

**Measurable Government Expectations for the Canada Games**

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## **1: Pan-Canadian Nature of the Canada Games**

- 1.1 As a pan-Canadian multi-sport event, all provinces and territories have the opportunity to send teams to the Canada Games in a manner that enhances sport development in their jurisdiction.
- 1.2. Each province and territory, on a rotational basis, has the opportunity to host the Canada Games in a way that contributes to the optimal development of sport in their jurisdiction.

## **2: Profile of Canada Games**

- 2.1 The Canada Games Council and host society appropriately acknowledge the contribution of the F-P/T governments and the host province/territory to the Canada Games.
- 2.2. P/T governments support preparation for participation in the Canada Games in their respective jurisdictions between Games.
- 2.3. The rights and properties of the Canada Games are protected.
- 2.4. The Canada Games Council and host societies work together to increase marketing and promotional initiatives so that Canada Games are less dependent on public sector funding over time.

## **3: Community Development**

- 3.1. The Canada Games contributes to facilities' development and upgrades, and infrastructure in the host community.
- 3.2 The Canada Games contributes to the development of pride in the host community.
- 3.3 Recognizing the primacy of hosting the Canada Games in accordance with the Games' standards and the standard operating budget, a legacy plan for sport development in the host community is established by the host society.
- 3.4 The Canada Games contributes to volunteerism in the host community.

## **4: Cultural Component**

- 4.1 The Host Society develops and implements a cultural program which complements and supports the sport program, based on the cultural policy of the Canada Games Council.

## **5: Inclusive and Ethical participation**

- 5.1. The Canada Games are organized and conducted in a fair, safe and ethical manner for all athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.
- 5.2 All Canada Games athletes, coaches and officials participate in a fair and ethical manner.
- 5.3 All Canada Games' participants and jurisdictions adhere to the "Canadian Policy Against Doping in Sports".
- 5.4 F-P/T Governments, the Canada Games Council and host societies work to increase the participation of under-represented populations in the Canada Games as athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers, including specific competitive events for athletes with a disability. <sup>1</sup>
- 5.5 The Canada Games Council and the host society promote and provide services in both Official Languages.

## **6: Meaningful competition**

- 6.1 NSOs for individual sports, in consultation with P/TSOs, set performance guidelines and team sports' NSOs set preparation guidelines, for the selection of athletes to the Games. <sup>2</sup>
- 6.2 The Canada Games provides all participating athletes with meaningful competition, created through competitive formats, including the use of pools, preliminaries, heats, tiering and/or seeding or other methods, that minimize/avoid "blow-outs" particularly in the early rounds, and that allows every athlete at the Games the opportunity to access the medal round. <sup>3</sup>
- 6.3 Athletes who comprise the next generation of national team athletes, typically in the T2C stage of LTAD, and not the current generation, should be the target for Canada Games participation. Flexibility would be permitted in exceptional cases, and only subject to the other principles... <sup>4</sup>
- 6.4 Provincial/territorial teams are made up of the best athletes from each jurisdiction that have not yet represented Canada internationally at a Senior World Championships or major multi-sport Games. Senior National Team members (defined as athletes holding an SR1 or SR2 AAP card) are not eligible to compete in the same sport in the Canada Games for which they are carded. <sup>5</sup>

## **7: Sport System Development**

- 7.1 F-P/T governments and the Canada Games Council promote and support the development of technical expertise among coaches, officials, volunteers and leaders.

- 7.2 P/Ts and NSOs adhere to Canada Games' requirements for selection of coaches and officials respectively.
- 7.3 Sports and para-sports are selected for the Canada Games in a way that considers the capacity of the host jurisdiction, the host jurisdiction's sport development needs, and the need for continuity for sports from Games to Games.<sup>6</sup>
- 7.4 P/T governments undertake initiatives that optimize the contribution of the Canada Games to sport development in their respective jurisdictions.
- 7.5 Canada Games' awards recognize and reflect significant achievement and sport development.

### **8: Financial Accountability**

- 8.1 Canada Games' standards and expectations are regularly reviewed (every eight years) by F-P/T governments and the Canada Games Council and adjusted if necessary, in the context of the long-term financial viability of the Games.

### **9: Communications**

- 9.1 The Canada Games Council informs F-P/T governments of technical decisions that affect P/T participation.
- 9.2 The Canada Games Council consults with the FPTSC on all decisions related to eligibility and areas of financial significance for F-P/T governments.<sup>7</sup>
- 9.3 F-P/T governments clearly articulate their decisions and expectations for the Canada Games and the Canada Games Council.

### **10: Staging of the Games**

- 10.1 The Canada Games Council supports the staging of the Canada Games through a comprehensive transfer of knowledge program.
- 10.2 The Canada Games Council ensures adherence by the host society to the hosting standards and budget for the Canada Games.
- 10.3 Recognizing that the P/T government is responsible for selection of the host city, the Canada Games Council manages the bid process where requested by the P/T government, as well as the hosting agreement for the Canada Games.
- 10.4 The Canada Games Council develops policies and procedures for the Canada Games in consultation with sport organizations and governments as appropriate.

## Notes to Measurable Government Expectations

<sup>1</sup> 5.4 FPTSC to establish workgroup to define scope and priorities. Membership of work group to include CGC, and government and sport community representatives.

<sup>2</sup> 6.1 CGC to propose a process to deal with this sport-by-sport (or groupings of similar sports). Implementation challenges to be addressed by CGC and NSOs. FPTSC to develop a Northern/Small Jurisdiction Strategy to address small-jurisdiction (Territories and PEI) issues related to the Canada Games (e.g. coaching selection, etc.)

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To further clarify this expectation, it is understood that athletes participating in the Canada Games have attained a defined level of physical, technical, tactical and psychological maturity according to their sport, whether it is classified as being of early or late specialization. These athletes typically:

- are engaged in a training process that includes participation in a supervised and periodized year-round training and competition program (e.g. more than 15 hours of training/week);
  - are experienced in competing at the inter-provincial or national level;
  - have access to professional multidisciplinary support and supervision (e.g. doctor, physiotherapist, nutritionist, psychologist, massage therapist, etc.); and
  - have not competed at senior international competitions.
2. The decision of precise stage (as per principle 1), and subsequent maximum age as appropriate, should be determined by a process led by the NSO with P/TSO input. This engagement needs to be sufficiently formalized as to be verifiable.
  3. There needs to be consistent guidance and facilitation provided to sports to complete this process of analysis and decision-making. The respective roles of Sport Canada, FPTSC CS4L Management Team, and/or the Canada Games Council would need to be determined.

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4. This approach, and its different elements, should be reviewed periodically and when required. The actual review process would need to be developed in consultation with the sports and the Canada Games Council.
- <sup>5</sup> 6.4 A first year SR card (C-1) could be considered on a sport-specific basis.
  - <sup>6</sup> 7.3 Discussion is required with the CGC to explore options.
  - <sup>7</sup> 9.2 The FPTSC recommends that the eligibility elements be removed from the Technical Package and shared with the FPTSC for input whenever there are proposed changes.