

CANADA 55+ GAMES MINIMUM VENUE REQUIREMENTS

Event	Minimum Requirements	To Accommodate (minimum #)
Games Time Welcome Centre (Headquarters - HQ)	A large enough space/venue to be a central gathering place for everyone for the duration of the Games. To include information tables for registration, event schedules/results, transportation, entertainment/tours and/or other Games information.	100's “Coming / Going”
MANDATORY:		
8 – Ball	8 tables required, table size 4” x 8’, need good lighting over tables. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	30
Bowling: 5 – Pin, Candlepin, Duckpin	Minimum 12-14 lanes – could be in 2 venues. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	110
Bridge: Contract, Duplicate	Space to accommodate two rooms – one for Contract Bridge and one for Duplicate Bridge – could be at the same venue, 10 – 12 standard 30x30” card tables, bright lighting is important, wheelchair accessible. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	40 20
Cribbage	12 – 15 standard 30x30” card tables, bright lighting is important, wheelchair accessible. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	50
Darts	Space for 8-10 boards, fixed at a height of 5’ from centre point to the floor, throwing line should be 7’ 91/4” from the face of the board, adjacent boards should have at least 10’ between centre spots, bright lighting is important. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	30
Floor Shuffleboard	Space for 6 courts, standard playing court measures 6’ W x 52’ L, playing area measures 39’ long from baseline to baseline, discs supplied. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	36
Golf	One 18 hole course will be required for two days, use of shared power carts for all participants. Adequate parking.	80
Ice Curling	Venue to accommodate minimum 8 sheets of ice – could be in 2 venues. Must have an expert draw master. (Try to avoid evening curling after 6 pm if at all possible.) Adequate parking and room for spectators.	140

Ice Hockey	4 regulation size hockey rinks – one for each age category. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	400/300 (NB)
Pickleball	Minimum of 8 courts - could be in 2 venues. court dimensions are identical to a doubles badminton court – 20' W x 44' L, net is hung 36" at the ends & 34" in the middle, a non-volley zone extends 7', a backspace minimum of 18' & side space of 12'. Prefer indoor play if at all possible. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	60
Scrabble	8-10 standard 30x30" card tables, bright lighting is important. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	20
Slo-Pitch	5-6 diamonds with grass infields preferred with a radius distance of 275-300', fields should be fenced in, bases will be 65' apart, pitching distance is 50-65'. Venue to include umpire change rooms, male and female washrooms, scoreboards and team dugouts / seating. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	150
Swimming	Minimum 6 lane 25 meter indoor pool, shallow end 1.2 meters, must accommodate starting blocks. Venue to include at least 2 change rooms with showers, officials' room, marshalling area and public address system. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	50
Tennis	Minimum of 6-8 courts, playing surface size 36' W x 78' L, a backspace minimum of 18' and side space of 12', preferred playing surface is Plexipave or equivalent. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	40
Track & Field	6 or 8 lane certified 400 meter rubberized track surface preferred, approved long and triple jump pits, space for throwing events – shot put, discus and secure javelin area, public address system, competition warm-up area, officials room. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	70
OPTIONAL:		
Badminton	Gymnasium (s) with a minimum of 10 courts: 20' x 44' (6.1m x 13.4m) for each court. A minimum of 3' and maximum of 5' of clearance should surround each entire court. Lines on the floor should be marked in white or yellow and be 40mm wide. Hardwood floor with standard holes in floor for nets. Stage or other adjacent area for officials and draw desk (10' x 10') Ceiling height should be between 20' and 30'. Ceiling and walls preferably green in color; grey or blue are also acceptable. Outside windows need to be covered; lights are not to hang below 20' above the height of the court. Temperature of gym should be between 60 – 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	40

Bocce	Space for at least 4 regulation size courts.	40
Carpet Bowling	Space for 12 – 16 carpets; carpets are 30' x 6'. There should be space to walk between carpets. Floor surface must be level; can be concrete or hardwood floors, some linoleum acceptable. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	30
Cycling	Adequate space for a staging/starting area for both events: Time Trial – 10 & 40 kms, Road Race – min. 15 - max. 60 kms. Held on a loop or a straight “there and back” course. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	20
Floor Curling	Space for a minimum of 6 rinks; rinks are 36' long & 8' wide with a minimum of 4' between rinks. Floor surface of hardwood, linoleum, well laid tile or smooth cement floors. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	30
Horseshoes	Minimum of 6 pits to accommodate 30' & 40' distances. Pits should run north & south outdoors. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	10
Lawn Bowls	Space for a minimum of 4 regulation size greens. Clubhouse. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	20
Stick Curling	Venue to accommodate 8 sheets of ice – could be in 2 venues. (Try to avoid evening curling after 6pm if at all possible.) Adequate parking and room for spectators.	Unknown
Table Tennis	Gymnasium or other large room to accommodate a minimum of 10 regulation size tables: 12 meters long, 6 meters wide by 4 meters high. Lights must be at least 4 meters above the floor and provide 60 foot candles of power at the playing surface. A public address system is a bonus. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	20
Washer Toss	Minimum of 4 pits to accommodate boxes being placed 20' apart. Boxes are standard 15” Flower Shop boxes. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	10
Whist	12 standard size card tables, bright lighting is important. Adequate parking and room for spectators.	40

General to ALL Events:

Consider the following when planning and preparing venues for the Canada 55+ Games:

- accessibility / cleanliness
- washroom facilities close by
- drinking water available / shade at outdoor events
- clear signage (venue name, events hosted, washrooms, check-in desk, etc)
- posted rules, scoreboards and results
- seating for participants, scorekeepers and spectators