



Ontario Games
Jeux de l'Ontario

2012 Ontario Winter Games Guidelines and Application

Application Deadline

The Application with all required documentation, are to be submitted to the Director of Games, Sport Alliance of Ontario (SAO) by **May 7, 2010**. SAO Games staff will arrange round table meetings to discuss the application and guidelines. If you have any questions please contact a representative from the SAO.



2012 Ontario Winter Games

1. Introduction

In May 2008 the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP) and Sport Alliance of Ontario (SAO) implemented the Sport Selection Process for the 2010 Ontario Summer & Winter Games. The initiative was developed as a result of a comprehensive review of the Ontario Games dating back to 2005. The following objective was established as a result of the recommendations made through the review:

“Transform the Games into a cost efficient and in demand high performance competition that attracts the best young athletes in Ontario”

This objective will be achieved by:

- Adopting policies that focus participation in the Games on those sports that are committed to:
- a. Sending a full compliment of their best athletes within a specified stage of the LTAD model to the Games;
 - b. Using the Games as a key high performance competition within their LTAD model.
 - c. Introducing cost efficiencies that can be passed onto the host community so that more of the funding available can be invested in improving the experience for the athletes.
 - d. Addressing long-term funding and administrative challenges.

Subsequently the ParaSport Games program underwent a review which was completed in December 2008. The review identified that the Ontario ParaSport Games should be integrated with the Ontario Winter and Summer Games. After further consultation with both Able Body and ParaSport MSOs/PSOs it was determined that the best method for integration would be “Voluntary Integration”. Voluntary integration involves inviting PSOs/MSOs that provide ParaSport programming to participate in the Ontario Winter and Summer Games.

ParaSport MSOs/PSOs are encouraged to take part in the 2012 Ontario Winter and Summer Games application process. Able body PSOs which deliver ParaSport programming are encouraged to include a ParaSport component in their application for the 2012 Ontario Summer and Winter Games. The objectives of integration are as follows:

- To promote and encourage inclusion
- To encourage resource sharing between able bodied and disability specific PSOs/MSOs
- To create efficiencies in program delivery, provide high performance opportunities and meaningful programming for ParaSport athletes.

The Ontario Games Program is delivered by the Sport Alliance of Ontario (SAO) on behalf of the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP).

The Ontario Winter and Summer Games began in 1970 as a showcase for amateur sport. As the province’s largest multi-sport event, the Ontario Games provide athletes of the province with a developmental and competitive opportunity to prepare for national and international competitions. The Games give the public a chance to see some of Ontario’s best amateur athletes compete in the only multi-sport event of this calibre hosted in the province.

The Ontario Winter and Summer Games involve up to 3,500 registered Provincial Sport and Multi-Sport Organization (PSO/ MSO) participants (athletes, coaches, managers and officials) from across the province competing in up to 32 sports in 2010.

The OWG and OSG are held every two years in even-numbered years.

2. Sport Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to participate in the 2012 Ontario Winter Games a sport (as represented by a PSO/MSO) must:

- a. Have a PSO/MSO that is formally recognized by Ministry of Health Promotion (registered non-profit)
- b. Have a sport and sport discipline that has full medal status in one of:
 - 2013 Canada Summer Games or 2015 Canada Winter Games;
 - 2014 Olympic/Paralympic Winter Games or 2012 Olympic/Paralympic Summer Games;

or:

- c. Have a recognized PSO/MSO that is eligible for annual Base Funding from MHP

See Appendix 1 for list of eligible sports

Compliance with the “Sport Eligibility Criteria” does not automatically guarantee that a sport (as represented by a PSO/MSO) will participate in the 2012 Ontario Winter Games. Sports will be evaluated and ranked based on how closely they meet the sport selection criteria, athlete criteria, coach development and official development in Section 4 of the Guidelines.

3. The Application Process – New Sports, Core and Optional Sports

The application enclosed in these guidelines is applicable for sports that fall within one of the following categories:

- **New sports** that did not participate in the 2010 Ontario Winter Games
- **Optional Sports** in the 2010 Ontario Winter Games
- **Core Sports** that were Core as a result of the 2010 Sport Selection Process.

