

2013 SHERBROOKE CANADA SUMMER GAMES TENNIS 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 athletes in the "training to compete" phase of its Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD), or other suitable phase of the model as justified by the NSO, discussed with the LTAD expert group, and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport Committee.

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 (CGC) through his or her Chef de Mission or NSO.

Technical Packages are developed primarily by NSOs, following principles outlined in this document, guidelines and requirements of the CGC. As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO.

If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will evaluate the merits of the request and will, if it has merit, submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC's Director of Sport for consideration. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the rationale for the request. 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, unless under exceptional circumstances or if approved by all participating provincial/territorial associations, the CGC, and the Host Society. 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 by Games' participants early.

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**2013 SHERBROOKE SUMMER GAMES
TENNIS TECHNICAL PACKAGE**

1. SPORT: TENNIS

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1 Competitors: 4 Males 4 Females

2.2 Staff: 2 Coaches

- If female athletes are being sent, one coach must be female. If male athletes are being sent, one coach must be male.
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3. CLASSIFICATION:

2 males and 2 females under 16 as of January 1, 2013 (Born 1997 or later)

2 males and 2 females under 18 as of January 1, 2013 (Born 1995 or later)

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Coaches:

Any staff listed as coach on the official registration form must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least a Level 3 (theory, technical and practical) or the equivalent in the new NCCP to at least NCCP Competition – Development (Certified) status. These coaches must be certified no later than 180 days before the opening of the Games (February 4th, 2013).

4.2 Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- (a) Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
- (b) Athletes who have declared themselves professional.

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 May 4th, 2013).

5. COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

Although there are two age categories at the Games for men and women, the tournament is run independent of age with both ages competing against one another. The athletes will compete in a Team Event (A) as well as an Individual Event (B) as outlined below.

A - TEAM MEDAL EVENT

TEAMS:

Each provincial/territorial team shall be comprised of 4 boys and 4 girls, supported by a team coach and a team manager.

DIVISIONS:

Teams will be divided into two (2) divisions with a fair distribution of teams in each division based on the overall strength of each provincial/territorial team. Except for positions 1 and 2 which are pre-designated into division A or B, all other positions in each division will be flipped for, as follows:

Division A: 1, 3 or 4, 5 or 6, 7 or 8, 9 or 10, 11 or 12

Division B: 2, 3 or 4, 5 or 6, 7 or 8, 9 or 10, 11 or 12

SEEDINGS:

Seedings of provincial/territorial teams will be determined by Tennis Canada, with regard to the overall depth of each team, taking into consideration 2013 rankings and all available 2013 National and International results.

ROUND ROBIN:

During the first three (3) days of competition, teams will play a round robin, playing all other provincial/territorial teams in their respective division to determine an overall provincial/territorial team ranking within each division.

TEAM TIE:

Each provincial/territorial team tie will be based on playing six matches, as follows:

- 2 girls singles 2 boys singles
- 1 boys doubles 1 girls doubles

MATCHES:

During Round Robin play, each match (including the deciding SEVENTH MATCH) will be based on playing the best 2 out of 3 sets (no ad scoring) with a 7 point tiebreak at 6 games all. If a third set is required, players will play a 10 point Super Tie- Breaker to determine the winner.

Example:

- Player 1 wins the first set 6-1
- Player 2 wins the second set 6-3
- Players will go straight to playing 10 point Super-Tie Breaker to determine winner of 3rd set and match (i.e. no games shall be played)

During all medal matches (GOLD/SILVER & BRONZE play-offs), each match will be based on playing the best 2 out of 3 sets (no ad scoring) with a 12 point tiebreak at 6 games all.

Example:

- Player 1 wins the first set 6-1
- Player 2 wins the second set 6-3
- Third set tied at 6 -6, 12 point tiebreak to be played to determine winner of the match.

SCORING:

Scoring will simply be based on 1 point for each match won and the total points earned by all individuals representing their provincial/territorial team will be combined to determine the outcome of each team tie.

SEVENTH MATCH:

In the event that two competing provincial/territorial teams have equal point totals, upon completion of the six prescribed matches in a given tie, each team will nominate its preferred mixed doubles team for the seventh and deciding match.

STANDINGS:

Final Round Robin standings in each division will be based on the number of team ties won against other provinces/territories.

Where two or more provinces/territories have won an equal number of ties, the final standing will be based on:

- (a) head to head results between or among the teams in question; if still inconclusive, then
- (b) the net sets (that is, the number of sets won minus the number of sets lost) between or among the teams in question; if still inconclusive, then
- (c) the net games (that is, the number of games won minus the number of games lost) between or among the team in question

PLAYOFFS:

For the playoffs (at the conclusion of the round robin portion of the competition) the match schedule will be as follows:

GOLD/SILVER AND BRONZE PLAYOFFS:

- The team with the best record in Pool A (A1) will play the team with the second best record from Pool B (B2) in one semi-final match. The team with the second best record in Pool A (A2) will play the team with the best record in Pool B (B1) in the other semi-final. The winning provincial/territorial teams will play for the GOLD and SILVER medals with the losing teams playing for the BRONZE medal and fourth place.

