



Games' Application Form – How to

The games' application form has evolved to become an online document allowing infinite editing from the owner's personal computer. Each section is closely matched to a scoring template to optimize accuracy and objectivity. This process fosters a transparent method for the CASEM Games Application Committee to assign proper scores to applicants applying for selection as part of Canadian Health and Science teams for major games.

It is imperative for each candidate building their personal application document to enter the specific information in the correct and appropriate sections for the experience to be recorded.

This document will provide some details for each individual section of the application form. Please refer to this document if you are unsure of where to enter your sports medicine experiences.

One rule applicable to all sections: If there is a box to free type the "Year", please type in *the year* and not your role, the city, the country or any other information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of the Games Application Committee directly.

Section 1: Name of the Event

This is self-explanatory

Section 2: Position applied for

This is also self-explanatory.

Section 3: Personal Information

This is also an intuitive section. Please be honest. Are you able to take a full history, perform a physical examination and provide specific unambiguous instructions for management to a patient in the language purported?

Section 4: CASEM Diploma Sport Medicine

If you have not received your Diploma of Sport and Exercise Medicine from CASEM, you can only apply to Canada Games and Jeux de la Francophonie. Your application will not be evaluated for any other game.

Do not send your application for an event until you have the Diploma for games where this qualification is required.

Section 5: Event Coverage

This is where things get muddled. Please respect the title of each subsection, as this provides an over-arching description of the type and manner of experience that should be recorded in each section.

1. International Multi-sport events

This section is to record your experience at multi-sports, multiple days events on the international scale. An international multi-sport game is one where multiple countries compete in multiple sports at the same event that is held over multiple days. This includes the Olympic, Paralympic, Commonwealth, PanAmerican, Para PanAmerican, FISU and Jeux de la Francophonie games.

A. Identification of your experience at international multisport games is made easier by the drop-down menu to identify which event(s) you may have experienced. If you feel you have experience in an international multisport game that is not listed in the drop-down menu, you should identify this in the "Other" game section of the form, i.e: Macabee, CISM, Police Games, Masters Games, Invictus Games etc. By seeing the events listed, one can appreciate what type of events should be listed here in the "other" section.

Do not list events that may be 'international' in the scope of participation but are one-day events like a triathlon.

B. There is a drop-down menu for the position as well. The scoring process of your experience considers the scope of work required of you at the Games and the complexity of the role required of you. For example, if you were part of the Canadian Health Science Team for the Vancouver Games in 2010, you were a "Core Team Member". If you were in Vancouver volunteering your time to provide medical services, you were "Host City, Venue Physician".

C. Identify each event individually. DO NOT note "2004, 2008 and 2012". Add every event in a new/single line entry using the "+" box to add events.

Do not hesitate to add comments about your services at those events in the comments box, and to explain or expand the description of your role at the event. We understand it is somewhat tedious but listing each event individually creates a better manner for the reviewers to evaluate your experience and correctly score the application.

Please do not use the "Comments" section to detail all the multiple years you have been at an Olympic Game for example. List each of them individually.

2. National / Provincial Multi-sport events

This section is limited to Canada Summer and Winter Games and Provincial Summer and Winter Games.

3. International Travel with Teams

This section is to list your experience travelling with sports teams to provide medical care **for events outside of Canada.**

Be detailed: you need to identify the team and the event, the city /country, the year of your involvement. For example: Under 19 men's soccer team, training camp, Mexico City, 2014.

- If you are part of the medical team for a NSF and are the dedicated MD working a training camp in Banff, this is not indicated here, as it is not an international (crossing borders) travel experience.

- If you are the team physician for Skate Canada and attend an International competition in Halifax, it should NOT be recorded here. Rather that experience is recorded as part of medical team working with a National Sport Federation (NSF)

Please add comments. Remember these comments are only typed in once and are saved indefinitely.

4. National / Provincial Single Sport - Multi-day events

This section records your experience providing medical care to a single sport event that occurs over two or more days: Skate Canada and Rogers Cup Women's tennis events are perfect examples. Athletics competitions are always confusing. It is one event, takes place over a few days but has "various sports" within its structure. This is still recorded as a single sport multi-day event.