It is important to note that through the evaluation process a Core Sport could be deemed an Optional Sport for 2012 and will be notified by April 7, 2010 of this decision following the 2010 evaluation process.

Evaluation and Change in Status

Each application will be evaluated by way of an objective scoring method that will measure the extent to which each sport is meeting the selection criterion. All sports will be reevaluated after each Games. Optional sports are provided with an opportunity to upgrade their status from optional to core through their evaluation and application for 2012. A Core Sport can also have its status downgraded from “core” to “optional” after a particular Games if they underachieved in terms of meeting the standards established in the criterion or do not meet other terms and conditions of participation.

The following provides a detailed summary of requirements for each Core, Optional and New sports in order to assist with the preparation of your sports application for the 2012 Ontario Winter Games.

Core Sports

A core sport is one that clearly demonstrates that they use the Ontario Games as an integral part of the athlete, coach and official development model.

A core sport in the 2010 Ontario Winter Games (OWG) will maintain their status if all terms and conditions are met through the preparation and participation in the 2010 Games. If a core sport should not meet all terms and conditions they could be downgraded to an Optional Sport status and be required to follow the application process outlined for Optional Sports.

As a sport that maintains core sport status you will be guaranteed a spot in the 2012 OWG and will not be required to complete an application for the 2012 OWG. If a host does not have a suitable venue, the sport in question will still be designated as a core sport in the 2014 Ontario Winter Games.

NOTE: If a 2010 Ontario Winter Games core sport (which maintains their core sport status following evaluations) would like to amend their use of the Games, they must complete the one page summary enclosed in Appendix 2.

Optional Sports

An optional sport is one that cannot demonstrate a degree of commitment at the “core” sport level. These sports will have their participation reevaluated on a Games to Games basis by the Sport Alliance of Ontario in consultation with the Ministry and the host community (NOTE: A Host Community will only be consulted if the required venue is an issue).

ALL optional sports must complete the application. Through the 2012 OWG Sport Selection Process, one of the following will happen:

- a. A sport will be upgraded to a Core Sport if the 2012 application demonstrates a clear commitment to making the Ontario Games an integral component of athlete, coach and official development and they meet all their commitments in the 2010 evaluation process.
- b. Maintain Optional Sport Status - continues to participate in the Ontario Games program on a Games to Games basis.
- c. Downgraded - Removed from the Ontario Games Program as an Optional Sport due to failure to fulfill their commitments based on the evaluation of their sport in 2010 and/or lack of commitment to making the Games an integral part of the Athlete, Coach and Official development going forward.

Please note: In cases where two or more “optional” sports are relatively equal in ranking but there is not enough room to allow all of them to participate in a particular Games - the following factors will be given priority consideration in determining which sport(s) are chosen over the others:

- Scope of venue requirements and host community’s capacity to meet these requirements
- Number of athletes participating from sport and host community’s capacity to accommodate (Team Size Factor) – see 4c.
- Canada Games, Olympic/Paralympic Games sport
- Demonstrated significance of Games within sport’s athlete development continuum
- Gender Equity Target – the number of male and female athletes selected to 2012 Ontario Winter Games will be equitable. Given this, among Optional sports, a lower ranked sport may be selected over a higher ranked sport in order to meet this gender equity target

New Sport

A New Sport is one that did not participate in the 2010 OWG. All New Sports will submit an application which will be reviewed by a Sport Selection Committee. Any New Sport accepted into the Games will automatically be designated as an Optional Sport with the opportunity to be upgraded to a Core Sport for the 2014 OWG. After completion of one Games cycle, the New Optional Sport will have an opportunity through evaluation and new application 2014 to be upgraded to a Core Sport.

Sport Selection Committee

The Sport Selection Committee will be comprised of five professionals working in the sport field and will meet the following criteria:

- Will consist of a Chair and 4 other members
- Will remain constant (will be the same for review of ALL OWG application submissions)
- Will consist of one representative from Sport Alliance of Ontario – Games Unit (Games Consultant for OWG will not be the representative)
- Will consist of one representative from the Ministry of Health Promotion
- Final three representatives will be selected by SAO and MHP from the sporting community with no formal involvement with the Ontario Winter Games or the PSOs eligible to apply for inclusion in the Games
- Will review and score all applications independently prior to meeting with all Sport Selection Committee Members

PSO/ MSOs must complete the application process on behalf of their sports to be eligible to participate in the 2012 Ontario Winter Games.

