



2017 Canada Summer Games Swimming 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 National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "training to compete" phase of its Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD), or other suitable phase of the model as justified by the NSO, discussed with the LTAD expert group, and approved by the Canada Games Council (CGC) Sport Committee.

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 CGC Sport Committee through his or her Chef de Mission or NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to Games primarily by NSOs, following principles outlined in this document, guidelines and requirements of the CGC. As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO. Technical Packages are developed by sport, not disciplines.

If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will evaluate the merits of the request and will, if it has merit, submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC's Sport Division for consideration. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the rationale for the request. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes or staff complements will not be considered after 36 months prior to the Games. Additions or changes to events/competition formats that result in a significant cost increase to the Host Society will not be considered after 24 months before the Games, unless approved by the CGC and the Host Society. Substantive changes to events or competition formats will not be considered after 18 months before the Games, unless approved by all participating provincial/territorial associations and the CGC. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, 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 by Games' participants early on.

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**2017 Canada Summer Games
Swimming Technical Package**

1. SPORT: SWIMMING

Pool Training Dates:	August 6 th , 2017
Pool Competition Dates:	August 7 th – 11 th , 2017
Open Water Training Dates:	August 9 th & 11 th , 2017
Open Water Competition Date:	August 12 th , 2017

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1. Competitors:

Male: 16 Female: 16

Two (2) of the female team positions and two (2) of the male team positions are reserved exclusively for Para-swimmers classified under the IPC Swimming Classification procedure: classes S1 – S10 physical impairment; classes S11 – S13 visual impairment; class S14 Intellectual impairment.

Two (2) of the female team positions and two (2) of the male team positions are reserved exclusively for Special Olympics Canada registered swimmers.

2.2. Staff:

For 18 or fewer total competitors;

- 4 coaches/1 manager
- If there are female athletes, one of the coaches must be female
- If there are male athletes, one of the coaches must be male
- If bringing Special Olympics athletes, 1 coach may be designated as a Special Olympics Coach

For more than 18 total competitors;

- 5 coaches / 1 manager
- If there are female athletes, one of the coaches must be female
- If there are male athletes, one of the coaches must be male
- If bringing Special Olympics athletes, 1 coach may be designated as a Special Olympics Coach

Tappers: P/T Teams with athletes of an S11 classification will be permitted to bring tappers (1 tapper per athlete in 50m events, 2 tappers per athlete in events of 100m or longer). Please refer to IPC

2.3. Additional Team Staff*:

- Apprentice Coach
 - See Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program
 - See Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program
 - Apprentice coaches have same access as competitors and team staff.
- Venue Pass Holder
 - See Venue Pass Holder Policy
 - Venue Pass Holders do not have access to the field of play
 - Venue Pass Holder's access:
 - Front of House (Spectator areas)
 - Team Areas (athletes lounge, change rooms)

* Additional Team staff positions are administered by the Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Mission Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Missions process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

3. **CLASSIFICATION:**

3.1. Age Categories:

Able Bodied:

- Male able-body swimmers must be born in 2001 or later;
- Female able-body swimmers must be born in 2002 or later.

Para:

- All Para swimmers (classes S1 – S14) must be **born between 1992 – 2004**;

Special Olympics:

- All Special Olympics Canada registered swimmers must be **born between 1992 – 2004**.

3.2. Swimmers with a Physical, Intellectual or Visual Impairment:

- Para-swimmers must be classified by Swimming Canada classifiers at the national level under classification guidelines as set by Swimming Canada prior to the Games.
- There will be no classifications done at the Canada Summer Games.
- Classification must be completed and submitted to Swimming Canada by April 30, 2017.

- A swimmer with an intellectual impairment may choose to compete as a Special Olympics Canada swimmer OR in sport class S/SB/SM14 but not both. Swimmers choosing to compete in the Special Olympics Canada events must meet the participation guidelines determined by Special Olympics Canada.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Coaches:

All coaches must be registered with Swimming Canada, their provincial or territorial sport association, and be a member of the Canadian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (CSCTA).

The head coach on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 3 or the equivalent level in the new NCCP, Competition stream, Development context, (Certified status). These coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (May 1, 2017).

Assistant coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 3 or the equivalent level in the new NCCP, Competition stream, Development context, (Trained status). These coaches must be certified / trained not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (May 1, 2017).

If a Provincial/Territorial team does not distinguish between a head coach and assistant coaches, at least one of the team's coaches must be Level 3 certified or competition development certified, while the others must be Level 3 certified or competition development trained.

The exception to the above are coaches designated as Special Olympics Coaches (maximum 1 per P/T) who must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 1 or Fundamentals, and have completed the Special Olympics Canada Competition-Introduction course.

