



## 2026 MANITOBA WINTER GAMES

### Futsal Technical Package

Technical Packages are a critical element of the Manitoba Games. They guide the selection of teams by detailing age and eligibility requirements, govern competition by outlining tournament formats and scoring procedures, and identify the minimum/maximum number of participants permitted by region.

Technical Packages are developed 12-18 months prior to the Games by the relevant Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) following the standards set in place by Sport Manitoba.

After publication, any changes to the Technical Packages must be approved by Sport Manitoba – requests should first be sent to the PSO for consideration. Adjustments to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes, or competition formats will not be considered within six months of the start of Games.

## 1. SPORT: FUTSAL

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## 2. PARTICIPANTS

### 2.1. Athletes

Male: Up to 12 athletes (with a minimum of 9) per regional team.

Female: Up to 12 athletes (with a minimum of 9) per regional team.

### 2.2. Coaches and Managers

Male: Up to 3 coaches (1 head coach, 2 assistant coaches) or 2 coaches (1 head coach, 1 assistant coach) and 1 manager per regional team.

- At least 1 coach must be male.

Female: Up to 3 coaches (1 head coach, 2 assistant coaches) or 2 coaches (1 head coach, 1 assistant coach) and 1 manager per regional team.

- At least 1 coach must be female.

### 2.3. Regional Teams

Region	Number of Teams
North	1
East	1
South	1
West	2
Winnipeg Blue	1
Winnipeg Gold	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

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## 3. CLASSIFICATION

**U14:** Open to athletes born in the year 2012.

- North, East, South, and West regional teams may select up to 4 players born in 2011.

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## 4. ELIGIBILITY

### 4.1. Athletes

All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements identified in the Manitoba Games Eligibility Policy.

All athletes must be registered with Manitoba Soccer Association.

## 4.2. Coaches and Managers

### 4.2.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements

All coaches and managers participating in the Games must have completed:

- Criminal Record Check
- [Respect in Sport](#)
- [Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module](#)

### 4.2.2. Sport-Specific Requirements

All coaches and managers must be at least 18 years of age as of January 1, 2026.

All coaches and managers must complete the following training prior to January 1, 2026.

Team Official	Required Training
HC, AC, TO	1. Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen
HC, AC, **TO	2. Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Introduction to Futsal
HC, AC, TO	3. NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Module and/or Online Evaluation
HC, AC, TO	4. Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program
HC, AC, TO	5. NCCP Making Headway Module
HC, AC, TO	6. NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module
HC, AC, TO	7. NCCP Rule of Two Module
HC, AC, TO	8. Keeping Girls in Sport

\*HC: Head Coach, AC: Assistant Coach, TO: Team Official

\*\*TO: Should the 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Official be an extra Assistant Coach

## 5. COMPETITION

### 5.1. Competition Format

Teams will be divided into two pools of three teams and each team will be guaranteed two pool games and one placement game. The groups will be determined two months before the games commence by the MSA.

The teams will play round robin within their respective groups before determining where teams advance to placement games.

Whether games are running time or stop time depend on the availability of the facilities.

Duration of games: 2x20 minutes.

Playing pitch: Basketball gymnasium, minimum 25mx16m, maximum 42mx25m.

## 5.2. Competition Rules

### *Substitutions*

- Unlimited substitutions shall be permitted in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. Substitutions of players may be made as per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

### *Disciplinary Rule*

- The conduct of the games shall follow the Laws of the Game as approved by FIFA.
- Players accumulating three cautions (yellow cards) during the tournament shall receive an automatic one game suspension.
- Players ejected from a game (red card) shall be suspended automatically for at least one game. Further sanctions may be enforced following a hearing with the Soccer Discipline Committee.

## 5.3. Tie-Breaking Procedure

The following criteria shall be used (in order) to determine the final standings:

- Most points in all group matches
- If two teams are tied in points in all group matches:
  - Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (i.e. head-to-head competition).
  - Results for all group matches.
  - Greater goal difference in all group matches.
  - Greater number of goals scored in all group matches.
  - Shootout (as per FIFA Laws of the Game) at a time and place decided by the Competition Manager.

The following must be used to achieve completion if three or more teams are tied in points in all group matches:

- Greatest goal difference in matches amongst the teams concerned.
- Greatest number of goals scored in all matches amongst the teams concerned.
- Greatest goal difference in all group matches.
- Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

- Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Competition Manager.
- Extra Time (only apply to playoff games):
  - 2x10 minute periods to be played in full – if still tied FIFA kicks from the penalty mark (five kicks per team shall be allowed).

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## 6. MEDALS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the athletes on the first, second, and third-place teams respectively.

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## 7. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

### 7.1. Regional Team Uniforms

Competitive uniforms will be supplied by the Provincial Sport Organization in the following colours as per the Manitoba Games Competitive Uniform Policy.

Region	Primary Colour	Secondary Colour
<b>North</b>	Black	Orange
<b>East</b>	Grey	Purple
<b>South</b>	Red	Maroon
<b>West</b>	Dark Green	Light Green
<b>Winnipeg Blue</b>	Light Blue	Dark Blue
<b>Winnipeg Gold</b>	Yellow	Gold

### 7.2. Host Society / PSO Provided Equipment

Manitoba Soccer Association will provide futsal game balls.

### 7.3. Athlete / Regional Team Provided Equipment

Regional teams are required to bring player equipment, cones, bibs, and training balls.

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## 8. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

### 8.1. Guiding Rules

8.1.1. Appeals will only be considered for sport-specific, technical issues affect the field of play and competition structure.

8.1.2. Appeals are only considered when submitted by a regional team's coaching staff.

8.1.3. All appeals must be made in writing within one hour of the end of competition or the time of the initial decision being rendered. Extensions may be considered due to logistical challenges.

8.1.4. Sport Appeal Committees will be led/chaired by the PSO Technical Representative (Tech Rep) and include the Sport Committee Chair(s), Head Official of the game/competition in question (if applicable), and a representative of Sport Manitoba.

8.1.5. Decisions of the Sport Appeal Committee will be final.

## **8.2. Procedure**

- Participants protesting the result of a competition decision must request an appeal form from the Sport Committee Chair(s).
- Upon completion, the form must be submitted to the Sport Committee Chair(s).
- The Sport Committee Chair(s) will contact the PSO Tech Rep and request they convene a Sport Appeal Committee.
- The Sport Appeal Committee will review the submission, request additional information and/or meetings if desired, and make their decision within an hour of the time the protest was submitted.
- Relevant parties will be notified of the Sport Appeal Committee's decision.

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## **9. ATHLETE FILL POLICY**

### **9.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements**

Regional teams may utilize athletes from outside of their region's boundaries to fill out rosters in accordance with the Manitoba Games Regional Team Policy.

Regional teams outside of Winnipeg may only use athletes from the North, East, South, or West regions to fill their rosters. Winnipeg Blue or Winnipeg Gold regional teams may only use athletes from the Winnipeg region to fill their rosters.