



2011 CANADA WINTER GAMES

FIGURE SKATING 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 competition 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: FIGURE SKATING

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1 Competitors: Male up to 8; Female up to 9; total team size not to exceed 16 athletes. **Two male and two female athlete positions are reserved exclusively for Special Olympics skaters.**

2.2 Staff: 1 manager and 2 coaches. At least one of the staff must be male and at least one must be female.

For teams including Special Olympics skaters:
1 additional coach to the staff listed above.

3. CLASSIFICATION*:

Pre-Novice Singles: males and females - under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010

Pre-Novice Pairs: males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010
females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010

Pre-Novice Dance: males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010
females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010

Novice Singles: males and females - under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010

Novice Pairs: males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010
females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010

Novice Dance: males under 21 years of age as of July 1, 2010
females under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2010

Special Olympics: Special Olympics athletes must be a minimum of 13 years of age, and under 30 years of age, as of December 31, 2011.

**ISU Junior upper age limits will be in effect for 2011 Canada Winter Games.*

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Coaches:

Coaching requirements for Canada Winter Games (Pre-Novice and Novice levels) shall be NCCP Level 3 certified or equivalent in the new NCCP Competition-Development. The Special Olympics coach must be at least NCCP Primary STARSkate Coach certified (formerly known as Level 1). Coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (i.e. by November 13th, 2010).

4.2 Competitors:

Skate Canada Rule 5401 (Eligibility to compete) applies to all competitors, with the exception of 5401 (3). For the Canada Games, competitors need be Canadian Citizens or permanent residents, with no minimum residency requirement for permanent residents.

Competitors must compete in the same category that they registered in at qualifying competition during the 2010-2011 competitive season. See Appendix 1.

Pre-Novice Singles: Skate Canada Rules 5404 (2) (a)(i), 5303 (2) (a)

Pre-Novice Pairs: Skate Canada Rules 5404 (2) (b)(i), 5303 (2) (b)

Pre-Novice Dance: Skate Canada Rules 5404 (2) (c)(i), 5303 (2) (c)

Novice Singles: Skate Canada Rules 5404 (3) (a)(i), 5303 (3) (a)

Novice Pairs: Skate Canada Rules 5404 (3) (b)(i), 5303 (3) (b)

Novice Dance: Skate Canada Rules 5404 (3) (c)(i), 5303 (3) (c)

Special Olympics Level 2 Singles (men and women):

A Skater competing in Level 2 must be working on Can Skate Stage 4 and/or Stage 5.

Note: Both Level 1 and Level 2 skaters are eligible to compete although Level 2 skills will be performed.

Special Olympics Level 3 Singles (men and women):

A Skater competing in Level 3 must be working on Can Skate Stage 6 and/or Stage 7.

Special Olympics Level 2 Dance (solo – men and women):

Skater(s) may have the skills required to pass the Skate Canada Preliminary Dances but no higher.

Note: Both Level 1 and Level 2 skaters are eligible to compete although Level 2 dances will be performed.

Athletes participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada.

5. COMPETITION:

Skate Canada / Special Olympics Canada rules in force at the time of the Games:

Pre-Novice Singles (men and women):

- * A Short Program of maximum 2:30 containing the group of elements announced by the Skate Canada for the 2010-2011 competitive season. The groups and requirements shall be as listed on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.
- * Free skating: 3 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds). The composition of the free program and the requirements for a well-balanced program shall be available on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.

Pre-Novice Pairs:

- * A short program of maximum 2 minutes and 40 seconds containing the group of elements announced by Skate Canada for the current season. The groups and requirements shall be as listed on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website; and
- * A free skating program of 3 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds). The composition of the free program and the requirements for a well-balanced program shall be available on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.

Pre-Novice Dance:

- * One group of compulsory dances as listed in the Notice Board of the Skate Canada Rule Book (for 2010-2011) **shall be from the same group that is drawn for the 2011 BMO Skate Canada Western and Eastern Challenge. Two dances will be skated;** and

- * A free dance to music of 2 minutes 30 seconds (+/- 10 sec) in duration. The composition of the free program and the requirements for a well-balanced program shall be available on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.

Novice Singles (men and women):

- * A short program of maximum 2:30 containing the group of elements announced by Skate Canada for the 2010-2011 competitive season. The groups and requirements shall be as listed on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.
- * Free skating: 3 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds) for ladies and 3.5 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds) for men. The composition of the free program and the requirements for a well-balanced program shall be available on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.

Novice Pairs:

- * A Short Program to music of maximum 2:40 in duration containing the group of elements announced by Skate Canada for the current season. The groups and requirements shall be as listed on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.
- * Free skating: 3.5 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds) in duration. The composition of the free program and the requirements for a well-balanced program are available on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.

Novice Dance:

- * One group of Compulsory Dances as listed in Skate Canada Rule Book Notice Board which shall be the same group as is drawn for the 2011 Canadian Junior Nationals; two dances will be skated.
- * Free Dance: 3:00 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds). The composition of the free program and the requirements for a well-balanced program are available on the Members Only section of the Skate Canada website.