4.2. Competitors:

- All swimmers must be registered and be members in good standing of Swimming Canada.
- All swimmers participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and Swimming Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada or Swimming Canada.
- Excluded from the Canada Games are:
 - a) Senior National Team* swimmers;
 - b) Swimmers that have held, at any time, a SR, SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program);
 - c) Swimmers that have competed for any nation at any Pan American

Games, Parapan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, FISU Games, Pan Pacific Championships, Pan Pacific Para-swimming Championships, FINA World Aquatic Championships, IPC Swimming World Championships or Special Olympics World Games.

No swimmer can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or national team status (i.e., no swimmer will be excluded if they compete in an event listed in point (c) for the first time or are granted carding status after May 1, 2017).

* Swimmers who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case-by-case basis. Requests must be submitted by the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee.

5. COMPETITION:

Able-Body Events

Events will be swum according to Swimming Canada rules however information contained in this technical package shall supersede Swimming Canada rules where a discrepancy exists.

Able Body swimmers will swim time finals for the Men's and Women's 800 and 1500 m freestyle; 5 km open water, and all relays. All other events will include preliminaries, and a "B" final followed by an "A" final.

Paralympic / Special Olympic Events

"PS" designates events for Para-swimmers (classes S/SB/SM1 – S/SB/SM14). These events will be swum according to IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations. The Swimming Canada scratch rule will apply to PS events.

"SOC" designates events for Special Olympics Canada.

PS and SOC swimmers will swim preliminaries and an "A" final only, regardless of the number of entries per event.

There are seven (7) Para-swimming events. Para-swimmers are to enter their sport class event as listed below. The top 8 swimmers from the preliminaries of each of the PS events will advance to finals based on rankings determined by using the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Points Chart.

Order of Events

<p>Day 1</p> <p>W 1500m free (time final) M 800m free (time final) PS 200m (S1-5, S14) / 400 (S6-13) free 4 x 200m Free Relay (time final)</p>	<p>Day 2</p> <p>50m breast (B & A final) SOC 50m breast 200m fly (B & A final) 400m IM (B & A final) 100m free (B & A final) PS 100m free (S1-14) SOC 100m free 4 x 50m freestyle relay (time final)</p>
<p>Day 3</p> <p>100m back (B & A final) PS 50m (S1-5) / 100m (S6-14) back SOC 100m back 400m free (B & A final) 200m breast (B & A final) 50m fly (B & A final) PS 50m (S1-7) / 100 (S8-14) fly 4 x 100m free relay (time final)</p>	<p>Day 4</p> <p>200m free (B & A final) 100m breast (B & A final) PS 50m (SB1-3) / 100m (SB4-9, SB11-14) breast 200m back (B & A final) SOC 50m back 100m fly (B & A final) 4 x 50m medley relay (time final)</p>
<p>Day 5</p> <p>M 1500m free (time final) 50m back (B & A final) PS 50m (S1-14) free SOC 50m free W 800m freestyle (time final) 200m IM (B & A final) PS 150m (SM1-4) / 200m (SM5-14) IM 50m free (B & A final) 4 x 100m Medley Relay (time final)</p>	<p>Day 6</p> <p>W 5 km open water (time final) M 5 km open water (time final)</p>

The pool events will be swum long course.

Entries

A Province/Territory may enter:

- One team per relay event;
- Up to four (4) swimmers in the preliminaries of individual events;
- Up to two (2) swimmers in the time final events (800 m free, 1500m free and 5km open water).

Based on preliminary results, only two (2) swimmers per Province/Territory are eligible to advance to the finals (A or B).

An able body competitor may compete in up to seven (7) individual events (including Open Water) plus relays.

A PS competitor may compete in up to seven (7) PS events.

A SOC competitor may compete in all five (5) SOC events.

Procedures and deadlines for event entries are outlined in Appendix 2. There may be additional registration requirements and deadlines set by the Canada Games Council and communicated through your Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission.

Seeding

The 800m (men) and 1500m (women) freestyle events (time final) will be seeded slowest to fastest.

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Relay time finals will be seeded slowest to fastest. Relay events on Day 2, 3, 4 and 5 will swim in the finals session.

Scratches

The scratch deadline for all preliminary heats on the first day of competition (including time finals) will be 30 minutes following the end of the Technical Meeting.

The scratch deadline for preliminary heats and time finals on days 2 to 5 shall be 30 minutes after the completion of the previous night finals session. This also includes the fastest heat of time final events that will be swum in the final session.

The scratch deadline for finals shall be 30 minutes following the conclusion of the preliminary session.

The scratch deadline for time final relay events (excluding Day 1) will be 30 minutes following the conclusion of the preliminary session on the day that the relays will be swum.

