
Policy 532

Subject: Team NB Sport Eligibility – Canada Games
Effective: June 8, 2004
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1.0 Purpose

1.1 The intent of this policy is to facilitate the development of well-prepared New Brunswick sports teams for Canada Games.

2.0 Application

2.1 This policy applies to:

- a) All provincial sport organizations (PSOs) that govern sports (summer and winter) in the Canada Games program, and are recognized as eligible for support under the Funding Framework of the Sport and Recreation Branch.
 - b) Lead Clubs or Regional Organizations that have assumed the lead role for the development of athletes for a Canada Games in the absence of a provincial sport organization, or have been delegated the role of lead by a PSO that is not eligible for support under the Funding Framework of the Sport and Recreation Branch.
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3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 Funding Framework – The Sport and Recreation Branch supports not-for profit provincial organizations that assist in the attainment of its goals, through the Funding Model I or II. To be eligible for support, provincial organizations must be strongly based, properly administered, dedicated to improvement and responsive to membership needs. Support may be available in the form of funding, programs and/or consulting services.
- 3.2 Team NB consists of all athletes, coaches, managers, mission staff and support staff that travel with the team, and receive Team New Brunswick official accreditation at the Canada Games.
- 3.3 Canada Games – The Canada Games is a high-level multi-sport event held every two years in Canada, alternating between the Canada Winter Games and the Canada Summer Games, with participation from every province and territory in Canada. The athletes that participate in the Games are strictly amateur and are some of each province and territory’s finest.

3.4 Lead Club or Regional Organizations – To be recognized as a lead club or regional organization for the purpose of preparing a team of athletes to participate in the Canada Games, the following conditions must be met.

a) Administratively Sound

- Has a constitution, by-laws and appropriate policy documentation
- Has a board of directors that meets on a regular basis
- Has been in existence (formally) for at least two years prior to the Games
- Has minutes available from its last AGM available for review
- Has financial statements approved by the board available for review
- Is a member of the NSO and is recognized by the NSO as the provincial lead for athlete development.

b) Province Wide

- Is the only club/regional association in the province that offers athlete development opportunities, or
- Is the only club/regional association in the province that meets the definition of a strongly based, properly administered club with an ongoing athlete development program and is accepted as the lead for the Canada Games program by any other clubs with an athlete development program
- Provide opportunities for eligible athletes from outside of their club to compete for a position on the team.

c) Athlete Development

- Must be led by a certified coach (Competition-Development certified or equivalent)
- Must have an athlete development program that provides regular training and competition opportunities for athletes for a minimum of 2 competitive seasons prior to the Games
- Must have an athlete development program that exposes athletes to the level of competition that they will face at the Games, have a pool of athletes large enough to require competition for places on the Canada Games team.

d) The Club/Regional Association must agree to:

- Assume the responsibilities of a PSO with respect to the preparation of a team to participate in the Canada Games
- Support the certification of a Competition-Development certified, or level III coach
- Support athlete development opportunities

4.0 Legal Authority

4.1 The Youth Assistance Act

5.0 Goals / Principles

- 5.1 The Sport and Recreation Branch strives to ensure individual sport teams, comprising Team NB, are adequately prepared to represent New Brunswick in a professional, competitive and safe manner.
- 5.2 Provincial sport organizations/lead clubs/regional organizations have the responsibility for the preparation of their respective teams for Canada Games. This responsibility requires organizational commitment, advanced planning and appropriate financial support.
- 5.3 Provincial sport organizations/lead clubs/regional organizations must strive to provide their athletes equitable services in their official language of choice.
- 5.4 Provincial sport organizations/lead clubs/regional organizations must signal their intent to compete as part of Team NB by complying with the requirements of this policy.
- 5.5 Provincial sport organizations/lead clubs/regional organizations not complying with this policy are subject to exclusion from Team NB's Canada Games program.

6.0 Requirements / Standards

- 6.1 A **Team Plan** is required as per Schedule A below, or by the lead club/regional organization within the same timelines.

Schedule A Games

		Deadline
2021	Canada Summer Games	August 1, 2019
2023	Canada Winter Games	April 15, 2021
2025	Canada Summer Games	August 1, 2023
2027	Canada Winter Games	April 15, 2025
2029	Canada Summer Games	August 1, 2027

7.0 Guidelines / Recommendations

7.1 Team Plans

Must include:

- A clear description of the role of the PSO, the coaches and the manager (and possibly a Canada Games Committee or Team Selection Committee)
- A thorough description of how the coaching staff and manager will be selected with anticipated dates
- A detailed team budget showing both revenues and expenses, including anticipated PSO/lead club/regional organization contributions
- A clear and comprehensive team selection policy (Athlete Selection Criteria) that has been approved by the board of directors.

7.2 Athlete Selection Criteria

Should include:

- A reference to the sport's technical package that governs athlete and coach eligibility
- A thorough description of how the team will be identified
- The key dates and events during the selection process
- Clear expectations about the evaluation process, i.e. requirements, assessment tools and criteria, both objective and subjective, selection committee composition, etc
- A plan to deal with unforeseen circumstances (injury, weather, tie-breaking)
- The anticipated date for final team selection
- A clear process for athletes to appeal selection.

7.3 Coaches and Managers

All provincial organizations/lead clubs/regional organizations will appoint a coach(es) and manager(s) according to their respective sport's technical package. Coach(es), manager(s) and other support staff must be at least 18 years of age as of January 1 the year of the Games.

All staff listed as Canada Games coaches, assistant coaches, aboriginal coaches, women apprentice coaches, and in some cases managers are required to have coaching certification as defined by each sport's technical package. Certification must be attained a minimum of 180 days prior to the opening ceremonies for team sports and 90 days prior to the opening ceremonies for individual sports.

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Approved by: _____



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