



Section 7: Sport Evaluation Criteria

The Canada Games Council has adopted simple and objective sport evaluation criteria that will help measure a sport's progress towards the Games' goals and objectives. The objective criteria will be complemented at some point by more complex, longer-term subjective criteria. The evaluation will help strengthen sports on the existing program and will help provide some measure of readiness for sports to continue in future Games.

The criteria are as follows:

1. A sport with less than 50% participation (ie. fewer than 50% of the athletes allowed by the technical package) or with less than 8 provinces or territories represented at the Games, may be excluded from future Games.
2. A sport with less than 60% participation or with 8 provinces or territories represented shall be considered "at risk", with two successive "at risk" designations leading to exclusion of that sport from future Games.

The criteria will not be imposed on a sport that has just completed its first appearance in the Games in order to allow a longer period for sports to integrate the Games into their plans and programs and in order to allow sports at least one opportunity for self-evaluation and correction.

The criteria are applied to men's and women's sports separately, except where men and women compete together (eg. mixed doubles in badminton or in figure skating pairs), just as sports are selected and scored separately.

The Canada Games Council is developing a mechanism for reviewing the application of the criteria (ie. an appeal mechanism).