Late Scratches, “No-Shows,” “Step-downs” and “Unexcused incomplete swims” will be ranked 27th or lower regardless of whether or not there are 26 swimmers ranked above them.

Rankings

Swimmers who qualify for the A final will be ranked 1 – 8 in order of finish in the A final. Swimmers who qualify for the B final will be ranked 9 – 16 in order of finish in the B final.

Should a Province/Territory qualify only one (1) swimmer for the A or B final, the swimmer from that Province/Territory with the next fastest time will be ranked 17th – 26th according to their preliminary time.

Should a Province/Territory not qualify any swimmers for the A or B final, the two (2) swimmers with the fastest times will be ranked 17 – 26th according to their preliminary time.

The 3rd and 4th finishers from each Province/Territory from the preliminaries will automatically be ranked 27th through last place according to their preliminary time, regardless of whether or not there are 26 swimmers ranked above them.

The PS 'A final' swimmers will be determined by ranking individual preliminary performances 1 – 8 utilizing the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Points Chart.

Warm-ups

Swimming Canada Competition Warm-up Safety Procedures will be in place. The full document can be viewed [here](#).

6. SPORT SCORING:

Each Province/Territory's two (2) best placing's **per event** will count towards sports scoring. Swimmers that scratch from finals will not score.

After the ranking of swimmers in each event, sport scoring will be awarded according to the schedule below:

The ranking of PS swimmers within each event shall be based on scores from the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Points Charts. Once 'order of finish' is determined by ranking Para-swimming points, swimmers will then score according to the schedule below. **See Appendix 3 for Para swimming protocols.**

Individual Events

1st place - 100 points	14th place - 26 points
2nd place - 71 points	15th place - 24 points
3rd place - 57 points	16th place - 22 points
4th place - 50 points	17th place - 10 points
5th place - 48 points	18th place - 9 points
6th place - 46 points	19th place - 8 points
7th place - 44 points	20th place - 7 points
8th place - 42 points	21st place - 6 points
9th place - 36 points	22nd place - 5 points
10th place - 34 points	23rd place - 4 points
11th place - 32 points	24th place - 3 points
12th place - 30 points	25th place - 2 points
13th place - 28 points	26th place - 1 point

Relay Events

1st place - 100 points	7th place - 44 points
2nd place - 71 points	8th place - 42 points
3rd place - 57 points	9th place - 36 points
4th place - 50 points	10th place - 34 points
5th place - 48 points	11th place - 32 points
6th place - 46 points	12th place - 30 points

13th place - 28 points

There will be no scoring for a swimmer or a relay team that is disqualified.

7. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

Rankings will be established by adding sport scoring points from all events. Men and women will be ranked separately. Points for the Games Flag will be distributed as follows:

1 st place – 10 points	7 th place – 4 points
2 nd place – 9 points	8 th place – 3 points
3 rd place – 8 points	9 th place – 2.5 points
4 th place – 7 points	10 th place – 2 points
5 th place – 6 points	11 th place – 1.5 points
6 th place – 5 points	12 th place – 1 point
	13 th place – 0.5 point

8. TIE BREAKING RULE - COMPETITION:

The Swimming Canada rules in force at the time of the Games shall prevail.

9. TIE BREAKING RULE - PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

In the event of a tie between two or more Provinces/ Territories, the team winning the most gold medals will be awarded an extra swimming point. If there is still a tie, the team winning the most silver medals will be awarded the extra swimming point, if still tied, the team with the most bronze medals, etc.

10. MEDALS:

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented for each event.

For PS events determination of medals will be based on the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Points Chart and will be awarded using the combination of same stroke events and ranked. The following are the combination of PS event and sport classes for medals:

- 50 Free
- 100 Free
- 200 and 400 Free
- 50 Back and 100 Back
- 50 Breast and 100 Breast
- 50 Fly and 100 Fly
- 150 IM and 200 IM

Total: Gold: 110 Silver: 110 Bronze: 110

(Extra medals will need to be ordered to accommodate ties).

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

All swim suits worn in official training and competition shall comply with the Swimming Canada Competition Rules and the clothing specifications set by the Canada Games Council. In the event of a conflict between the two the clothing specifications set by the Canada Games Council shall prevail.

Provincial/Territorial Team clothing must be worn for the opening, closing, and medal ceremonies as well as on pool deck prior to and post competition.

