



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.

**FUTSAL
TECHNICAL PACKAGE**

**2026 SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES
February 15 – 21, 2026
Flying Dust First Nation and Meadow Lake**

1.0 SPORT

- 1.1 Competition Site: Meadow Lake Recreation Centre Field House
 - 1.2 Competition Dates: February 18-21, 2026
 - 1.3 Sanction: Saskatchewan Soccer Association
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2.0 PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 12 Males; 12 Females
 - 2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 2 Coaches; 1 Manager per Gender
 - Male Team: 2 coaches and 1 manager, of which at least 2 must be male
 - Female Team: 2 coaches and 1 manager, of which at least 2 must be female
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3.0 CLASSIFICATION

- 3.1 Year of Birth:
 - Saskatoon & Regina Players: Birth Years 2011 or 2012
 - All Other District Players: Birth Years 2010, 2011, 2012
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4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Athletes: All athletes competing at the Saskatchewan Winter Games must be registered members in good standing of the Provincial Sport Governing Body.

All other athlete eligibility policies and governing rules are as per those outlined in the Saskatchewan Games Handbook.
- 4.2 All coaches must have a minimum of Canada Soccer Association C License Certified or CONCACAF C Diploma Certified Status. In addition, coaches must complete the Canada Soccer Introduction to Futsal online course.

In addition, all coaches must have completed the NCCP Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation, NCCP Making Head Way in Soccer, Understanding the Rule of

Two, and NCCP Emergency Action Planning.

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. The CRC and VSC must be validated within 1 year of the start date of the Saskatchewan Games (February 15, 2025).

As per the mandatory requirements for all sports in Saskatchewan the “Respect in Sport” online training program must be taken by all coaches and team personnel (including managers). All team personnel must complete the NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two online module.

4.3 Exclusions:

Requests for an exemption to include an athlete born in 2013 may be considered under exceptional circumstances and will be reviewed on an individual basis. Applications for an exemption must be submitted to the Provincial Technical Liaison in writing and must be approved by both the Saskatchewan Soccer Association and Saskatchewan Games Council.

5.0 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION

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7.0 COMPETITION

7.1 Events

5-aside Male futsal
5-aside Female futsal

7.2 Seeding

Based on the 2023 Event

Female: Saskatoon, Parkland Valley, Regina, Prairie Central, Lakeland, Rivers West (DNP: North, South West, South East)

Male: Saskatoon, Regina, Parkland Valley, South West, Lakeland, Prairie Central, South East, Rivers West (DNP: North)

7.3 Type of Competition

7.3.1 Rules:

All matches will be played under the Futsal Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA unless otherwise stated in the Technical Package.

7.3.2 Substitutions:

Substitution Procedures should be made in accordance to the Futsal Laws of the Game.

An unlimited number of substitutions may be made during the match.

A substitution may be made at any time, whether the ball is in play or not, except during a timeout.

The substitution procedure occurs in own team's substitution zone.

Permission to proceed with a substitution may be refused under certain circumstances, e.g. if the substitute's equipment is not in order.

7.3.3 Event Format:

With nine teams:

Preliminary Play: Teams will be placed into three pools with a single round robin to determine placing for medal round and placement games.

In the event that there are not nine teams, the Saskatchewan Soccer Association shall, at its sole discretion, have the authority to adjust the event format.

7.3.5 Duration of Play:

Regular Time: 2 x 20 minutes (with final 2 min of each half as stop clock)

Extra Time: 2 x 5 minutes (Only in the Final Game)

Half time: shall not exceed 5 min.

Round robin games can end in a draw.

In the event of a draw during regular time, all placement games (including semi-finals) will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game (without the playing of extra time).

In the event of a draw during regular time, all medal games will go to extra time. If a winner has not been determined after extra time, the games shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as governed by FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

7.4 Discipline:

Discipline procedures and sanctions shall be governed by the SSA Provincial Championships Rulebook as outlined in Appendix 1 and aligned to SSA Policies and Procedures Manual Section Four: Discipline, as presented on the SSA website.

