Only official Special Olympics Manitoba medals shall be used at Provincial Games/Championships.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Awards shall be presented to athletes within each division in a ceremony, which highlights their achievements.

Athletes or teams placing first through third within a division shall be awarded a medal. *Fourth to eighth place ribbons shall not be given at Provincial Games/Championships.*

If a National/Provincial Sport Federation does not have a policy on awarding placement in case of a tie the following shall apply:

a. In the case of a tie, each athlete or team who has achieved the same result shall receive the award for the highest place. Athletes or teams who follow shall receive the appropriate award for their order of finish (e.g. two athletes who tie for third shall both receive recognition for third place. The next athlete who crosses the finish line will receive recognition for fifth place).

b. The athletes who have been judged first, second and third shall stand in their official uniforms, on the stand with the first place winner slightly above the second who is on his right and third who is on his left. The highest award is presented first and awards then progress in descending order to the lowest award.

c. When only one athlete is entered in an event, the athlete would compete against self. Medals would be awarded as follows: Gold – final performance is better than the seeded time; Silver – final performance is the same as or less than the seed performance by 10%; Bronze – final performance is less than the seed performance by 11 – 25%.

d. In addition to medals, athletes may receive special recognition for significant accomplishments (e.g. high scratch, most improved athlete, sportsmanship) following the official awards ceremony.

e. All athletes at a competition may be presented with a memento in recognition of their attendance at that event. These mementoes, however, shall not be similar to the competitive awards presented to the athletes at the event.

TEAM SPORTS:

The official Special Olympics Canada team sports are floor hockey, soccer, softball and curling.

All athletes shall also receive gold, silver or bronze medals, appropriate to their placement.