



Athlete Eligibility

1. The Saskatchewan Games are open to Saskatchewan residents who are Canadian citizens or who have landed immigrant status for a minimum period of one year prior to the Games.
2. Each District team shall be comprised of eligible athletes whose Saskatchewan domicile or actual residence for at least six months prior to the Games, was located within the recognized boundaries of the District they are representing. In the event that an athlete moves from one District to another less than six months prior to the start of the Games, a special request may be made to the Saskatchewan Games Council to determine eligibility.
3. Students enrolled and attending secondary or post-secondary school on a full-time basis outside their District residence may elect to compete in a District play down in either their home District or the academic resident District, but not both.

Students attending a secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of 60% of the eligible credits to be considered a full-time student.

Students attending a post-secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of the equivalent 3 full time classes per year to be considered a full-time student.

4. First Nation athletes who reside and attend school in one District but are members of a First Nation in another District may elect to participate in either District, but not both. If they try out for one District and are not selected for that team, they are not permitted to try out for that sport in another District.
5. Athletes who have shared custody in a split marriage must participate in the District in which they currently attend school. If an athlete is transferring schools to live with the other parent or guardian in another District in the year of the Games, then the school that the athlete previously attended will be the District they participate in.
6. Athletes residing outside Saskatchewan:

Individual Sports:

Athletes residing at an address outside Saskatchewan are eligible to participate in the Saskatchewan Games if they meet the following conditions:

- They reside near the Saskatchewan border and attend school on a full-time basis in a recognized Saskatchewan education system;
- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Provincial Organization (PSO) and not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSO in Saskatchewan.

Team Sports:

If a team has members from outside the Province of Saskatchewan, the team will be eligible if these criteria are met:

- The majority of the team resides in Saskatchewan or attends school on a full-time basis in a Saskatchewan based education system, and the others live within reasonable commuting distance;
- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan PSO and not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSO in Saskatchewan.

7. District Team Eligibility**Sports using Club Team selection**

When a team roster is comprised of athletes residing in different Districts, the following criteria will determine which District the team will represent:

- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan PSO;
- Where a team has members from two or more Districts, and is registered in a recognized league, it shall compete in the District where the majority of the players reside. Teams in this position may have members living in adjacent Districts within reasonable commuting distance.

8. The Games are open to amateur athletes recognized as such by the applicable PSO.
9. For each Games an athlete may participate in one sport only in each half; however, an athlete may elect to try out for different sports in the District team selection process. Upon acceptance of selection to a District team in that half of the Games, the athlete must remain with that team until the completion of the Games and is not eligible to try out for another sport.
10. Coaches, managers and athletes may participate in more than one sport, but they may only participate in one sport in each half of the Games.
11. The age classification for participation in the Saskatchewan Games is based on the LTAD model for each sport. Recognizing the Multi-sport environment that athletes are exposed to at the Games, each sport should consider the maturity level of the athlete when establishing its age classification.
12. Eligibility of athletes for the Saskatchewan Games program must be clearly identified by the PSO in the Sport Technical package.
13. Prior to the Games, the eligibility of any athlete not clearly established by these rules will be determined by the Saskatchewan Games Council. During the Games, the eligibility will be determined by the Games Jury.
14. Coaches, managers and athletes of the District team must stay in the Athletes' Village during the Games.



SOFTBALL TECHNICAL PACKAGE

2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games
July 21 – 27, 2024
Lloydminster, Saskatchewan

1.0 SPORT: SOFTBALL

- 1.1 Competition Site: Legion Ball Park
- 1.2 Competition Dates: July 21 - 24, 2024
- 1.3 Sanction: Softball Saskatchewan

2.0 PARTICIPANTS:

- 2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 13 Female
- 2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 2 Coaches and 1 Manager

Note: Teams must have a minimum of two (2) female coaches/managers.

