

ELIGIBILITY POLICY

General Requirements

For the purposes of all Manitoba Games competitions, all athletes (with the exception of Special Olympics athletes) must be under the age of 18 during the event. However, some exceptions may apply and specific age categories for each sport will be outlined in their relevant Technical Package which will trump the requirements identified in this policy.

Definitions

- Home Region: Which of the five Manitoba Games regions (North, East, South, West, Winnipeg) where the athlete's primary residence is located.
- Resident Region: Which of the five Manitoba Games regions (North, East, South, West, Winnipeg) where the athlete lives temporarily, but for more than half of the year.

Requirements

1. Participants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents as defined by the [Government of Canada](#).
2. Athletes must reside within the borders of Manitoba unless they are registered with the relevant Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for a minimum of six months prior to the start of the Game. Exceptions may be considered by Sport Manitoba on a case-by-case basis.
3. The regional boundaries for the Manitoba Games are defined by Sport Manitoba. Winnipeg is defined as one region, but for the purposes of the Games will enter two separate regional teams.
4. All athletes should participate for the region in which they live. Exceptions may be considered by Sport Manitoba on a case-by-case basis.
5. Students attending school on a full-time basis, and residing outside their home region, shall be permitted to compete for either their home or their resident region upon approval from their respective PSO.
6. Athletes must be at least 10 years old as of the start of the event.



7. Any athlete, coach, team, or official suspended from competition by their PSO will not be eligible to participate in the Manitoba Games.
8. Athletes may compete in no more than one sport per phase of the Games.
9. Host Society Sport Chairs and PSO Technical Representatives cannot participate in their sport as a coach or manager.
10. All athletes, coaches, and managers at least 18 years old will be subject to Sport Manitoba's Screening Policy prior to their participation at the Manitoba Games.