

Sask Volleyball SANCTIONING 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 4 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, its Member Clubs, and Individual Members.

Pre-Sanctioning

4. Provided the required Member Club has been accepted as an Approved Club with Sask Volleyball, as per Sask Volleyball's Club Accreditation document, 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, Committees, Parents, Coaches.
- 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. Team Evaluations or Tryouts
- b. Athlete Camps
- c. Athlete Development Programs
- d. Club Tournaments

Requesting a Sanction

6. The Sanction Request Form can be found on the Sask Volleyball Registration site at <http://site2733.goalline.ca>
7. A Member requesting a sanction must submit the Sanction Request Form and pay the appropriate fee to the Sask Volleyball fourteen (14) days prior to the activity, event or competition.
8. Member requesting a sanction with less than fourteen (14) days notice must provide a written statement giving reasons for an exemption to this time limitation.
9. Sask Volleyball will begin accepting sanctioning on June 1 for Camps, Clinics, and Development Programs offered in the following September 1 to August 31 period.
10. Tournament season will begin January 1 until the completion of all age-group nationals in a given year. Sask Volleyball will begin accepting Tournament sanctions on September 15 of the preceding year.
11. 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.
12. If the Sanction is denied, Sask Volleyball will provide reasons for its decision.
13. A Sanction is not effective until signed by a person of authority with Sask Volleyball.
14. Sanctions are non-transferable.

Sanctioning Requirements

15. All Sask Volleyball sanctioned events, activities and competitions must follow the official rules of Sask Volleyball.
16. All participants, athletes, coaches and referees 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 19.
17. For all sanctioned activity, all registered coaches must submit to Sask Volleyball successful completion of a Police Record Check and Respect in Sport certification, or equivalent, before Sask Volleyball will deem the activity qualify for insurance. Guest Coaches who are not members of Sask Volleyball or Volleyball Canada may be approved by the Sask Volleyball Executive Director on a case-by-

case basis, and must be accompanied by a Sask Volleyball Member in Good Standing during the sanctioned activity.

18. Alcohol is prohibited to be sold by Event Organizers 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. Refer to the Sask Volleyball Code of Conduct regarding Alcohol consumption by event Participants.

Guests

19. Non-members of Sask Volleyball are considered guests if they are a member with another Volleyball Provincial Sport Organization, or are participating in an event, activity or competition within the jurisdiction of Sask Volleyball on a one-time basis.

Sanction Fees

20. Each activity sanctioned is \$50.00.

21. 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.

22. Camps and Development Programs are required to obtain a separate sanction for each unique activity. An activity is considered unique if it has its own registration process.

23. An Approved Club is required to obtain only one sanction to cover all its Athlete Evaluations or Tryouts for all its teams.

Sanction Refusals

24. 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

25. Sanction fees are non-refundable.

Violations

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

Suspension

27. Any event that takes place without a sanction or with a sanction that is not reflective of the event is subject to being suspended by Sask Volleyball for a period of time, at the discretion of Sask Volleyball management.

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