8.0 RESULTS

8.1 Results Program

Information included in Results Format.

8.2 Results Format

Win = 6 points, Tie = 3 points, Loss = 0 points

1 point for each goal scored during a game up to a maximum of 3 points

1 point for a shutout

8.3 Sport Scoring

1st – 9 points

2nd – 8 points

3rd – 7 points

4th – 6 points

5th – 5 points

6th – 4 points

7th – 3 points

8th – 2 points

9th – 1 point

9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

i. Previous Match Results: The team with the greater number of points in matches between the two (2) teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position. (Not used if 3 or more teams are tied in points)

ii. Overall Goal Difference: The team with the greatest goal difference in all round robin matches played between teams tied in the standings shall be awarded the higher position. Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored.

iii. Overall Goal Average: The team with the highest goal average in all round robin matches shall be awarded the higher position. Goal average shall be calculated as goals scored divided by goals conceded. If a team did not concede any goals, this shall be considered as a higher goal average as compared to a team that has conceded a goal.

iv. Fewest Goals allowed: The team allowing the least number of goals shall be awarded the higher position.

v. Most Goals Scored: The team scoring the highest number of goals shall be awarded the higher position.

vi. Penalty Kicks as listed in Appendix 3

Should more than two teams be tied, the procedure for breaking the tie is outlined in Appendix 3.

10.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE

Protest procedures shall be governed by the policies outlined in the Saskatchewan Games Handbook. In addition, all protests must comply with the Policies and Procedures of the SSA as it pertains to Provincial Competitions, as outlined in Appendix 2.

11.0 EQUIPMENT

All players of a team, except the goalkeeper, shall wear matching uniforms consisting of shirts, shorts and socks, that coincide with the District colours. The shirts and socks must be a different color from the opposition. Each player shirt, including the goalkeepers, must have a unique number on the back. Goalkeepers shall wear a shirt and socks of a color different from the players of both teams, opposition goalkeeper and officials.

A bib must be worn over the jersey to identify the substitutes. The bib should be a different colour to both teams' shirts and the opposing team's bibs.

If team colors are deemed similar, as determined by the match official, the team designated as "home" must change to alternative color bibs, supplied by the Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

All matches will be played with size 5 FIFA approved Futsal balls.

12.0 SPORT JURY

The Sport Jury shall be determined as per the policies outlined in the Saskatchewan Games Handbook and shall consist of 3 members approved by the Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

13.0 OFFICIALS REQUIRED

13.1 Major Officials – each match shall ideally have 4 match officials/game - three referees and one timekeeper. A minimum of 3 match officials/game is required – 2 referees and 1 timekeeper. A total of 15 minimum to 18 ideal match officials will be

required for the Saskatchewan Winter Games. The match officials will be supervised by a Supervisor of Officials in addition to the above.

13.2 Minor Officials – local Venue Coordinators and Field Marshalls.

14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES

First Response Team and minimum of one Physiotherapist/Athletic Therapist/Trainer per venue.

15.0 MEDALS

| Event | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Male | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Female | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Total | 24 | 24 | 24 |

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA

District teams shall be “select” representative teams of athletes meeting the Games eligibility requirements as outlined in 4.1 and 4.3.

All Districts are required to hold “open” trials in order to select their team for the Saskatchewan Winter Games. The dates, times and venues of these open trials must be communicated to all registered players in the District through the Saskatchewan Soccer Association and Saskatchewan Soccer Association Member Organizations a minimum of two weeks prior to the trials.

Following the trials, a list of all players in attendance, along with their hometown and Saskatchewan Soccer Association Member Organization of origin must be submitted to the SSA Provincial Technical Liaison.

Final team rosters for all District teams must be submitted to the SSA Provincial Technical Liaison and Saskatchewan Games Council.

