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TECHNICAL PACKAGE

VOLLEYBALL

Sport: Volleyball

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1. Introduction

Technical Packages are critical guiding documents that assist Host Societies as they coordinate all sport competition (including competition formats, rules and procedures) and Mission Teams as they coordinate their teams' participation (including athlete eligibility, categories and team composition). Every Games' Host Society and Participating Unit's Mission Team, Coaches and Managers have an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. Should a need for clarification arise, questions should be directed through the Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review and response by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) Technical Director and Technical Coordinator.

2. Rules

This competition will be conducted under the rules of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) as published on January 1 of the year of the Games, except as modified by the AWGIC (Section 10). The Host Society must advise Chefs on sanctioning and any related matters that might affect their teams.

3. Sanction

The competition will be conducted under the rules and sanction of FIVB as published on January 1 of the year of the Games, unless otherwise approved by the AWGIC. Where possible, the Host Society should explore sanctioning under their jurisdiction's sport governing body (e.g., Volleyball Canada). Should a competition be granted sanction, the Host Society will communicate said sanction to all Participating Units, including the conditions of the sanction that may or may not differ from the International Federation's (IFs) rules and sanction.

4. Participants

Each Participating Unit may enter a team comprised of a maximum of ten (10) players and two (2) coaches per team as follows:

Athletes

Females born in 2004 or later	-	10
Males born in 2004 or later	-	10

All registered athletes must intend to dress in at least one game.

Note: Units can register Participants within any of the eligible birth years, at the discretion of their Chef de Mission. Units are not obligated to register Participants within the youngest or oldest age category. Where no minimum age category is listed, Chefs de Mission are responsible for determining an appropriate minimum age for their Unit's Participants, with consideration for Eligibility and Competition structure (as outlined in the Technical Package) and the AWGIC's value of meaningful competition.

Staff

Coaches	-	4
Support Staff	-	0

If qualified coaches are available - or otherwise approved by the AWGIC Technical Director and Technical Coordinator - one coach must be female and one male. If scheduling permits, and at the discretion of the Chef de Mission, the coach from the male or female category can assist the other gender category coach during all competitions. Units must ensure that coaches are screened and trained in accordance with their jurisdiction's coaching standards.

5. Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games, an athlete shall:

1. Be a "Developing Athlete"
    1. A Developing Athlete is one who has not represented one's nation in international competition (outside of an Arctic Winter Games) in the sport they are competing in.
        1. An athlete who has competed for one's club in international competition (not representing one's nation) is considered a developing athlete;
        2. An athlete who is a member of one's national team, but has not represented one's nation in international competition is considered a developing athlete.

Athletes eligible for the younger age category may compete in the older age category at the discretion of their Chef de Mission. Should they choose to do so, the athlete may only compete in the older age category for all events. Requests to have an athlete compete in an older age category must be submitted to the AWGIC Technical Director

and Technical Coordinator a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the Games.

See Appendix A for additional eligibility requirements.

6. Competition

Format

The competition shall take place abiding by the FIVB Official Rules, as published on January 1 of the year of the Games.

Technical Timeouts will not be used; as a result, each team will be allowed two timeouts of 60 seconds per set.

Events

a. Tournament Competition
   - Competition may be conducted in single or double round robin format at the discretion of the Host Society and as approved by the AWGIC. Medal rounds (playoffs) will be conducted as best of five (5) matches.
   - Final placement from the previous Arctic Winter Games will be used to determine the initial seeding of teams.

Schedule

The Host Society shall distribute a first draft of the Master Sport Schedule - a detailed multi-sport schedule, including: competitions, practices/training, pre-Games Coach/Manager meetings and all technical meetings - to the AWGIC and each Participating Unit's Chef de Mission for review no later than 1 year (12 months) prior to the commencement of the Games (Opening Ceremony). The Master Sport Schedule becomes "final" three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Games, unless otherwise approved by the AWGIC. A final review and approval of the Master Sport Schedule must be conducted by the AWGIC Technical Director prior to being considered "final".

The Master Sport Schedule is developed by the Host Society in consultation with the Sport Vice President, Sport Chairs and the AWGIC as required. The sport schedule is developed using the Sport Technical Packages and by reviewing the sport schedules from previous Games.

The Host Society shall:
- Create a process for stakeholders to provide input and request changes to the schedule;
- Revise and update the Master Sport Schedule, redistributing updated versions as required on an ongoing basis between 12 months pre-Games and the end of the Games;
- Refer to the AWGIC Staging Manual to view scheduling and draw options.

The Host Society, to the best of their ability shall:
- Refrain from scheduling any competition or practice/training within three (3) hours of the beginning of the Opening Ceremony;
- Respect the timing required for participant feeding, transportation and marshalling for opening and closing ceremonies;
- Ensure that practice/training during the first day of the Games reflects the travel realities of Participating Units (e.g., Units with the least amount of travel should be scheduled to practice/train and/or compete first upon arrival in the Host jurisdiction, where Units with the most travel should practice/train and/or compete last);
- Refrain from scheduling overlapping play among male/female teams from the same Participating Units.

