



ELIGIBILITY POLICY

For the purpose of all Manitoba Games powered by Manitoba Hydro competitions, all athletes with the exception of Special Olympics athletes must be under the age of 18 during the Manitoba Games (some athletes in the Manitoba Games may be over the age of 18). Specific age categories outlining the eligibility of all participants will be covered in the Sport Technical Packages and in the Eligibility Policy.

The Eligibility Requirements are:

1. The Manitoba Games are open to all Canadian Citizens and/or permanent residents (as defined by [Immigration Canada](#)) of Canada residing in Manitoba whose domicile or actual residence is located within the province. Athletes who reside outside of Manitoba's boundaries but who are registered with Manitoba's Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) and who are eligible to represent Manitoba at a Canada Games qualify to participate.
2. The regional boundaries for the Manitoba Games are defined by Sport Manitoba. Winnipeg is defined as one region for the purpose of the Games, but will have two separate regional teams.
3. All athletes should participate for the region in which they live in. Exceptions may be brought forward by a PSO to Sport Manitoba for consideration.
 - a. If a participant fails to qualify in a sport for the provincial finals in his/her preferred region, he/she cannot attempt to qualify in that sport in another region.
4. Students attending school on a full time basis and residing outside their home region shall be permitted to compete for either their home region or their resident region upon approval of the respective PSO (some PSO's have residency regulations that do not permit such movement of players).
5. An individual athlete's eligibility for each sport will be outlined in the sport technical package for that sport.
6. Athletes must be a minimum of ten years old as of the start of the Games. This is based on the demanding Games environment including travel, competition schedule and communal accommodations.
7. Any athlete, coach, team or official suspended or barred from competition by their PSO will not be eligible to participate in the Manitoba Games.
8. At the Games, athletes, coaches and managers may compete in one sport only per phase.
9. Host Society sport chairs cannot participate as a coach or manager on a regional team within their sport.



10. All regional team coaches, managers and athletes eighteen years of age and older will be subject to Sport Manitoba's Screening Policy prior to attending the Manitoba Games.

Questions of an athlete/team's eligibility can be directed to the appropriate Provincial Sport Organization or Sport Manitoba.