



**Canada Games  
Council**  
*Inspiring Dreams and  
Building Champions*

**Conseil des Jeux  
du Canada**  
*Du rêve au  
champion*

## **Canada Games Council Games Policy and Procedures**

POLICY NUMBER:

NAME: Venue Pass (Field of Play Accreditation)

FUNCTIONAL UNIT: Sport Operations

RELEVANT STANDARD:

APPROVED BY: CGC Sport Committee

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### **PREAMBLE**

This program will be piloted for the 2011 Canada Winter Games. The intent of this program is to allow the opportunity for teams to provide performance enhancement services that are appropriate for a Training to Compete level athlete. An evaluation of the program will be completed post-Games to determine its effectiveness and value for future Games. This program is intended to support the Council's strategic goal to align team performance services at the Games, appropriate to the level of competition.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Venue Pass acts as an accreditation for individuals not included in the permitted coaching staff of a sport's technical package, but needing to fulfill a specific technical purpose within a sport venue at the Games. Examples are individuals who play a key support role in the technical needs of the team (i.e., goalie specialists, video specialist, sport psychologists, sport science support or strength and conditioning trainers). These roles would be recognized by the Canada Games Council as members of the provincial/territorial team's Integrated Support Team (IST) and would not be held to the same certification standard as coaches.

The need to fulfill this gap has been identified by several National Sport Organizations and it is in support of the LTAD Training to Compete Phase of athlete development.

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## STANDARDS

### Venue Pass Overview

- The Venue Passes will be non-transferrable;
- The Venue Passes may not be used by the following medical professionals as such services are provided by the Host Society: physicians, athletic therapists, and physiotherapists;
- Each Provincial/Territorial Team will be entitled to five (5) non-transferable, multi-sport Venue Passes per week;
- For each week of the Games the P/T must allocate 2 venue passes to their respective hockey teams;
- If the P/T hockey team refuses, or uses only 1 of 2 available passes, the unused pass(es) may be made available to the other teams within the P/T delegation;
- No more than two (2) passes per week may be used for any single sport on the program.

### Venue Pass Obligations and Privileges

- The Venue Pass is only to be used by the IST member to gain access to a sport venue to perform their technical support function for the P/T Team;
- Individuals accredited with Venue Passes will need to purchase a Week 1 or Week 2 ticket from the Host Society to gain access to competitions in which their team is not competing (ie: to spectate);
- The accreditation pass will have the appropriate look and feel of the specific set of Games;
- There will be no out-of-province/territory travel, per diem, food services, accommodations, or ground transportation provided to the IST members by the Canada Games Council or Host Society;
- The Venue Passes will provide access to the areas the IST members will need to perform their duties, this includes:
  - a) Competition Area
  - b) Warm-Up Area
  - c) Athlete Change rooms
- The Venue Pass is multi-sport.

### Authorities

- The IST members are support to the P/T Team;
- The IST members will not march in either the Opening or Closing Ceremony, but may attend these Ceremonies (with a purchased ticket);
- The NSO Technical Representative has the authority to temporarily remove the accreditation from a Venue Pass holder who is in violation of any principles of this policy, or in violation of any other NSO rules or the technical package;
- The reinstatement of a Venue Pass accreditation, after removal by an NSO representative, will be enacted by the Chef de Mission only if, after discussion with the Canada Games Council and NSO Technical Representative, the issue is resolved.

## **COUNCIL'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY**

### **PROCEDURES**

#### Host Society

The Host Society will produce the passes in advance of the Games, based on registration, and provide them to the Chefs de Mission at the Games.

#### Canada Games Council

The Canada Games Council will modify the accreditation matrix to include an option and privilege category for this program, and communicate this change to the Host Society.

The Canada Games Council will monitor the personnel registered in the Games event management system for these passes.

The Canada Games Council will inform the National Sport Organizations which P/Ts in their sport are taking advantage of this program.

#### Chefs de Mission

Chefs de Mission will determine which sports or IST personnel merit a Venue Pass for the Games.

Chefs de Mission will communicate IST member titles, functions, and sport(s) to the Canada Games Council for the permissible number of passes no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chefs de Mission will approve the names submitted for the passes before registration. Registration of the passes will be coordinated through Chefs de Mission. Registration for IST personnel would take place before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Chefs de Mission, or their designates, will distribute the passes to IST support team members upon arrival at the Games.

Changes to IST personnel will follow the same process as changes to team members.

Chefs de Mission will work with their respective P/TSOs to confirm outfitting rules for the IST members. The IST members must be clothed according to P/T Team colours with no commercial marks, but must not be clothed in Canada Games team clothing.

If an accreditation is removed at the sport venue by an NSO Technical Representative, the Chef de Mission will consider its reinstatement jointly with the NSO and CGC. Chefs de Mission will manage any other discipline issues that arise jointly with the Canada Games Council and NSO Technical Representatives.

### National Sport Organizations

The Technical Representatives will assist to monitor and address any issues (in cooperation with the Canada Games Council and Chefs de Mission) in regards to the management or abuse of this privilege.

The NSO Technical Representative will have the authority to remove an IST member's Venue Pass at the sport venue if the member acts in violation of this policy. Consideration for the reinstatement of the pass will be dealt with jointly by the NSO Technical Representative, Chef de Mission, and Canada Games Council.