7. Medals

Medals shall be awarded to the top three teams according to their ranking following medal rounds:
- Gold - 24
- Silver - 24
- Bronze - 24

One medal shall be awarded to each athlete and coach (e.g., 12 medals per team).

8. Equipment

A player's equipment consists of a jersey, shorts, socks (the uniform) and sport shoes.

9. Competition Uniform

The colour and design for the uniform must be consistent for the team (except for the Libero). When possible, shoes should be light and pliable with rubber or composite soles without heels. Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 20. Refer to details surrounding team colours as identified in the AWGIC Staging Manual.

10. Registration

All Participants (athletes, coaches, managers and support staff) must be registered in the Arctic Winter Games electronic registration system (GEMS.pro) no later than 14 days prior to the Opening Ceremony.

11. Protests & Appeals

Field of Play disputes should be managed in accordance with the AWGIC Field of Play conduct Policy and Protest Procedure and each International Federation's (IFs) rules.

12. Arctic Winter Games Rule Modifications

a. The Libero may be re-designated after each set;
b. FIVB tie breaking rules and procedures should be applied;
c. Should any team miss a match, they will forfeit said match, however, will be allowed to continue in the preliminary round of the tournament. The match results will be scored 'X' Games to 0 ('X' being the minimum number of Games required to win a match). The score for each game in these matches will be recorded as 'Y' Points to 0 ('Y' being the minimum number of points required to win a game).

13. Appendix A

AWGP1 ATHLETE AND CULTURAL PERFORMER ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Preamble:
The Arctic Winter Games combine athletic competition, cultural exchange and social interaction among northern contingents. Arctic Winter Games athletic competitions feature sports that enjoy worldwide popularity and sports unique to the north. The AWG Cultural Program offers opportunities for northern artists to perform on a larger stage to diverse audiences. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee is responsible for providing direction and guidance to contingents to ensure meaningful competition and a diverse cultural program in the Arctic Winter Games Program.

Purpose: This policy provides direction and guidance to the participating contingents when selecting athletes and cultural participants for their teams.

1. To be eligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games, an athlete shall:
    a. be a "Developing Athlete" as described in the Glossary of Terms and not have been a member of a national team in the sport in which they are competing, nor competed in, nor have been selected for an international competition as a representative of their country in the sport within one (1) year of the opening date of the Games (sports without national sport governing bodies are exempt from this rule)
    b. compete in one sport only c) meet individual sport requirements as per the current technical package.

2. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, a Contingent Cultural performer shall comply with the eligibility requirements included in the current Cultural Technical Package.

3. To be eligible to participate in the Arctic Winter Games, all Contingent Athletes and Cultural performers shall:
    a. be a resident of Yukon, Northwest Territories, Alberta North (north of 55 degrees), Greenland, Alaska, Nunavut or any other participating Contingent/Guest Contingent approved by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC). Current approved Guest Contingents

are Nunavik (Quebec, Canada), Yamal-Nenets (Russia)*, Sapmi (Finland/Norway/Sweden);

b. have been a continuous resident of the participating Contingent for six (6) months prior to the opening day of the Games;
c. comply with all other Arctic Winter Games rules and regulations as outlined in the Arctic Winter Games Staging Manual, Arctic Winter Games Technical Packages or other publications issued by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee;
d. comply with all rules and regulations of their Contingent.

NOTE #1.1: 'Resident' means a person who makes their permanent home in a jurisdiction and includes someone who may be temporarily absent from the jurisdiction but who maintains a close connection with the jurisdiction and has the intention of returning to the jurisdiction after a temporary absence. An individual leaving a jurisdiction with no intention of returning continues to be considered a resident of that jurisdiction up to 90 days after leaving and may participate if the first day of the Games falls within that 90-day period.

NOTE #1.2: A resident of a participating Contingent who is attending school outside the Contingent is deemed to be a continuous resident of their Contingent and is eligible to compete for their residence Contingent or the Contingent in which they are attending school (if a participating Contingent) but not both.

NOTE #1.3: An individual who is a resident of a jurisdiction not eligible to compete at the Games; but who lives in a participating jurisdiction as a student, or who is there on a temporary work visa, or who is otherwise temporarily living in a participating jurisdiction; is not considered a resident of the participating jurisdiction and is therefore ineligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games.

NOTE #1.4: Individual Contingents may impose additional requirements for eligibility for their team provided they do not contravene the intent of the AWG International Committee policies.

* The Arctic Winter Games International Committee has suspended Yamal, Russia, with immediate effect, following the attacks unfolding in Ukraine in a March 1, 2022 decision.