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APPENDIX 1

SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES DISCIPLINE

1. The Provincial Technical Representative will establish a Tournament Discipline Committee.
2. The Tournament Discipline Committee will have the power to deal with disciplinary issues arising from on-field incidents, as well as misconduct by any team and/or its players, coaching staff or spectators during the Saskatchewan Winter Games.
3. Discipline will be dealt with by the Tournament Discipline Committee prior to the next scheduled game for the team with whom the individual(s) participates.
4. Any offense against a referee will be handled by the SSA Judicial Body for Discipline, as outlined in the SSA Discipline Policy.
5. Automatic Suspensions
 - a. Cautions (Yellow Cards)
 - A player receiving three cautions during the Saskatchewan Winter Games will be automatically suspended for one game.
 - A player receiving five cautions during the Saskatchewan Winter Games will be automatically suspended for two games.
 - b. Ejections (Red Cards)
 - Any player or team official receiving a red card will be automatically suspended for 1 game. The incident will also be reviewed by the Tournament Discipline Committee and further suspension levied if it is deemed necessary.
6. An individual receiving a red card must immediately report to a Field Marshall and/or Tournament Headquarters upon completion of the game to confirm the discipline process that will follow. A player receiving a red card may be represented by a team official for this initial step.
7. The Tournament Discipline Committee shall have the ability to determine discipline based on the referee report or may call a discipline hearing, at its sole discretion.
8. Should a hearing be called, the individual receiving the red card must attend. Failure to attend will result in immediate suspension until the player or team official involved requests a further hearing in writing and appears at that subsequent hearing.
9. The individual may be accompanied by a team official during the discipline hearing.
10. Decisions of the Tournament Discipline Committee as it pertains to the Saskatchewan Winter Games shall be final and binding for that competition. Appeals of decisions, as they relate to the competition, shall not be entertained by the SSA.
11. The Tournament Discipline Committee has the authority to administer discipline during the Saskatchewan Winter Games only. In the event that an ejection occurs during a team's last game of the competition or an incident requires further review, it will be referred to the governing body responsible for the team and individual involved and/or the SSA for further consideration.

APPENDIX 2

SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES PROTESTS

1. Protests, subject to the following provisions, are objections of any kind connected with matches of the Saskatchewan Winter Games.
2. All protests arising out of the Saskatchewan Winter Games, including the use of ineligible players, shall follow the process outlined in the Saskatchewan Games Handbook.
3. All objections to the grounds, goal posts or other appurtenances of the game, or other facts known before the commencement of the game, must be made in writing to the referee prior to the kick-off, otherwise the objection will not be entertained. If any objection is made, the referee shall, if he/she sees fit, require the responsible organization or individual to remove the cause of the objection without unduly delaying the progress of the game. If the cause of the objection cannot be corrected, the referee has the authority to determine whether the game will be played or cancelled.
4. No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.

APPENDIX 3

SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES KICKS FROM PENALTY MARK – THREE OR MORE TEAMS TIED

1. If three or more teams are tied the higher ranking shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, as follows:
 - a. Three teams tied: each team is designated A, B or C. Three penalty shoot-outs shall be played to determine team rankings (A vs B, B vs C, C vs A).
 - b. Four teams tied: each team is designated A, B, C or D. Six penalty shoot-outs shall be played to determine team rankings (A vs B, C vs D, A vs C, B vs D, D vs A and C vs B).
 - c. Five teams tied: each team is designated A, B, C, D or E. Ten penalty shoot-outs shall be played to determine team rankings (A vs D, B vs C, C vs A, D vs E, E vs C, A vs B, B vs E, C vs D, D vs B, E vs A).
 - d. Six teams tied: each team is designated A, B, C, D, E or F. Fifteen penalty shoot-outs shall be played to determine team rankings (B vs A, C vs F, D vs E, C vs D, F vs A, B vs E, F vs D, B vs C, A vs E, D vs A, E vs C, F vs B, E vs F, A vs C, D vs B).
2. Points will be awarded during penalty shoot-outs as follows: Win = 3 points, Loss = 0 points.
3. Following the completion of the penalty shootouts, teams will be ranked according to the number of points accumulating during the penalty shoot-outs.
4. Should teams remain tied after the tie-breaking shoot-outs, tie-breaking shoot-outs will continue under the above formats until such time as all ties are broken and all teams ranked.