ATHLETICS MANITOBA

TRACK AND FIELD / ROAD RUNNING / CROSS COUNTRY

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North America's Premier Indoor High School Track and Field Event

Each year a small group of Manitoban athletes and a coach are selected to travel to the Simplot Games at Idaho State University.

The 46th annual Simplot Games will be held **February 19-21, 2026,** at Idaho State University's Holt Arena. The J.R. Simplot Company-sponsored event has become one of the nation's premier high school indoor track and field events since it was first held in 1979.

Details and any restrictions around US travel will be addressed with those athletes who are selected.

ATHLETES - In order to be considered for selection you must first submit your application to execdirector@athleticsmanitoba.com.

Applications are due by Friday, December 5th 2025 and must include a letter to the selection committee as well as an athletic/extra-curricular resume.

The letter should be well formatted and easy to read. It should reveal interesting things about the applicant and help the selection committee gain an overall understanding of where the applicant is coming from. The letter must primarily outline why you feel that you would be an ideal candidate for the program and an honest assessment of how you would benefit from the opportunity.

Additional components could include,

- What would the opportunity mean to you?
- What would you like to learn?
- How would it help you improve as an athlete?
- What challenges have you faced/overcome?
- What makes you a strong candidate to represent your community? (Your town, city, Province?)
  - Community/extracurricular involvement
  - Leadership experience
- How might you share this experience with your community upon your return?

The athletic/extra-curricular resume should highlight outstanding performances and demonstrate any substantial improvements in performance over the years. The resume should also outline other sport participation, and extra-curricular, volunteer or leadership activities.

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SELECTION CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS

It is important that all applicants understand that team selections are NOT based solely on past athletic performance. The selection committee will consider ALL of the following elements:

- Quality and content of individual application letter
- Past individual athletic performance and individual medal potential
- Balance of rural and city representation on the final team
- A variety of different event group representation on the final team
- A variety of different club representation on the final team
- Combination of male and female representation on the final team

All applicants must be members in good standing with Athletics Manitoba.

NOTE: There is no guaranteed number of spots on the team, as this fluctuates annually based on funding and sponsorship levels.

The selection committee will be formed once applications have been received in order to ensure un-biased and fair representation. Members will include representatives from the clubs, as well as the Athletics MB board of directors and a member of the AM office staff.

"It is our vision to turn over a world to our children and grandchildren that is better than we found it."
– Scott Simplot, Chairman of the Simplot Company Board of Directors and son of company founder, J.R. Simplot

Although the 2,000 athletes from 20 different states, Canada, Mexico and Australia who travel to Pocatello come to shine under Holt Arena's bright lights, the Simplot Games weekend itself is about more than just standing atop a podium.

Past competitors have had the opportunity to mingle with Olympic legends like Dick Fosbury, our Simplot Games chairman, Andre Phillips, Stacy Dragila, and Willie Banks. The Games also offers recognition for everyone with the Parade of Athletes, a truly Olympic event.

The Simplot Games is unique because it is an open meet, which means athletes do not need a certain qualifying time or distance to be able to compete. Everyone is welcome at the Games, and this allows high school athletes from all over the chance to compete and have fun. It truly makes Simplot Games an extraordinary experience for everyone.

The Games are more than a track meet. They have become a melting pot of young, aspiring individuals and dedicated business people and volunteers who grow, learn, and improve while coming together in the spirit of competition.