

2007 WHITEHORSE CANADA WINTER GAMES

WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS 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 NSO's version of prospective high performance athletes.

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 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 a 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 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. 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.

**2007 WHITEHORSE CANADA WINTER GAMES TECHNICAL
PACKAGE**

1. SPORT: ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS - WOMEN

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1 Competitors: 7 female

2.2 Staff: 2 coaches, one of whom must be female and one of whom will be the manager. One of the men's team coaches may also be on the floor during the women's competition.

3. CLASSIFICATION:

Female athletes must be a minimum of 12 years old as of January 1, 2007 and a maximum of not having reached 19 years old as of January 1, 2007;
Born 1988 (*except on January 1st*) to 1994 inclusive.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Coaches:

Any staff listed as coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least Level 3 in Artistic Gymnastics. These coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (i.e. by November 23, 2006).

4.2 Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- a) Athletes that have held C or senior cards (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
- b) Athletes that have been National Senior Team members (as defined by Gymnastics Canada Gymnastique 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 23, 2006).

5. COMPETITION:

5.1 Regulations

The following will govern the competition (version in force at the time of the Games):

- *Current WP Technical Regulations and Directives*
- *2005 FIG Code of Points*
- *Current WP Supplement to the 2005 FIG Code of Points*
- *WP Canadian Models for the Open category for the 2007 Canadian Championships*
- *Current FIG List of Elements*
- *Current WP List of Canadian Elements*

5.2 Program

The program ~~event~~ will consist of the Team Finals, the Individual All-Around Finals and the Apparatus Finals.

Code Rules

Final Code rules to be available in July 2006.

5.3 Participation

All 7 athletes must compete in the Team competition unless injured or ill.

The top 3 gymnasts per Province/Territory from the Team Finals will compete in the Individual All-Around Finals. The balance, for a total of up to 36 participants, will be based upon the total obtained in the Team Finals. In case of a tie in 36th place, the gymnast with the greater number of highest apparatus scores obtained in the Team Finals will compete. If there is still a tie, all the remaining tied gymnasts will compete.

The top 8 gymnasts on each apparatus, with a maximum of 2 per Province/Territory, from the Team Finals will compete in the Apparatus Finals. In the case of a tie in 8th position, or in case of a tie between two athletes from the same Province/Territory, the gymnast with the highest SV on that apparatus from the Team Finals will participate. If there is still a tie, all the remaining tied gymnasts will compete in the final on that apparatus.

5.4 Flights and Seeding

5.4.1 Flights

There will be two flights (subdivisions). The competition for flight 1 will start around noon with 5 or 6 groups: V, UB, BB, FX, bye and a possible second bye. The competition for flight 2 will start late afternoon with five groups: V, UB, BB, FX, bye.

In flight 1, provinces and territories with less than 7 athletes may be combined (maximum 8 athletes per group) to ensure a balanced number of athletes in each group and preferably only one bye.

5.4.2 Seeding

Seeding to determine the flight

For the Team Finals, the teams will be seeded according to their rank in the point system below. Teams ranked 6th to 13th will compete in flight 1. Teams ranked 1st to 5th will compete in flight 2.

The team with the highest number of primary points will be ranked first. The primary points are earned based on the results or number of athletes at the 2006 Canadian Championships according to following formula:

PROVINCIAL/ TERRITORIAL RANK	NUMBER OF POINTS			
	Team Ranking Novice	Team Ranking Open	Number of HP Juniors	Number of HP Seniors excluding NT members
1st	10	10	10	10
2nd	9	9	9	9
3rd	8	8	8	8
4 th	7	7	7	7
...
10th	1	1	1	1

The secondary process will be used for provinces and territories that do not have any primary points. They will accumulate secondary points according to the ranking of their athletes in both the Novice and Open competition at the 2006 Canadian Championships.

P/T RANK	SECONDARY POINTS PER ATHLETE
1 st (top) ¼ of participants	1.25
2 nd ¼ of participants	1.00
3 rd ¼ of participants	0.75
4 th (lowest) ¼ of participants	0.50

The Province/Territory with the highest number of secondary points will be ranked highest among this group of provinces and territories.

A draw will determine the first apparatus for provinces and territories with no primary or secondary points.

The best ranked Province/Territory according to the secondary points will be ranked immediately after the lowest Province/Territory according to the primary points. The provinces/territories whose rank has been determined by a draw will be ranked immediately after the lowest Province/Territory with secondary points.

A tie in the point system will be broken by a draw amongst the tied teams.

Seeding to determine the first apparatus

The best ranked team in each flight will start the competition on Vault. The second best ranked team will start on Uneven Bars, the third on Beam and the fourth on Floor. The 5th (and 6th if applicable) will start with a bye (2nd bye).

For the Individual All-Around Finals, the athletes will be seeded according to their All-Around rank from the Team Finals. A draw within a group will determine the competition order for the first apparatus:

- Vault: athletes ranked 1st to 9th All-Around + draw within the group
- Bars: athletes ranked 10th to 18th + draw within the group
- Etc.

In case of a tie, the gymnast with the higher sum of Start Values for the Team Finals will be considered as having a higher rank. In case of a further tie, a draw will determine the athlete considered as having the higher rank.

For the Apparatus Finals, a draw will determine the order of passage on each apparatus.

5.5 Judging

The documents mentioned under 5.1 are in effect.

6. SPORT SCORING:

The Team result comprises the four best results (out of a maximum of seven) of each Province/Territory on each apparatus from the Team Finals.