5TH /6TH and 7TH/8TH PLACE PLAYOFFS:

- The team with the 3rd best record in Pool A (A3) will play the team with the fourth best record in Pool B (B4) in one semi-final match. The team with the fourth best record in Pool A (A4) will play the team with the third best record in Pool B (B3). The winning provincial/territorial teams will play for 5th and 6th place overall, the losing provincial/territorial teams will play for 7th or 8th place overall.

9TH/10TH PLACE MATCH:

- The teams with the 5th best record in their respective pools overall (after round robin play) will play for 9th or 10th place overall.

11TH/12TH PLACE MATCH:

- In the case where there are only eleven (11) teams, no 11th/12 place playoff will be played.

B - INDIVIDUAL MEDAL EVENT - Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals
(Boys and Girls, singles and doubles will be awarded)

SINGLES EVENT:

Individual match play in singles would begin once the round-robin portion of the team event has concluded. A maximum of twelve (12) players six (6) boys and six (6) girls will compete in a knock-out format.

After the conclusion of round-robin play, players who have qualified for individual medal play must formally declare that they will be competing in this event. Once he or she commits, they will be required to compete in all required matches. Should they fail to do so, their province/territory will be penalized via flag points, and the athlete would be subject to any and all sanctions/penalties handed out to players who fail to complete a match.

Prior to the start of medal play, should an eligible player decline the opportunity to compete, his or her spot will be offered to the next eligible player based on the results from Round-Robin play.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

In case of a tie (after Round Robin Play) the following tie-breaking procedure will be followed to determine Singles Medal participants:

Where two or more players have won an equal number of matches, the final standing will be based on:

- (a) head to head results between or among the players in question; if still inconclusive, then
- (b) the net sets (that is, the number of sets won minus the number of sets lost) between or among the players in question; if still inconclusive, then
- (c) the net games (that is, the number of games won minus the number of games lost) between or among the players in question

PROCESS FOR HOW THE SIX (6) SINGLES PLAYERS WILL BE DETERMINED:

#1 SEED – (after round robin play), the player from Pool A, playing in the #1 singles position (after round robin play) that has the best record overall. This player will receive a first round bye

#2 SEED – the player from Pool B, playing in the #1 singles position (after round robin play) that has the best record overall. This player will also receive a first round bye

3rd PLAYER – the player from Pool A, playing in the #1 singles position (after round robin play), that has the 2nd best record overall. They will be placed in pool B's quarter-final section and will play either Player #5 or Player #6 (determined by a draw).

4th PLAYER – the player from Pool B, playing in the #1 singles position (after round robin play), that has the 2nd best record overall. They will be placed in pool A's quarter-final section and will play either Player #5 or Player #6 (determined by a draw).

5th PLAYER – the player from Pool A, playing in the #2 singles position (after round robin play), that has the best record overall. Their position in the draw will be determined by a draw.

6th PLAYER – the player from Pool B, playing in the #2 singles position (after round robin play), that has the best record overall. Their position in the draw will be determined by a draw.

SINGLES MEDAL PLAYOFF FORMAT:

Top half of the draw (quarterfinals):

- The Number 1 SEED (see above) receives a first round bye
- The Number 4 player (see above) player would play the #5 or #6 player (see above) as determined by a coin toss. The loser of this match is out of medal contention.
- The Number 1 SEED then plays the winner of this match in the GOLD/SILVER PLAYOFF. The winner of this playoff would play the winner of the other semi final for either the GOLD or SILVER medal. The loser would go on to play in the BRONZE playoff.

Bottom half of the draw:

- The Number 2 SEED (see above) receives a first round bye
- The Number 3 player (see above) player would play the #5 or #6 player (see above) as determined by a coin toss. The loser of this match is out of medal contention.
- The Number 2 SEED then plays the winner of this match in the GOLD/SILVER PLAYOFF. The winner of this playoff would play the winner of the other semi final for either the GOLD or SILVER medal. The loser of the playoff would go on to play in the BRONZE medal.

DOUBLES EVENT:

Individual match play in doubles would begin once the round-robin portion of the team event has concluded. Eight (8) teams (4 male and 4 female) will compete in a cross-over format.

After the conclusion of round-robin play, teams who have qualified for individual medal play must formally declare that they will be competing in this event. Once they commit, they will be required to compete in all required matches. Should they fail to do so, their province/territory will be penalized via flag points and the athletes would be subject to any and all sanctions/penalties handed out to players who fail to complete a match.

Prior to the start of medal play, should an eligible team decline the opportunity to compete, his or her spot will be offered to the next eligible team based on the results from Round-Robin play.

