



2026 MANITOBA WINTER GAMES

Badminton Technical Package

Technical Packages are a critical element of the Manitoba Games. They guide the selection of teams by detailing age and eligibility requirements, govern competition by outlining tournament formats and scoring procedures, and identify the minimum/maximum number of participants permitted by region.

Technical Packages are developed 12-18 months prior to the Games by the relevant Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) following the standards set in place by Sport Manitoba.

After publication, any changes to the Technical Packages must be approved by Sport Manitoba – requests should first be sent to the PSO for consideration. Adjustments to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes, or competition formats will not be considered within six months of the start of Games.

1. SPORT: BADMINTON

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Athletes

Up to 10 athletes (5 male, 5 female), per age category, per regional team.

2.2. Coaches and Managers

Up to 2 coaches (Head Coach, Assistant Coach) and 1 manager per regional team.

Each regional team must have 1 male and 1 female on their staff.

2.3. Regional Teams

Region	Number of Teams
North	1
East	1
South	1
West	1
Winnipeg Blue	1
Winnipeg Gold	1
Total	6

3. CLASSIFICATION

U15: Open to athletes born in 2012 or later.

U17: Open to athletes born in 2010 or later.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Athletes

All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements identified in the Manitoba Games [Eligibility Policy](#).

4.2. Coaches and Managers

4.2.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements

All coaches and managers participating in the Games must have completed:

- Criminal Record Check

- [Respect in Sport](#)
- [Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module](#)

4.2.2. Sport-Specific Requirements

All coaches and managers must be 18 years of age by March 4, 2026.

All coaches must be minimum NCCP Regional Coach Certified at least 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies.

All managers must have completed NCCP Making Ethical Decisions module at least 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies.

5. COMPETITION

5.1. Competition Format

Individual Competition

Boys Doubles (12 teams), Girls Doubles (12 teams), and Mixed Doubles (six teams) – single elimination bracket and single consolation (if court numbers and time allow).

Team Competition

Two round robin pools of three teams. The top two in each pool move to a crossover playoff to determine one-four, and the bottom in each pool play each other for fifth place.

5.2. Competition Rules

Rules of the Manitoba Badminton Association and Badminton Canada shall apply. All mixed doubles, doubles, and singles matches will be best two of three games (each game to 21 points, win by 2, with a cap at 30).

Individual Competition Rules

Individual competition will consist separately of U15 and U17 age categories.

Individual competition will consist of the following events: Boys Doubles (12 teams), Girls Doubles (12 teams), and Mixed Doubles (6 teams).

- Each individual event will be a single-elimination bracket with consolation for first round losers, if court space and time allows.
- Each team in U15 and U17 must enter two boys doubles teams, two girls doubles teams, and one mixed doubles team.
- Players may only play in one individual event; therefore, all players participate in the individual event.

Team Competition Rules

Team competition will consist of separate U15 and U17 age categories.

Team competition will consist of two three-team round robins to determine overall ranking, followed by:

- Top two teams from each pool will a four-team crossover playoff.
- Number three in each pool will play for fifth place.

Placement in each round robin pool will be determined by calculating a cumulative ranking based off of Manitoba Badminton Association sanctioned junior tournaments.

The coach of each team must nominate the positions of players in writing to the referee / technical advisor 20 minutes prior to the start of each tie (see below), or as soon as their previous tie has finished; whichever comes first.

All athletes must play at least once during the round robin.

All athletes must play at least once during the Top Four playoffs.

Players may be nominated for a maximum of one match per tie.

Referee may, for the purpose of expediting tie length or other reasons, alter the order of events or alter the designated court to any available court.

Referee may, for the purpose of expediting tie length, decide to not play additional designated matches if the tie has already been decided.

Ties may only be altered with the referee a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the start of the tie.

Players who withdraw due to injury or illness during any time may still participate in further team ties pending approval by medical staff.

A team tie consists of five matches: one boys/girls singles, one boys/girls doubles, and one mixed doubles for a total of five matches. The winning team will be the first to reach three match wins. During the round robin stage all matches of a team tie will be played. During the playoffs all matches will stop once they are decided (a team wins three matches), remaining matches will not be played.

Team Competition Tie Break

For each tie won, the winning team shall be awarded one point.

The teams shall be ranked according to the number of points they have at the end of the round robin.

If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.

If three teams have won the same number of ties, ranking order will be established by total matches won.

- If this leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If this leaves three teams equal, ranking order will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost with the greater difference ranked higher.
 - If this leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - If this leaves three teams equal, ranking order will be established by the difference between the total points won and the total points lost with the greater difference ranked higher.

A loss due to injury shall count as if completed without the injured player scoring another point.

All results of any team/athletes that have been disqualified or withdrawn shall be entirely deleted.

6. MEDALS

Individual gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place competitors respectively in each individual event.

Team gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the athletes on the teams who place first, second, and third respectively in each team event.

7. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

7.1. Regional Team Uniforms

Competitive uniforms will be supplied by the Provincial Sport Organization in the following colours as per the Manitoba Games Competitive Uniform Policy.

Region	Primary Colour	Secondary Colour
North	Black	Orange
East	Grey	Purple
South	Red	Maroon
West	Dark Green	Light Green
Winnipeg Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue
Winnipeg Gold	Yellow	Gold

Competitors must wear the uniforms provided by the Manitoba Badminton Association, including shirts and shorts/skirts. Players must provide their own badminton footwear, or other appropriate indoor, non-marking athletic footwear.

Warm-up clothing that does not match regional uniform colours will be permitted.

7.2. Equipment Standards and Restrictions

Headbands, wristbands, high socks, compression socks, arm wraps, and other similar accessories are generally permitted if they a purpose and do not interfere with the professional presentation of the game or distract the opponent. The referee will have the final decisions on whether the accessory is appropriate and/or necessary.

Hats, visors, and toques are not permitted.

8. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

8.1. Guiding Rules

- 8.1.1. Appeals will only be considered for sport-specific, technical issues affect the field of play and competition structure.
- 8.1.2. Appeals are only considered when submitted by a regional team's coaching staff.
- 8.1.3. All appeals must be made in writing within one hour of the end of competition or the time of the initial decision being rendered. Extensions may be considered due to logistical challenges.
- 8.1.4. Sport Appeal Committees will be led/chaired by the PSO Technical Representative (Tech Rep) and include the Sport Committee Chair(s), Head Official of the game/competition in question (if applicable), and a representative of Sport Manitoba.

8.1.5. Decisions of the Sport Appeal Committee will be final.

8.2. Procedure

- Participants protesting the result of a competition decision must request an appeal form from the Sport Committee Chair(s).
 - Upon completion, the form must be submitted to the Sport Committee Chair(s).
 - The Sport Committee Chair(s) will contact the PSO Tech Rep and request they convene a Sport Appeal Committee.
 - The Sport Appeal Committee will review the submission, request additional information and/or meetings if desired, and make their decision within an hour of the time the protest was submitted.
 - Relevant parties will be notified of the Sport Appeal Committee's decision.
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9. ATHLETE FILL POLICY

9.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements

Regional teams may utilize athletes from outside of their region's boundaries to fill out rosters in accordance with the Manitoba Games Regional Team Policy.

Regional teams outside of Winnipeg may only use athletes from the North, East, South, or West regions to fill their rosters. Winnipeg Blue or Winnipeg Gold regional teams may only use athletes from the Winnipeg region to fill their rosters.

9.2. Sport Manitoba Requirements

Athletes selected as fills are required to be selected according to the original athletes selection criteria and ideally from the pool of athletes from the previous tryouts.