3.0 CLASSIFICATION:

- 3.1 Year of Birth: Only players born in 2011 or 2012 (U13 age category)

4.0 ELIGIBILITY:

- 4.1 Athletes: must be members of Softball Saskatchewan through a local Minor Association (Softball Alberta members are NOT eligible to participate).
- 4.2 Coaches: must be members of Softball Saskatchewan through a local Minor Association (Softball Alberta members are NOT eligible to participate). Softball Saskatchewan will appoint the District Head Coaches and approve all District assistant Coaches/Managers. **Advertising for the Head Coach position will begin January 1st, 2024 and will end on January 31st, 2024. Coaches will be**

selected by February 15th, 2024. All Coaches and Managers must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least be Community Softball Coach trained (this includes FOCS-Part 1 and MED).

As a coach or manager of a district team you will be volunteering with children, who are vulnerable members of our society. As per the policy of the Saskatchewan Games Council all coaches and managers are required to undergo a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.

As per the mandatory requirements for all sports in Saskatchewan the “Respect in Sport” online training program must be completed by all coaches/managers.

4.3 Exclusions: None

5.0 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION:

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7.0 COMPETITION:

7.1 Type of Competition

Round Robin – 2 pools, Pool A with 4 teams and Pool B with 4 teams, each playing a single round robin competition. If there is a team from Team North, then Pool A will have 5 teams.

7.2 Playing Rules

- a) There will be NO TIME LIMITS for games. All games will have a maximum of five (5) runs scored per half inning. Once the 5th run is scored, all other runners are stranded, they do not start on base the next inning. If in the middle of the 7th inning of play the home team is up by more than five (5) runs the game is over.

- b) Each player listed on the line-up card must play a minimum of two (2) innings (12 outs) in each game. In a run ahead rule situation, a team will not be penalized if they are not able to play all players. Violation of this rule will result in the Head Coach being suspended for their next game in the event.
- c) Pitching
 - i) Pitchers and catchers may pitch or catch a maximum of (4) innings per game in all games (round robin and championship round). Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching/catching rule is not in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be replayed. The Pitching distance will be 11.58m (38') and the basepaths distance will be 16.76m (55').
 - ii. The conference rule (regarding pitchers) in U13 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher, per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.
 - iii. In the event of a suspension in play results in a day(s) delay at the event the pitching rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
 - iv. All pitchers must wear a protective face mask.
- d) Batting
 - i. Everyone on the roster and in attendance must bat in all games. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions. Effect: A coach who does not allow every player on the roster and in attendance to bat shall be removed from the game and suspended from further participation in the event. Injured player(s) who are unable to bat cannot return to play in the game after being declared injured.
 - ii. All batters, on deck batters and baserunners must wear a helmet with an attached face mask.
 - iii. There are no intentional walks.
 - iv. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.
- e) Base running
 - i. Runners may leave the base when the ball has left the pitcher's hand. If they leave early, they will be called out.
 - ii. Sliding is allowed.
 - iii. Players can steal home.

7.3 Playoff Format

Championship Round – Top 2 teams in each Round Robin pool advance to the Championship round:

Game C1 - 1st Place in Pool A plays 2nd Place in Pool B

Game C2 - 2nd Place in Pool A plays 1st Place in Pool B

Winners of Game C1 and C2 play for gold/silver, losers of Game C1 and C2 play for bronze. Third place teams in each Pool play off for 5th and 6th place overall, 4th place teams in each pool play off for 7th and 8th.