PROCESS FOR HOW THE FOUR (4) DOUBLES TEAMS WILL BE DETERMINED:

The #1 SEED – the doubles team from Pool A with the best record overall (after round robin play)

The #2 SEED – the doubles team from Pool B with the best record overall (after round robin play)

The #3 team – the doubles team from Pool A with the second best record overall (after round robin play)

The #4 team – the doubles team from Pool B with the second best record overall (after round robin play)

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

In case of a tie (after Round Robin Play) the following tie-breaking procedure will be followed to determine Doubles Medal participants:

Where two or more teams have won an equal number of matches, the final standing will be based on:

- (a) head to head results between or among the teams in question; if still inconclusive, then
- (b) the net sets (that is, the number of sets won minus the number of sets lost) between or among the teams in question; if still inconclusive, then
- (c) the net games (that is, the number of games won minus the number of games lost) between or among the teams in question

COMPETITON FORMAT - DOUBLES:

GOLD/SILVER PLAYOFF:

The #1 SEED from Pool A (see above) will play the #4 team (see above). The winner of this playoff will play for either the GOLD or SILVER medal. The losing team will play for the BRONZE medal.

The #2 SEED (see above) from Pool B will play the #3 team (see above). The winner of this playoff will play for wither the GOLD or SILVER medal. The losing team will play or the BRONZE medal.

MATCHES (Non-medal, singles and doubles):

All NON-MEDAL matches will be based on playing the best 2 out of 3 sets (no ad scoring) with a 12 point tiebreak at 6 games all. If a third set is required, players will play a 10 point Super Tie- Breaker to determine the 3rd set. All MEDAL matches will be played as best 2 out of 3 sets (no ad scoring) with a 12 point tiebreak at 6 games all.

COACHING:

On-court coaching will be permitted on each ninety-second changeover during each match. The provincial/territorial team coach may delegate on-court coaching duties to the team manager or a team member as dictated by the schedule of play. The appointed coach may question the Chair Umpire on a “point of fact” and in the case of an appeal, on a question of “tennis law” may call for the Referee.

RULES:

The rules and regulations of tennis, as published in “The Rules of the Court”, will be followed.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

No substitutions will be permitted if a player becomes injured and unable to continue for the remainder of the overall competition. (This does not apply to a match in progress, where the injured player would be required to retire).

6. SPORT SCORING:

There are 12 scoring positions, with points allocated for 1st through 22nd as follows:

Position	Pts	Position	Pts
1st place	150	7th place	90
2nd place	140	8th place	80
3rd place	130	9th place	70
4th place	120	10th place	60
5th place	110	11th place	50
6th place	100	12th -24 th place	40

The Team and Individual Event 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:

60% 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 .60 to determine their final "Team ranking-points" based on 60%.

ex.	1st	=	150 points x .6 =	90 points
	2nd	=	140 points x .6 =	84 points
	3rd	=	130 points x .6 =	78 points
	...			
	12th	=	40 points x .6 =	24 points

40 % from Event Final competitions (10 % per Event)

1. Athletes are ranked: 1st to 24th per event (24 = maximum number of athletes in each Event Final competition)
2. The 1st place athlete is awarded 150 points, the 2nd place athlete is awarded 100 points, ..., the 24th place athlete is awarded 40 points on each event.
3. Each provincial/territorial total is calculated: = total number of points awarded to each finalist from that particular province/territory.
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 .10 to determine their final ranking based on 40%.

ex.	1st highest	=	150 points X .1	=	15 points
	2nd highest	=	140 points x .1	=	14 points
	3rd highest	=	130 points x .1	=	13 points
	...12th (lowest)	=	40 points x .1	=	4 points

7. TIE BREAKING RULE – TEAM COMPETITION:

See “MATCHES” and ‘SEVENTH MATCH” in section 5.

8. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

Following the playoffs, teams will be ranked from first to last, and points for the Games’ Flag will be awarded as follows:

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

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING – TIE BREAKING:

See “STANDINGS” in section 5.

10. MEDALS:

Singles – Medals will be awarded to six players (3 boys and 3 girls) based on the results of the playoffs. Doubles – Medals will be awarded to six teams (12 players – 6 boys and 6 girls) based on the results of the playoffs. Team – Medals will be awarded to 24 players (12 boys and 12 girls).

GOLD: 14;

SILVER: 14;

BRONZE: 14.

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

Provincial/Territorial colours or whites must be worn. All players must wear “proper tennis attire”. Suitability of uniform will be determined by the Referee.

12. EQUIPMENT

N/A

13. APPENDIX:

The attached Appendix forms an integral part of this Technical Package.

APPENDIX 1
2013 Sherbrooke Canada Summer 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 Canada Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their sport's NSO and/or Provincial/Territorial 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/territory of permanent residence during the year of the Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province/territory of permanent residence or the province/territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
6. If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her province/territory of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province/territory of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province/territory 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/territorial sport organization in that province/territory 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 having been a member of 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 any province or territory of eligibility but can only try out for one province or territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one province or territory but cannot try out for swimming in another province or territory. An athlete may try out for one province or territory in swimming, and may try out for another province or territory in diving).

9. Athletes may only compete for one province or territory at a single Canada Games.
10. Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.
11. 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.
12. Where a team/province/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

13. 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 centimeters.
14. 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.