

Sanction Policy



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Sask Volleyball Sanction Policy

Purpose

1. Sask Volleyball is committed to providing a safe environment and fair competition for all its members. Irresponsible behavior, unfair competition or an unsafe environment can result in severe damage to the sport of volleyball and Sask Volleyball members. This Policy provides guidelines and regulations for Sask Volleyball Members wishing to run events, programs and competitions helping to ensure a safe and fair event as well as to provide for the health and welfare of its participants.

As a Club Member of Sask Volleyball, certain activities are pre-sanctioned and others activities require that a sanction be requested in accordance with in this Policy.

2. Only those activities sanctioned by Sask Volleyball or pre-sanctioned under item 5 are covered under Sask Volleyball insurance policies.

Scope and Application of this Policy

3. This Policy applies to all activities, events and competitions organized by and run by Sask Volleyball Members, including its Clubs.

Pre-Sanctioning

4. Provided the required Member Club has been accepted into membership with Sask Volleyball and meets the minimum standards set out by Sask Volleyball for such pre-sanctioned activities, Members are pre-sanctioned for the following activities:
 - a. Club Team Training, Practices or Cross Training.
 - b. Exhibition Games.
 - c. Fundraisers.
 - d. Out of Province Travel for competition or training.
 - e. Participation in Sask Volleyball sanctioned activities, tournaments, competitions, leagues and games.
 - f. Meetings, specifically Board of Directors, General, Special and Parent Orientations.
 - g. Off of court activities including, but not limited to, movies, dinners and banquets.

Sanctions Required

5. Those activities that are not pre-sanctioned require a sanction in accordance with this Policy. Those activities requiring a sanction include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Camps, Development Programs, Educational Clinics
 - b. Tournaments.

Requesting a Sanction

6. Sask Volleyball will begin accepting sanctioning on May 1 for Camps, Development Programs, and Leagues offered in the following September 1 to December 31 period. Sask Volleyball will begin accepting sanctioning on September 15 for Camps, Development Programs, Leagues, and Tournaments offered in the following January 1 to August 31 period.
7. Tournament season will begin January 1 until the completion of all age-group nationals in a given year.

8. A Member requesting a sanction must submit the proper Sanctioning form on the Volleyball Registration System website fourteen (14) days prior to the activity, event or competition.
9. Member requesting a sanction with less than fourteen (14) days notice will provide a written statement giving reasons for an exemption to this time limitation.
10. The decision to accept, or not accept, the sanction request will be at the sole discretion of Sask Volleyball. This decision may not be appealed.
11. The Sanction Request Form will be approved or denied by Sask Volleyball. If the Sanction is denied, Sask Volleyball will provide reasons for its decision.
12. A Sanction is not effective until signed by a person with proper authority of Sask Volleyball.
13. Sanctions are non-transferable.

Sanctioning Requirements

14. All Sask Volleyball sanctioned events, activities and competitions must follow the official rules of Sask Volleyball.
15. All participants, athletes, coaches and judges participating in the activity, event or competition must be registered members in good standing with Sask Volleyball, unless deemed a guest in accordance with item 18.
16. For Camps and Programs, at least one coach with Respect in Sport certification who will be involved in the activity must be listed on the sanction form.
17. Alcohol is prohibited at all sanctioned events, unless written approval is granted by Sask Volleyball and proof of a liquor license issued to the event organizations is produced.

Guests

18. Non-members of Sask Volleyball are considered guests if they are participating in an event, activity or competition within the jurisdiction of Sask Volleyball on a one-time basis. Members including guests in their activity, event or competition must submit and maintain a guest list for verification should there be any incident.

Sanction Fees

19. Each event sanctioned activity is \$50.00.
20. A sanction is required for each unique Tournament. For tournaments involving multiple age-groups and/or genders, a separate sanction is required for each age-group if unique final standings for each age-group and/or gender are awarded.
21. Programs and Camps are required to obtain a separate sanction for each unique activity. An activity is considered unique if it has its own registration process.

Sanction Refusals

22. Sask Volleyball may refuse or cancel a sanction for the following reason(s), including but not limited to:

- a. Poor prior performance of a sanctioned event, activity or competition;
- b. Concerns that the Member requesting the sanction is not capable of meeting Sask Volleyball sanctioning/safety requirements, or other factors relating to operations;
- c. Insufficient time to process the sanctioning request;
- d. Incomplete sanctioning request;
- e. Failure to pay the sanctioning fee;
- f. Being deemed a member not in good standing;
- g. Failing to comply with the conditions of the sanction;
- h. Any other issue or matter which Sask Volleyball deems a concern which may affect Sask Volleyball's ability to obtain insurance coverage, or;
- i. Such other matters as Sask Volleyball may consider in preserving the reputation of the association and/or reasonable safety concerns.

Sanction Fee Refunds

23. Sanction fees are non-refundable.

Violations

24. Conduct that violates this Policy may be subject to sanctions pursuant to Sask Volleyball's policies related to discipline and complaints.

Fines

25. Any event that takes place without a sanction or with a sanction that is not reflective of the event is subject to a \$50.00 fine.