



2026 MANITOBA WINTER GAMES

FUTSAL Technical Package – Clarifications February 26, 2026

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

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Athletes

- Male: Minimum 9, maximum 12 athletes per regional team.
- Female: Minimum 9, maximum 12 athletes 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

- Male and Female regional teams.

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

3. CLASSIFICATION

U14: Open to athletes born in the years 2012.

- North, East, South, and West regional teams may select up to 4 players born in 2011 and any number of players born in 2012.

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
- Child Abuse Registry 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 required training below 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 3rd Team Official be an extra Assistant Coach*



5. COMPETITION

5.1. Competition Format

- Teams will be divided into two pools of three (3) teams and each team will be guaranteed two (2) pool games and one (1) 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.
- Duration of Games:
 - Group matches are 2x20' halves-running time
 - Placement matches (except Gold) are 2x20' halves-running time, last 2 mins of each half is stop time
 - Gold matches are 2x20' halves-stop time
- Playing Pitch:
 - Basketball gymnasium. Min 25mx16m, Max 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 (3) cautions (yellow cards) during the tournament shall receive an automatic one (1) game suspension.
- Players dismissed from a game (red card) shall be automatically suspended according to the mandatory minimums. Further sanctions may be enforced following a hearing with the Soccer Discipline Committee, appointed by the technical rep.

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):
 - 2 x 5 Minute Periods running time to be played in full, with stop time for the gold medal match only
 - If still tied FIFA kicks from the penalty mark (5 kicks per team shall be allowed).

6. MEDALS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third- place teams, respectively. Medals will be presented to all respective players.

7. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

7.1. Regional Team Uniforms

Manitoba Soccer Association will supply the competitive uniform in the regional colours as per the Manitoba Games Competitive Uniform Policy.

- North: Black
- East: Grey
- South: Red
- West: Green

- Winnipeg Blue: Blue
- Winnipeg Gold: Yellow

7.2. Equipment Standards and Restrictions

- Athletes are to provide their own soccer cleats, shin pads, and gloves (for goalkeepers).
- As per FIFA rules, shin pads and proper footwear must be worn.
- Tights/bicycle pants worn beneath shorts may extend to the top of the knee and must be of the same colour as the team uniform shorts.
- Uniforms must have visible numbers on the back of each shirt. The goalkeeper must have the top of a colour different from both teams' outfield players and the referees.
- As per FIFA rules, all jewelry (of any type) must be removed.
- Ball: Regular Futsal Balls Size 4

7.3. Host Society / PSO Provided Equipment

The MSA will provide the regional team uniforms jerseys and futsal balls.

7.4. Athlete / Regional Team Provided Equipment

Teams are required to bring their equipment that is necessary for participation of the game. (player equipment, cones, bibs, training balls).

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.

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.

9.2. Sport-Specific Requirements