Special Olympics Level 2 Singles (men and women):

- * All Elements in Isolation of either Option 1 or 2 as listed in the Special Olympics Canada Figure Skating Rules Article XII, Section B.
- * Free skate program - not to exceed a time limit of 1 minute 30 seconds plus or minus 10 seconds. The music will be instrumental. Program must be well-

balanced and include elements as listed in the Special Olympics Canada Figure Skating Rules Article XII, Section B.

Special Olympics Level 3 Singles (men and women):

- * All Elements in Isolation of either Option 1 or 2 as listed in the Special Olympics Canada Figure Skating Rules Article XII, Section B.
- * Free skate program - not to exceed a time limit of 1 minute 30 seconds plus or minus 10 seconds. The music will be instrumental. Program must be well-balanced and include elements as listed in the Special Olympics Canada Figure Skating Rules Article XII, Section B.

Special Olympics Level 2 Dance (solo):

- * Skater(s) will be required to perform the Fiesta Tango and the Willow Waltz as per the revised Special Olympics Canada dance rotation schedule.

Number of Entries per Event:

A maximum of 2 entries per event per province/territory (2 entries per event per province/territory for Special Olympics events). A Skater may enter one event only.

Deadline for Test Qualifications:

Competitors wishing to enter Canada Winter Games and events leading to Canada Winter Games shall have passed the tests as listed in Skate Canada Rule 5404 before October 1st preceding the Championships. A skater may also be considered qualified having passed a higher test or parts thereof as long as the minimum test requirement is fulfilled. For example, a skater who has completed the Novice Free Program but no other competitive test parts is considered eligible for the Pre-Novice category also if other eligibility requirements are also met.

6. SPORT SCORING:

Competitors will be ranked by virtue of scores earned from first to last and given one hundred (100) points to sixty-two (62) points in a provincial/territorial event ranking.

Individual Events Scoring System			
<i>Position</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Points</i>
1st place:	100	13th place:	73
2nd place:	97	14th place:	72
3rd place:	94	15th place:	71
4th place:	91	16th place:	70
5th place:	88	17th place:	69
6th place:	85	18th place:	68
7th place:	83	19th place:	67
8th place:	81	20th place:	66
9th place:	79	21st place:	65
10th place:	77	22nd place:	64
11th place:	75	23rd place:	63
12th place:	74	24th place:	62

Provinces/territories are limited to a maximum of 2 entries per event AND will receive points for BOTH entries according to their ranking.

Each member of a dance or pairs team shall receive points for their placement.

i.e., 1st place 100 points + 100 points;
2nd place 97 points + 97 points; etc.

7. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

The event rank points will be added from all eight categories to provide the final provincial/territorial team ranking. Men and women will be ranked together. Points for the Games flag will be allocated as follows:

1st place	-	20 points	7th place	-	8 points
2nd place	-	18 points	8th place	-	6 points
3rd place	-	16 points	9th place	-	5 points
4th place	-	14 points	10th place	-	4 points
5th place	-	12 points	11th place	-	3 points
6th place	-	10 points	12th place	-	2 point
			13 th place	-	1 point

8. TIE BREAKING RULE - COMPETITION:

Skate Canada rules in force shall prevail.

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING - TIE BREAKING:

Should a tie occur in final provincial/territorial standings, the province/territory with the greater number of event first places will be assigned the higher rank; if the tie persists the procedure is repeated for event second places, then third places, etc.

If the tie persists, the provinces/territories with the higher team standing in the last event completed will be assigned the higher rank, then second last event completed, etc.

NOTE: When a multiple tie occurs and is only partially resolved by the application of a tie breaking rule, the remaining ties will be resolved by returning to priority #1 and proceeding through the order again.

10. MEDALS:

GOLD	- 18 (4 for singles, 4 for dance, 4 for pairs, 6 for Special Olympics skaters)
SILVER	- 18 (4 for singles, 4 for dance, 4 for pairs, 6 for Special Olympics skaters)
BRONZE	- 18 (4 for singles, 4 for dance, 4 for pairs, 6 for Special Olympics skaters)

11. ATTIRE:

Singles/Pairs: Clothing worn in competitions shall not give the effect of excessive nudity for athletic sport. No tights for men are permitted, but women may wear skirts, trousers or tights. Sleeveless costumes are now permitted.

Dance: Women must wear a skirt and must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for athletic sport. Men must wear full-length trousers: no tights are allowed and the man's costume may not be sleeveless. The decorations on costumes must be non-detachable. Accessories and props are not permitted.

12. EQUIPMENT:

Each entry must provide two CDs or cassettes for the competition upon registration, one for competition (marked "Master") and one for back up (marked "copy"). If two CDs are provided, it is recommended that a back-up cassette be available.

Dance competitors: The ISU compulsory dance music to be used for all practices and events is the 2001 Revised Version produced by the ISU.

13. APPENDIX:

2011 Figure Skating Technical Package. Edition 1.0 (2009.04.29), Edition 2.0 (2009.11.24), Edition 3.0 (2010.01.04), **Edition 4.0 (2010.09.01)**

The attached appendix forms an integral part of this technical package.

APPENDIX 1

2011 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 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 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 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

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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 Sport Medicine Council of Canada 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.