



WIG Data Protection Framework

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1. Preamble: The **World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG)** recognizes that personal data and indigenous cultural information are deeply interconnected with identity, dignity, and community rights. In the course of organizing global indigenous sporting events, research initiatives, and institutional collaborations, WIG processes various forms of personal and community data. This framework establishes a **comprehensive governance structure** to ensure that all data is handled in a **lawful, ethical, secure, and culturally respectful manner**, aligning with both international legal standards and indigenous values.

2. Objectives: The objectives of this framework are to:

- Establish a **structured data governance system** within WIG
- Protect **individual privacy and indigenous community rights**
- Ensure **lawful processing** of personal and sensitive data
- Promote **trust, transparency, and accountability**
- Prevent **data misuse, unauthorized disclosure, and exploitation**
- Integrate **Indigenous Data Sovereignty principles** into operations

3. Institutional Context: WIG operates in a **multi-dimensional global environment**, including:

- Indigenous sports and cultural preservation
- Academic research and documentation
- International collaborations and advocacy
- Digital platforms and global event management

These operations involve **cross-border data flows**, multicultural participation, and sensitive indigenous knowledge systems, making **data protection a critical institutional responsibility**.

4. Legal and Regulatory Alignment: This framework aligns with globally recognized standards, including:

- **General Data Protection Regulation**
- **Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023**
- **OECD Privacy Guidelines**
- **UN frameworks on indigenous rights and cultural protection**

Where conflicts arise, WIG adopts the **higher standard of protection**.

5. Governance Structure

5.1 Data Protection Authority within WIG: WIG shall establish an internal **Data Protection Governance Unit (DPGU)** responsible for:

- Policy implementation
- Monitoring compliance
- Managing risks and incidents
- Coordinating with legal and external stakeholders

5.2 Data Protection Officer (DPO): A designated DPO shall:

- Oversee compliance
- Advise on legal obligations
- Conduct audits
- Act as a contact point for grievances

5.3 Roles and Responsibilities

- **Management:** Strategic oversight
- **Staff & Volunteers:** Compliance with policies
- **Partners:** Contractual adherence to WIG standards

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6. Scope of Application: This framework applies to:

- All WIG programs, events, and initiatives
- All digital and physical data systems
- All personnel, partners, and affiliates
- All personal, sensitive, and community data processed globally

7. Categories of Data Processed

7.1 Personal Data

- Name, age, gender, contact details
- Nationality and identification information

7.2 Sensitive Personal Data

- Indigenous identity or tribal affiliation
- Health or fitness-related data
- Biometric or visual media (photos/videos)

7.3 Community and Cultural Data

- Traditional knowledge and practices
- Cultural expressions and rituals
- Indigenous games documentation

8. Lawful Basis for Processing: WIG processes data based on:

- **Explicit Consent**
- **Legitimate Institutional Interest**
- **Legal Obligations**
- **Public Interest (Cultural Preservation & Education)**

Special care is taken when processing **sensitive or indigenous data**.

9. Core Data Protection Principles

9.1 Lawfulness, Fairness, Transparency: Clear communication and ethical handling of data

9.2 Purpose Limitation: No secondary use without additional consent

9.3 Data Minimization: Only essential data is collected

9.4 Accuracy: Regular updates and correction mechanisms

9.5 Storage Limitation: Defined retention timelines

9.6 Security: Strong technical and organizational safeguards

9.7 Accountability: Documented compliance and audit trails

10. Indigenous Data Sovereignty Framework: WIG adopts a **community-centered approach**:

- Recognition of **collective ownership of data**
- Requirement of **community-level consent**
- Respect for **sacred and restricted knowledge**
- Prohibition of unauthorized commercialization

11. Consent Management

- Consent must be **free, informed, specific, and explicit**
- Separate consent required for:
 - Media usage
 - Research publication
 - Third-party sharing
- Consent records must be securely stored
- Withdrawal of consent must be simple and respected

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12. Data Lifecycle Management

12.1 Collection: Through forms, digital platforms, and event registrations

12.2 Storage: Secure servers with controlled access

12.3 Usage: Limited to defined purposes

12.4 Sharing: Only with authorized parties

12.5 Archiving / Deletion: Secure deletion or anonymization after use

13. Data Security Framework: WIG implements:

- Encryption of sensitive data
- Role-based access control (RBAC)
- Multi-factor authentication
- Secure cloud infrastructure
- Regular vulnerability assessments
- Backup and disaster recovery systems

14. Cross-Border Data Transfer: Given WIG's global operations:

- Data transfers must comply with applicable laws
- Adequate safeguards must be ensured
- Agreements with international partners must include data protection clauses

15. Data Subject Rights: Individuals are entitled to:

- Right to access
- Right to rectification
- Right to erasure ("right to be forgotten")
- Right to restrict processing
- Right to data portability
- Right to object

Requests must be processed within defined timelines.

16. Data Breach Management

16.1 Identification: Immediate detection and reporting

16.2 Response: Containment and mitigation

16.3 Notification: Inform affected individuals and authorities

16.4 Documentation: Maintain breach records and corrective actions

17. Third-Party and Partner Compliance

- All partners must sign **Data Protection Agreements (DPA)**
- Due diligence must be conducted before data sharing
- Non-compliance may result in termination

18. Training and Awareness

WIG shall conduct:

- Regular staff training programs
- Awareness workshops for stakeholders
- Guidelines for ethical data handling

19. Monitoring and Audit

- Periodic internal audits
- Risk assessments
- Compliance reviews
- External audits when necessary

20. Risk Management: Key risks include:

- Data breaches
- Unauthorized access
- Cultural misappropriation
- Cross-border legal conflicts

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Mitigation strategies include:

- Strong governance
- Legal compliance
- Community engagement

21. Enforcement and Disciplinary Measures: Violations may lead to:

- Internal disciplinary action
- Suspension or termination
- Legal consequences

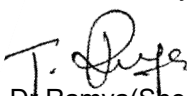
22. Policy Review and Updates

- Annual review or as required
- Updates based on legal or operational changes
- Continuous improvement approach

23. Conclusion: The **World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG)** is committed to **responsible data governance that respects both modern legal frameworks and indigenous cultural values**. This framework ensures that data is used not only securely but also ethically, preserving the dignity and rights of individuals and communities worldwide.

With highest respect and regards,

Yours sincerely,


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