4. Sport Selection Criteria (40% of overall score)

The following components of sport selection criteria will be evaluated:

A. Athlete Development

Sports must indicate and demonstrate how the 2012 Ontario Winter Games is an integral component of their Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) or your existing Athlete Development Model. Sports should be proposing an age/eligibility category for next generation Provincial Team members in the “Training to Train” phase of the LTAD, or other suitable phase as justified by the PSO and approved by the Sport Selection Committee. The Sport Selection Committee and SAO reserve the right to consult a member of LTAD Expert Group for verification or confirmation. This will be shared with the sport.

B. Venues, Equipment and Sport Technical Information

PSO/ MSOs must provide details of venue requirements, equipment needs, and sport technical information for each discipline/-event being proposed for 2012 Games. Each discipline/-event for each sport will be considered independently for inclusion in the 2012 Ontario Winter Games (a separate application must be submitted for each discipline).

C. Numbers of Participants

PSO/MSOs are required to identify the minimum and ideal number of participants for their sport at the 2012 OWG. When the size limit of the Games have nearly been reached (where the size limit refers to the absolute maximum number of participants - athletes, coaches, managers and major officials), of optional sports, a lower ranked sport may be selected over a higher ranked sport in order to stay within the maximum size of the Games. **Given this, it is critical that the PSOs accurately identify the minimum acceptable and ideal team size.** The SAO signs a legal Hosting Agreement with the Host Community which binds us to not exceed the set out maximum number of participants. PSOs will not be able to reduce or increase their stated team size after selection decisions are announced. The Sport Selection Committee, in its sole discretion, may select fewer sports with larger team sizes rather than more sports with smaller team sizes.

PSO/MSOs will be required to guarantee attendance of 95% of their participant allocation once disciplines/ events participating in 2012 OWG have been confirmed. All participant numbers are subject to review by the SAO in consultation with the Ministry and Host Games Organizing Committee.

	Team Staff Female Team:	Ideal Standards	Team Staff Male Team:	Ideal Standards
Team Sports	3 Coaches/ Managers	1 Female Coach	3 Coaches/ Managers	1 Male Coach
	4 Coaches/ Managers	2 Female Team Staff (at least one coach)	4 Coaches/ Managers	2 Male Team Staff (at least one coach)
	5 Coaches/ Managers	2 Female Team Staff (at least one coach)	5 Coaches/ Managers	2 Male Team Staff (at least one coach)

Individual Sports	Team Staff Gender Ratio (Ideal)
Mixed Gender	Proportional representation of Coaches to ratio of male and female athletes participating in the sport.
Gender Specific Sport	Minimum of 50% of Team Staff (includes Coaches, Managers and Trainers) is same gender as athletes. Minimum of 30% of Coaching Staff (only certified Coaching Staff) is same gender as athletes.

7. Officials Development Criteria (10% of overall score)

- PSO/ MSOs must demonstrate their commitment to officials' development throughout the province and the role that the Ontario Games play in officials' development for the sport. For example:
 - Sports should demonstrate, to the extent possible, how the Ontario Games are used as an opportunity to train, upgrade, and/or mentor officials, and how officials participating in the Ontario Games are working towards officiating at higher levels of competition.
- PSO/MSOs must make the following a priority when selecting Officials for the Ontario Games (in order of priority):
 1. Select local Major Officials where possible.
 2. Where Major Officials from outside the region need to be select, PSO/MSOs must demonstrate that they will select a number of male and female officials that is proportional to the number of male and female athletes participating in the Games.

PSO Commitment to Games

To be eligible for inclusion in the Ontario Games, the PSO agrees to enter into a written contract (Competitions Agreement) with the Sport Alliance of Ontario and Host Community to confirm that it will fulfill its' obligations. Failure to fulfill these obligations may result in sanctions being imposed on the PSO which, in the extreme, may include the removal of the sport or discipline from the Ontario Games program (including current or future Games).

