



# 2021 CSAF Alternative Competition Format

## Responsibilities of the CSAF

- i) A sanctioning committee of 3 or 5 regional members will review applications for games.
- ii) A majority approval is necessary for games to be sanctioned and for results to be eligible for the database and/or records.
- iii) Sanctioning requests are to be reviewed in a timely manner to encourage successful planning and execution of the events in question.
- iv) To create, if feasible, an email address specifically for the purpose of evaluating requests in as timely a manner as possible. EMAIL: [csafgames@outlook.com](mailto:csafgames@outlook.com)
- v) Prior to 2020-2021, a 'Highland Gathering' was defined as a cultural event with Piping and Drumming, Highland Dancing and Heavy Events. These events have always been eligible for entry into the CSAF database.  
Should a Highland Gathering take place in the 2021 season (adhering to the previously set CSAF regulations for what constitutes a Highland Games while adhering to the provincial and/or regional health guidelines) an application is not necessary and the results shall be admissible into the database.

## Sanctioning Application Requirements for 2021 Games

It is solely the responsibility of the Applicant to verify with their regional/provincial Health Authority that any/all applications and/or guidelines are being submitted/followed. The CSAF shall NOT, in any way, be held responsible for individual(s) and/or their event(s) being reported and/or penalized for violating the rules/laws/guidelines set in place to protect public health in their province or region.

### **1. Applicant**

For the duration of the 2021 CSAF season, the Applicant shall be considered to assume the roles and responsibilities of the AD for the event. It is solely the responsibility of the Applicant to see that the conditions for approval are met.

### **2. Minimum Time to Apply & Date of the Competition**

- i) A sanctioning request must be submitted to the CSAF for review no less than **14 days** prior to the anticipated date of the competition.
- ii) Requests shall be submitted via email to the CSAF: [csafgames@outlook.com](mailto:csafgames@outlook.com)
- iii) Competition Date(s) may be flexible; in the event of inclement weather or imposed travel restrictions a Games may be delayed up to **14 days** from the original competition date. If the competition takes place after the 14 day period, any results shall be considered null and void.
- iv) Re-application for a new date on a previously approved event will, however, be approved in the order they are received.



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### 3. Games Participants

- i) A Games must have at least five anticipated competitors to be considered for sanctioning, and **their names must be included in the application.**
  - a) Athlete class minimums of 3 competitors are regionally difficult to accommodate at the best of times and will not apply for the 2021 CSAF season.
- ii) Extenuating circumstances that prevent one or more athletes from attending will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis.

### 4. Judging

- i) The effort should be made by the organizing individual(s) to secure a dedicated judge, as with pre-Covid games. However, the CSAF recognizes the logistical challenges presented in 2021.
- ii) In the event that there is not a suitable dedicated judge available, athletes may judge themselves with the following stipulations:
  - a) A minimum flight number of **3** athletes shall be required for a competition to be considered valid, meaning that if there are **less than 6 athletes, a rotating athlete-judge will be necessary.**
  - b) Rotating athlete-judges shall NOT judge in an event where they are throwing, and as such, will be omitted from the scoresheet on said events. The only exceptions to this rule shall be the Weight Over Bar and/or Sheaf.
  - c) Athletes with limited caber experience should not be selected to judge the caber, but should use the opportunity to practice and learn.
  - d) The judge for all events shall be recorded and be submitted to the CSAF for verification at the conclusion of the event. Results where no judge is recorded will be considered null and void, and shall not be eligible for the database. It is solely the responsibility of the applicant to submit this information.

#### **For Example:**

If there are less than 6 athletes, a rotating judge athlete is required.

With a field of athletes greater than 6, the athletes could be split into flights and have a dedicated judge for that flight, for example:

Athletes A-B-C-D are judged for the day by Athlete F.

Athletes F-G-H-I are judged for the day by Athlete A.

**\*\*In such a situation, in order to avoid inconsistencies there **should not** be a rotating judge for every event.**



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### 5. Equipment

Greater scrutiny will be placed on applicants with little to no experience organizing a competition, particularly in the area of supplying equipment. The weighing and measuring of implements is arguably the single most important aspect of the validity of the competition. Where Games have historically essentially been run on the premise of the honesty and integrity of the ADs responsible for them, more faith shall be extended to individuals who have experience in this area.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify the competition equipment prior to the competition, and in the event of the need to apply for a Canadian Record.

### 6. Geographical & Historical Representation

- i) In the spirit of fair participation in this challenging 2021 season, the committee has decided that an effort will be made to sanction a number up to, but not exceeding an equal number of Games during the 2021 season as there historically was in a pre-Covid province or region.

Applications for sanctioning shall face increasing scrutiny in the following order:

- a) **Lowest Scrutiny:** ADs and/or athletes previously directly associated with a competition and applying to host a competition related to that historical event, preferably on the same historical date and/or location.
- b) **Medium Scrutiny:** Individuals with previous AD experience applying to host an event not directly associated with a historical Games; perhaps in a different community and/or on a different date, essentially 'taking the place of' said event.
- c) **High Scrutiny:** Non-directly associated individuals with little to no AD experience applying to host a competition 'in place of' that historical event.

\*\*There shall be open communication in situations **b)** and **c)** to avoid conflicts within the CSAF community. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify with the historical individual/organization that no conflict exists in the planning of their event. The sanctioning committee reserves the right to verify that no such conflict exists, and to deny applications where no aforementioned efforts have been made.

For example: If the AD for Antigonish would like to run an event in New Glasgow, a community 30 mins away. Said AD shall contact the historical New Glasgow AD and discuss this possibility and any conflicts that may arise.

- d) **Highest Scrutiny:** Individuals with little to no AD experience applying to host a competition not directly associated with a historical Games; perhaps in a different community and/or on a different date. Essentially, a new AD hosting a new games.



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### **Application Exemplar**

Date of Submission: March 18, 2021

Name of Applicant/Association: Matt Doherty, Antigonish Highland Society

Anticipated Date of Event: Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Location of Event: Columbus Field, Antigonish

Anticipated number of participants: 8-Danny Frame, Ryan Kennedy, Matt Doherty, Kevin and Adena Robinson, Liz MacDonald, Drew Garvie, Kaitlyn Clarke

Judging for the Event: Flight judging, unless a judge can be secured for the event.

Associated with a historical Event: Yes

Approval of historical organizers obtained: Yes, Antigonish Highland Society

Equipment: Stones, weights, hammers, cabers and standards are to be supplied from Matt Doherty and the Antigonish Highland Society as in years previous for the Antigonish Highland Games.

Other Details Relating to the Application:

The Antigonish Highland Society is organizing a 'Highland Cultural Week' in July.

Many details are yet to be solidified, but there will be a community picnic of some sort on Columbus field and we have the go-ahead to throw on the field for the day for the entertainment of the people in attendance. Safety for all competitors and spectators will be our first priority.

All applications must be emailed to:  
**[csafgames@outlook.com](mailto:csafgames@outlook.com)**