach to make their way to the ice surface will be pre-determined and monitored.

5.7.2 The head official will have the right to modify the total length of time allocated to a time - out based on the logistics involved with coaches making their way to the ice surface. This will be established and communicated at the pre-event meeting. Once this predetermined time allocation has expired, the time-out will commence.

5.8 Substitutes

In the event that, after the official draw has taken place, one or two players of a competing team are unable to continue play because of illness, accident or other extenuating circumstances as is deemed reasonable by the head official, then a substitute or substitutes may be used.

The rink may either play with three players if the coach so chooses, or alternatively may select a substitute(s) who will sweep and throw rocks. The substitute(s) may play in the position of the player he/she is replacing or in the position of lead. If a second player is unable to continue play, the same choice will be given to the coach.

Such substitute(s) will be selected by the coach from a pool of not less than four (4) same-gender players designated as substitutes and approved by the Canadian Curling Association. A different substitute(s) may be selected for each game. All players in the substitute pool must meet age requirements for the Games. Priority to curlers being selected for the alternate pool will be given first to the Curling Clubs in the Host municipality, then to the Host Province or Territory, and finally to the next “best and nearest”. All alternates must be approved by the Canadian Curling Association for participation in the alternate pool. Coaches will be provided with a substitute player profile and the opportunity to observe the substitute players during a pre-competition practice session.

5.9 Team Meetings

All members of the team and the recognized coach shall attend a meeting with the head official before play commences. At this time, any questions teams might have on the draw, officiating or rule interpretation will be discussed. All players and coaches shall attend the team meeting; otherwise, teams will forfeit last rock advantage for all games in the round-robin.

6. SPORT SCORING:

Each team will meet all the other teams in its division in eight (8) ends games and they shall be ranked within their division by wins and losses; then by head to head results; then by Skill Based Team Ranking System.

7. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

The allocation of points towards the awarding of the flag will be made from the standings of the provinces/territories after the finals, ranking men and women independently:

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

8. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING - TIE BREAKING:

Should ties exist at the conclusion of round robin play, they shall be dealt with in the following manner:

Teams that complete the round robin with identical win-loss records will be ranked on the head to head result and if necessary, with the Skill Based Team Ranking System.

Teams tied for a medal playoff position shall only be eliminated from the playoffs by playing a tie breaker game(s). The only playoff position that shall involve tie-breaker games is the second playoff position.

The head official shall make all final decisions with regard to the administration of tie-breakers.

When teams are tied for a playoff position, the round robin win/loss record of those teams against each other shall be used to determine their ranking and therefore how the teams are positioned in the playoff draw or tie-breaker game(s).

When the ranking of teams cannot be determined by comparing round robin win/loss records against the teams involved in the tie, the ranking shall be determined by applying the Skill Based Team Ranking System.

9. SKILL BASED TEAM RANKING SYSTEM

During the pre-competition practice, each of the four team members - in playing order from lead to skip - shall deliver one draw shot to the tee with sweeping allowed. Each individual's stone shall be measured to determine its distance from the tee up to a distance of 6 feet (182.88 cm) then shall be removed from play. Stones that cannot be measured due to their close proximity to the tee shall be assigned a distance of zero (0). Stones that are located outside the 6 foot perimeter shall be assigned a distance of 6 feet 1 inch (185.42 cm). The team's accumulated total distance from the tee shall determine the first part of their SBTRS ranking. Each competitor's pre-competition draw shot shall count regardless of outcome; i.e. pick or touched running stone. In the case of a three player team, the first player to deliver a stone for his team shall also deliver the final stone for his team.

The second part of the SBTRS will include the cumulative distance of all but one (1)* of the pre-game draw shots to the tee for last stone advantage in the first end of all round robin games. (*The worst of all five (5) or six (6) attempts will be dropped from the ranking.)

The total accumulated distance of the four (4) pre-competition draw shots AND the four (4) or five (5)* best pre-game draw shots (* 5 or 6 draw shots less the worst of the pre-game draw shots) will be totaled and the lowest accumulated distance shall receive the highest ranking and so on until ranking is completed. The SBTRS is used to rank teams for the playoff round and any tie-breaker scenarios.

10. MEDALS:

GOLD: 8 (one for each member of the men and women's team ranked first)
SILVER: 8 (one for each member of the men and women's team ranked second)
BRONZE: 8 (one for each member of the men and women's team ranked third)

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

Provincial/Territorial colours, long pants and curling shoes. Females may wear kilts. All on-ice jackets and shirts shall include the player's name and name of the province/territory (2 1/2" letters). The name of the province/territory may be either full length or shortened (i.e. ONT or Ontario). The province/territorial shield is optional. The player's name shall appear at shoulder height on the back with the name of the province/territory below.

12. APPENDIX:

Appendix 1 is an integral part of this technical package.

APPENDIX 1

2011 Halifax Canada Winter Games

Competitor Eligibility

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
3. The Games are open to 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 2010-2011 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 Provincial Sport Organizations must bring forward any**

unclear cases to their Chef de Mission and to their National Sport Organization as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Sport Committee of the Canada Games Council.

10. Where a team/province or territory/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 through its medical partners 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.