12. EQUIPMENT:

N/A

13. APPENDICES:

The attached appendices are an integral part of this technical package:

- Appendix 1 – Competitor Eligibility
- Appendix 2 – Swimming Canada Event Entries Procedures
- Appendix 3 – Swimming Canada Para Swimming Protocols
- Appendix 4 – Coach Certification Requirements
- Appendix 5 – Performance Guidelines

APPENDIX 1 – COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
3. The Canada Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their sport's Provincial/Territorial 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. An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their Province or Territory of permanent residence or the Province or Territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the Province/Territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
6. An athlete who is training outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence may represent the Province or Territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province or Territory she or he wishes to represent by:
 - i) Having been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season
 - AND –
 - ii) Having represented that Province or Territory at an international, national or regional championship,
 - AND –
 - iii) Not having received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.
 - OR
 - iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered.
7. An athlete is permitted to try out for any Province or Territory of eligibility but can only try out for one Province or Territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one Province or Territory but cannot try out for swimming in another Province or Territory. An athlete may try out for one Province or Territory in swimming, and may try out for another Province or Territory in diving).

8. Athletes may only compete for one Province or Territory at a single Canada Games.
9. Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.
10. 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 P/TSOs 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.
11. Where a team/Province/Territory/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

12. 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 centimeters.
13. 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 – SWIMMING CANADA EVENT ENTRIES PROCEDURES

Meet Entry Deadline

- Tuesday, July 18, 2017 – 11:59pm PST

Entry Process

- All Provincial and Territorial teams must submit entries via the Meet List on-line entries system – <http://www.swimming.ca/MeetList.aspx>.

Proof of Time

- All entries will be proven via the on-line entry system. All times not proven via the on-line entry system must be proven at or prior to registration. Coaches must provide proof of time prior to their arrival at the meet.
- Meet management may challenge any entry time before or during the competition. It is the responsibility of the Province/Territory to prove any entry times if requested. Any Province/Territory not able to prove an entry time when challenged, will result in the swimmer being seeded as No Time (NT).
- Entry time upgrades or adding events will not be accepted past the entry deadline.
- Official split times for individual events can only be used for entry if proven by complete legitimate results.
- Relay times not displayed or proven on the online entry system must be proven as per Swimming Canada rules.
- Unproven individual event times will not be accepted for entry.

APPENDIX 3 – SWIMMING CANADA PARA SWIMMING PROTOCOLS

Preliminaries

- Swimmers will be Senior seeded (not circle seeded) by time in each of the eligible events for preliminary heats.
- Performances from preliminaries will be assigned a point score from Swimming Canada Para-swimming Point Chart; the 8 highest point scores will advance to the A final. For example:
 - The Top 8 50 backstroke swims (Sport Classes S1-S5) based on point score will advance to the A final.
 - The Top 8 100 backstroke swims (Sport Classes S6-S14) based on point score will advance to the A final.

Finals

- All finals will be seeded by time and there will be an A final for the sport classes in the 50 backstroke and an A final for the sport classes in the 100 backstroke
 - The performances from the 50 backstroke A final and the 100 backstroke A final will be scored using the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Point Chart.
 - The scores from all swims in the two A finals will be merged and ranked from highest to lowest point scores to determine medal positions and final ranking order.
- For example

○ John Smith S7	100 back	989 pts.	Gold
○ Bill Black S5	50 back	900 pts.	Silver
○ Jeff Blue S5	50 back	895 pts.	Bronze
○ Fred Williams	100 back	841 pts.	4 th
○ Sal Gonzalez S10	100 back	800 pts.	5 th
○ Matt Walker S4	50 back	766 pts.	6 th
○ Sean Gordon S11	100 back	732 pts.	7 th
○ Greg Watts S3	50 back	658 pts.	8 th
○ Etc...			
- This protocol will be applied to the 200/400 freestyle event; 50/100 backstroke event; 50/100 breaststroke event; 50/100 butterfly event and 150/200 Individual Medley event as outlined above.

APPENDIX 4 – COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Coaches are directed to <https://www.swimming.ca/content/uploads/2015/10/certification-pathway-level-3.pdf> for comprehensive information on coaching certification and the certification pathway.

APPENDIX 5 – PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

The following Performance Guidelines have been established by the respective National Sport Organizations, at the request of the Canada Games Council and the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC,) to reflect the expected training and/or performance parameters of a typical Canada Games athlete in the Training to Compete phase of LTAD. These Performance Guidelines have been developed as a tool for P/T teams to use at their discretion in the training and selection of their Canada Games teams. These Guidelines are not required selection criteria.

Swimming Canada encourages Provincial/Territorial organizations to consider baseline minimum standards when selecting their respective Canada Games Teams. At all steps of athlete identification and selection, P/T's are asked to ensure athletes are prepared for the competitive environment of Canada Games. When in doubt Swimming Canada recommends utilization of Canadian Age Group Championship Time Standards as a benchmark for minimum performance levels of all athletes. These standards may be reviewed at <https://www.swimming.ca/en/standards-and-preliminary-competition-information/>.