



2011 CANADA WINTER GAMES

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING 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: SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

2. PARTICIPANTS:

- 2.1 Competitors: Female 10 (2 solos, 2 duets, 1 team)
2.2 Staff: 1 Manager and 1 coach or 2 coaches; one of whom must be female
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3. CLASSIFICATION:

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.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Coaches:

Any staff listed as coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least Level 3 Synchro or the equivalent in the new NCCP Competition Stream, Development Context (Trained Status). These coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (i.e. by November 13, 2010).

4.2 Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- a) Athletes that have held Senior or Development cards (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
- b) Athletes that have been National Senior Team or National Junior Team members (as defined by Synchro Canada 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 13, 2010).

5. COMPETITION:

Synchro Canada rules shall apply for all events.

There shall be figures, solo, duet and team events. All competitors (including alternates) must compete in the figures event.

Each province/territory may enter two routines in the solo and duet events, and one routine in the team event.

Competitors may enter 1 solo, 1 duet and 1 team.

There shall be preliminaries and finals in all routine events.

Following solo and duet preliminaries the top placing solo and duet routine (championship score) per province/territory will compete in the "A" finals. The second placing routine (championship score) in both solo and duet, per province, will compete in the "B" finals.

All teams may swim in both preliminaries and finals.

Order of events

- 1) Figures competition: Competitors will each swim two compulsory figures and two figures from one of the four optional Figures Groups. The figures will be selected from the Canadian AG Tier 7 Junior (15-18).
The routines will follow Tier 7 Junior (15-18) age time limits.
 - 2) Solo competition (preliminaries and finals)
 - 3) Duet competition (preliminaries and finals)
 - 4) Team competition (preliminaries and finals)
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6. SPORT SCORING:

Figures and Routines shall be scored according to FINA and Synchro Canada rules in force at the time of the Games.

7. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

At the conclusion of each event, ranking points will be awarded as follows.

After the ranking of athletes in every event, event points will be awarded according to the following schedule:

Individual Event (figures and solo)

Position	Pts
1st place	100
2nd place	97
3rd place	94
4th place	91
5th place	88
6th place	85
7th place	83

Position	Pts
8th place	81
9th place	79
10th place	77
11th place	75
12th place	74
13th place	73
14th place	72

Position	Pts
15th place	71
16th place	70
17th place	69
18th place	68
19th place	67
20th place	66
21st place	65

Position	Pts
22nd place	64
23rd place	63
24th place	62
25th place	61
26th place	60

Team Event (duet and team)

Position	Pts
1st place	150
2nd place	140
3rd place	130
4th place	120
5th place	110
6th place	100
7th place	90

Position	Pts
8th place	80
9th place	70
10th place	60
11th place	50
12th place	40
13th place	30

There will be no scoring for a swimmer or team that is disqualified.

When the last event has been concluded, ranking points from each event ("A" and "B" flights) will be added to give an overall ranking in Synchro. Points for the Games' Flag will then be awarded on the same basis as follows:

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

8. TIE BREAKING RULE - COMPETITION:

Ties shall not be broken in preliminaries. For finals, in the event of a tie, the highest figure score shall determine the winner.

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING - TIE BREAKING:

Should a tie occur in final provincial/territorial standing, the team 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, 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:

There shall be no awards for the figures event. Medals shall be awarded for routine finals in the "A" flight.

GOLD: 13 (one for the first place solo winner, one each for the first place duet winners, and one each for the first place team members, including the alternates.)

SILVER: 13 (as above for second place winners)

BRONZE: 13 (as above for third place winners)

Ribbons shall be presented to competitors placing 4th, 5th and 6th in flight A and for 1st through 6th in flight B.

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

Black must be worn for the figures event. Attire for the routines is at the athletes' discretion (FINA rules apply).

Provincial colours must be worn for sport opening and closing ceremonies and medal presentations.

12. EQUIPMENT:

n/a

13. APPENDIX:

The appendix forms and 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**

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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.