The Individual All-Around result is the total of the scores obtained by a gymnast during the Individual All-Around Finals.

The Apparatus Final result is the score obtained by a gymnast, on a given apparatus, during the Apparatus Finals.

7. TIE BREAKING RULE - FOR SPORT SCORING:

Ties are not broken. Teams or athletes having the same total/score will receive the same ranking.

8. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

Team, Individual All-Around and Apparatus Finals ranking points will be used to determine the overall Provincial/Territorial standing which will determine the points awarded towards the Games Flag competition.

Points will be awarded as follows (see Appendix 2 for a complete explanation):

- Team Finals = 60%
- Individual All-Around Finals = 20%
- Apparatus Finals = 5% per apparatus for a total of 20%

The overall Provincial/Territorial ranking will be determined by adding the ranking points (60%, 20% and 20%) and teams will be ranked from first to last. Points for the Games Flag will then be awarded as follows:

1st place -	10 pts	6th place -	5 pts	11th place -	1½ pts
2nd place -	9 pts	7th place -	4 pts	12th place -	1 pt
3rd place -	8 pts	8th place -	3 pts	13th place -	0.5 pt

4th place - 7 pts	9th place - 2½ pts
5th place - 6 pts	10th place - 2 pts

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING - TIE BREAKING:

To determine the Provincial/Territorial points awarded in case of a tie for any of the competitions, the following system will be used:

- * the number of points for the tied positions are averaged by adding the points for the tied positions and then dividing by the number of tied teams or competitors;
- * each province or territory then receives the averaged number of points.

Once the calculations are completed and in the case of a tie in the Provincial/Territorial rankings, the Province/Territory with the greater number of first place rankings will be assigned the higher rank. If the tie persists, the procedure is repeated with second place team scores per event, then third, etc.

Example:

Out of 6 ranks (C-1 x 1, C-2 x 1, C-3 x 4), the Province/Territory who finished first twice, will be ranked ahead of the Province/Territory who finished first once.

10. AWARDS:

GOLD: 14 medals presented to the first place winners in the Team Finals and the Individual All-Around Finals, to the first place finisher in each Apparatus Final, and to the two coaches of the winner of the Team Finals.

SILVER: 14 medals presented to the second place winners in the Team Finals and the Individual All-Around Finals, to the second place finisher in each Apparatus Final, and to the two coaches of the second place Team.

BRONZE: 14 medals presented to the third place winners in the Team Finals and the Individual All-Around Finals, to the third place finisher in each Apparatus Final, and to the two coaches of the third place Team.

4TH TO 8TH A ribbon will be given for 4th to 8th places of the All-Around Finals and the Apparatus Finals.

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

Competition uniforms must follow CGC/FIG rules.

For all medal ceremonies, the training suit provided by the Provincial/Territorial team must be worn.

12. APPENDICES:

Appendices 1 & 2 form an integral part of this technical package.

APPENDIX 1

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Competitor Eligibility

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants.
3. The Games are open to amateur 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 resident 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 2006-2007 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 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.**

10. Where a team/province/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 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.

APPENDIX 2

The Team, Individual All-Around and Apparatus Finals ranking-points will be used to determine the Overall Provincial/Territorial standing which will determine the points awarded towards the Games Flag competition.

Ranking-points will be awarded as follows:

A) 60% from Team Finals:

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

B) 20% from Individual All Around competition:

1. Athletes are ranked: 1st to 36th (36 = maximum number of athletes in Individual All-around competition)
2. The first place athlete is awarded 100 points, the 2nd place athlete is awarded 97 points, ..., the 36th athlete is awarded 50 points
3. The number of points for all competitors from a provincial/territorial team are added together.
4. The provinces/territories are then ranked according to their total: highest total = 150 points, next highest = 140 points, ..., lowest = 40 point.
5. The number of points each Province/Territory received is multiplied by .20 to determine their final "Individual All-around ranking-points" based on 20%.

ex.	1st highest	=	150 points x .2 =	30 points
	2nd highest	=	140 points x .2 =	28 points
	3rd highest	=	130 points x .2 =	26 points
	...			
	(12th lowest)	=	40 points x .2 =	8 points

C) 20 % from Event Final competitions (5 % per Event)

1. Athletes are ranked: 1st to 8th per event (8 = maximum number of athletes in each Event Final competition)
2. The 1st place athlete is awarded 100 points, the 2nd place athlete is awarded 97 points, ..., the 8th place athlete is awarded 81 points on each event.

3. Each provincial/territorial total is calculated: = total number of points awarded to each finalist from that particular Province/Territory.

NOTE: It is possible for a Province/Territory to have a score of 0 if they do not have any gymnasts in the Event Final competition.

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 .30 to determine their final "event Final competition ranking-points" based on 30%.

ex.	1st highest	=	150 points x .2	=	30 points
	2nd highest	=	140 points x .2	=	28 points
	3rd highest	=	130 points x .2	=	26 points
	... (12th lowest)	=	40 points x .2	=	8 points

OVERALL PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING

- A) The ranking-points received by each Province/Territory for each competition are added.
- B) The provinces/territories are ranked from highest total to lowest total.
- C) These standings determine the points awarded towards the Games Flag competition:

1st highest	=	10 pts	7th highest	=	4 pts
2nd highest	=	9 pts	8th highest	=	3 pts
3rd highest	=	8 pts	9th highest	=	2 ½ pts
4th highest	=	7 pts	10th highest	=	2 pts
5th highest	=	6 pts	11th highest	=	1 ½ pts
6th highest	=	5 pts	12th highest	=	1 pt