Covering the CIS basketball final game or the Vanier Cup in football is only a single event although many games led to the final. If you are involved in the final championship day, it is not recorded or entered in this section. This would be recorded in the section of "Single Sport – Single day".

5. National / Provincial Single Sport – Single day events

This is where all the various local events are recorded: marathon, triathlon, USport national championships or one game in an IIHF Junior hockey championship.

The key feature here is to spend the time to record each of the experiences with individual entries. Do not enter: "National Capital Marathon...2002 – 2016". We recognize it is onerous but allow one entry/event per box. Add comments as required as they can be helpful to detail your involvement.

6. Team coverage: Elite

This section has been limited to major professional organizations: NHL, CFL, NBA and MLB. We add all National Sport Federations of the Paralympic and Olympic groups.

There are various professional or semi-professional organizations within the national and provincial levels. Boxing, basketball and hockey leagues operate as professional or semi-professional organizations. These secondary sports groups should be scored in the next section.

We also ask for honesty. We understand the desire to emphasize one's experience but if, for example, you have been helping cover one game for one of the CFL teams, it is difficult to assign the same responsibility as the other MD who has been on the sidelines for all the games. This is where we encourage comments to detail the nature and extent of your involvement.

Another element needs clarification. If you work in a clinic where you have patients who are members of a professional or NSF team as listed above, that is not considered being part of the "core medical team". This form is meant to detail your experience 'in the field' providing sport medicine care, not your clinical work. If you are the regular family physician and sport physician for a singular athlete member of an NSF, you are not identified as "MD part of the medical team".

7. Team coverage: High Performance

USport requires a MD to be in attendance for the following four sports: hockey, football, rugby and wrestling.

This is why we are asking to record experience involving only those four sports here.

Involvement as part of the medical staff of Canadian Hockey Leagues (for example OHL, LHJMQ and WHL) is entered here.

We have decided that coverage of performing arts events like ballet performances should not be recorded.

Clinical work in clinics in various schools/sport academies including performing arts schools, colleges, universities and even high performance centers like the Canadian Sport Institutes are considered regular clinical work, not “team coverages”. Please DO NOT record your clinical work history in this form.

Comments on your involvement are also highly encouraged.

8. Team coverage: Developmental

This is where your involvement with all other varsity sports is entered. All the work with various levels of hockey from local teams, Junior B and high school teams are also entered here.

A special mention is directed at candidates from recognized sports medicine Fellowships. As part of the Fellowship requirements, you will be likely involved in many varsity sports. This is very different than being a regular MD part of the medical staff of a team. It is inconceivable to identify you are part of the “medical staff for women and men’s basketball, women and men’s hockey, women and men’s rugby and women and men’ badminton teams”, especially if you have identified two different Universities. Many fellows will have, as part of their fellowship requirement and experience, the responsibility of being the main physician for one team. This should be indicated here.

At the time of this writing, we are evaluating the scores appropriate to associate with varsity sport teamwork as a fellow.

Section 6: ATLS and BCLS

Self explanatory

Section 7: Training Experience

Self explanatory

Section 8: Number of years as a Sport Medicine Physician

You might have been an MD for 10 years but have been dedicating part of your practice specifically to sports and exercise medicine for the last 5. We are interested to know the years of practice as a SMD. That time may coincide with receiving Diploma of Sport Medicine.

Section 9: Do you possess special skills or experience that would apply to this event

We added this section to allow special individualized comments to offer to the authorities asking for a list of CASEM physicians to gain a better understanding of your experience and qualifications. For example, this could be having lived in the country where the Games take place or special work involvement in rehab facilities when applying for a parasport event. Many indicate they have “gained many skills as part of multiple games involvement” or “their work in an emergency department and with many different sports” makes them better suited to be part of the team, but the Games Application Committee does not consider this valid. These qualifications are already identified in your experience details in the main application and do not need to be reiterated here.

Section 10: Specialty courses

This is self explanatory.

We trust the above information allows for seamless entries for all sections leading to effective and efficient scoring by the reviewing panel from the Games Application Committee.

Please direct all questions and concerns to the Chair of the Games Application Committee.

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