DATES OF THE GAMES

All sports selected to the Games must compete on the selected dates set out by SAO and the Host Community. No competitions will be held prior to or after the Games. If the dates of the Games are not compatible with your sport competition schedule then you will not be able to participate in the 2012 Ontario Winter Games. Dates of the Games will be set when the Host Community is announced.

APPENDIX 1

NOTE: The sports identified below include all recognized disciplines (i.e. – Hockey includes Men’s Hockey, Women’s Hockey and Sledge Hockey)

Sport	Provincial Sport Organization
5 Pin Bowling	Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association
Shooting	Ontario Council of Shooters
Alpine	Alpine Ontario
Archers	Ontario Association of Archers
Athletics	Athletics Ontario Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association Ontario Blind Sports Association Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association Ontario Amputee and Les Autres Sports Association
Badminton	Ontario Badminton Association
Ball Hockey	Ontario Ball Hockey Association
Baseball	Baseball Ontario
Basketball	Ontario Basketball Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association
Biathlon	Biathlon Ontario
Boccia	Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association
Boxing	Boxing Ontario
Canoe/Kayak	Canoe Ontario
Cricket	Ontario Cricket Association
Cross Country Ski	Cross Country Ontario
Curling	Ontario Curling Council
Cycling	Ontario Cycling Association
Disc Sports	Ontario Disc Sports Association
Diving	Dive Ontario
Equestrian	Ontario Equestrian Federation Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association
Fencing	Ontario Fencing Association
Field Hockey	Field Hockey Ontario
Figure Skating	Skate Ontario
Football	Ontario Football Alliance
Freestyle Ski	Freestyle Ski Ontario
Goalball	Ontario Blind Sports Association
Golf	Golf Association of Ontario
Gymnastics	Gymnastics Ontario
Hockey	Hockey Development Centre for Ontario
Judo	Judo Ontario
Karate	Karate Association of Ontario
Kickboxing	Kickboxing Ontario
Lacrosse	Ontario Lacrosse Association
Lawn Bowling	Ontario Lawn Bowls Association
Modern Pentathlon	Ontario Modern Pentathlon Association
Ringette	Ontario Ringette Association
Rowing	RowOntario

Sport (con't)	PSO (con't)
Rugby	Ontario Rugby Union
Sailing	Ontario Sailing Association
Snowboarding	Association of Ontario Snowboarders
Soccer	Ontario Soccer Association
Softball	Softball Ontario
Speed Skating	Ontario Speed Skating Association
Squash	Squash Ontario
Swimming	Swim Ontario
Synchronized Swimming	Synchronized Swimming Ontario
Table Tennis	Ontario Table Tennis Association
Tae Kwon Do	Ontario Tae Kwon Do Association
Tennis	Ontario Tennis Association Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association
Triathlon	Ontario Association of Triathletes
Volleyball	Ontario Volleyball Association
Water Polo	Ontario Water Polo Association Inc
Water Skiing & Wakeboarding	Water Ski and Wakeboard Ontario
Weightlifting	Ontario Weightlifting Association
Wheelchair Rugby	Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association
Wrestling	Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association

Appendix 2

2012 Ontario Winter Games – Core Sport Update

The following document must be completed by Core Sports if they are making any changes to the way the Ontario Winter Games fit into their LTAD or existing Athlete Development Model from their original application submission for the 2010 Ontario Winter Games.

Sport Selection Criteria

Please identify any changes to your LTAD or Athlete Development Model, Sport Technical Package and Number of Participants IS THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS NOT IN THE SPORT TECHNICAL PACKAGE?.
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Outline how the changes will enhance or maintain how your sport uses the Ontario Games.

Athlete Criteria

Please identify any changes to your membership numbers in the age category or classification of the athletes participating in the Games?
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Outline how the changes will enhance or maintain how your sport uses the Ontario Games.

Coach Development

Please identify any changes to your Coach Development Model, level of coaching certification, training and mentoring programs for coaches.
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Outline how the changes will enhance or maintain how your sport uses the Ontario Games.

Official Development

Please identify any changes to your Official Development model, level of official, training and mentoring programs for coaches.

Outline how the changes will enhance or maintain how your sport uses the Ontario Games.

Additional Comments:

(Please provide any additional comments or information that would be beneficial for your Games Consultant to know about your sport in the Ontario Games.