7.4 Seeding will be based on results of the 2016 Saskatchewan Games.

Pool A

1st – Team Saskatoon

4th – Team Rivers West

5th – Team Prairie Central

8th – Team South West

Pool B

2nd – Team Lakeland

3rd – Team Regina

6th – Team South East

7th – Team Parkland Valley

8.0 RESULTS:

8.1 Results Program

Scorebooks will be used at each diamond with final scores of each game entered onto the Gems.pro system. **The Softball Saskatchewan Supervisor will also post all game scores to the Softball Saskatchewan website via google docs.**

8.2 Results Format

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8.3 Sport Scoring

- a) Applies to all games when one team leads another by: ten (10) runs after four (4) innings, seven (7) runs after five (5) innings or six (6) runs after six (6) innings.
- b) Complete innings are played unless the home team scores the required number of runs while at bat. When the visiting team reaches the required number of runs in the top half of the inning, the home team bats in the bottom half of the inning. All play must have finished before the game is declared won by the score of the run ahead rule. If in the bottom of the inning, no scores above the run ahead score shall count unless the game-ending play is a home run, then all runs scored because of the home run shall count.

8.4 Games Sport Scoring: 1st place - 9 points, 2nd place - 8 points, 3rd place - 7 points etc.

9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:

Final Standings after the Round Robin shall use the following criteria to determine the order of finish.

Note 1 - No games will remain a tie.

Note 2 - If a game is tied after seven (7) complete innings, the teams will revert to the international tie breaking rule starting in the top of the eighth (8th) inning.

Note 3 - The final score of a game is also the score used for tiebreaking purposes. We no longer revert back to the last complete inning.

Two (2) teams tied

- a) The winner of the round robin game between the tied teams receives the higher placement.

Three (3) teams tied

- a) As all teams have played each other and one team has defeated the other two teams they will receive the higher placement. The two remaining teams will revert back to the two teams tied criteria above.
- b) In the event that the criteria in a) above does not apply, then the difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of five (5) plus or minus per game for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the highest placement. The two remaining teams will revert back to the two teams tied criteria above. If still tied, then...
 - i) Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then...
 - ii) Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 5 runs per game) for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then
 - iii) A coin toss.

Four (4) or more teams tied

- a) In the event that four or more teams are tied, the following criteria will be used:
 - i) The difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of five (5) plus or minus for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine all four placements. If still tied, then...
 - ii) Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then...
 - iii) Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 5 runs per game) for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement...
 - iv) A coin toss.

10.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE:

Protests that will be received and considered include matters of the following types;

- a. Misinterpretation of a playing rule.
- b. Failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- c. Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given situation

Note:

1. Protests for the above must be made to the Plate Umpire before;
 - a. The next pitch
 - b. All infielders have left fair territory
 - c. On the last play of the game, before the umpires leave the playing field
2. After one pitch has been thrown (legally or illegal), no change can be made on any umpire ruling.

11.0 EQUIPMENT:

- Double base at first base
- Rawlings 11" Red Dot Optic Softballs (PX11RYLC)
- Scorebooks and line-up Cards
- No metal cleats are allowed

12.0 SPORT JURY:

The Sport Jury shall consist of the following.

- Provincial Technical Liaison
- Umpire-In-Chief
- Host Society representative

13.0 OFFICIALS REQUIRED:

13.1 Major Officials

With there being eight (8) Districts represented, six (6) umpires are required. Each game will utilize the two (2) person umpire system. Softball Saskatchewan will appoint an Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) to be in attendance and assign umpires for all games. The UIC will also be part of the Sport Jury.

13.2 Minor Officials

One (1) official scorekeeper is required for each game and four (4) in total would be ideal.

14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES:

Qualified medical personnel available to provide first aid and available first responders

15.0 MEDALS:

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Female Softball	13	13	13
Total	13	13	13

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA:

Softball Saskatchewan will be utilizing District All-Star teams for the Games. Players must be bona fide residents of the District they are representing (No District Transfers allowed). **District Tryout dates and locations will be published by March 31st, 2024. Player ID camps, two (2) per District must take place during the months of April/May and be completed by May 31st. District Teams must be finalized by June 24, 2024** with rosters submitted and registration of athletes, coaches and managers completed. District Teams will be allowed a maximum of six (6) days of practices and two (2) days of exhibition games. Teams will not be allowed to enter tournaments. The District Head Coach makes the final decision on the final 13 player Roster.

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