

Ringette Association of Saskatchewan (RAS)

Sanctioning Policy

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a) *"Club"* – A club that is a member in good standing with their RAS Local Association
 - b) *"Tournament Sanction"* – the approval given by the RAS to a member Club to host a tournament in Saskatchewan
 - c) *"Individuals"* – all individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, the RAS including but not limited to, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, and directors and officers of the RAS

Purpose

2. The RAS is committed to providing an environment that promotes standard and fair competition; and as such, Clubs wishing to run Tournaments must first seek approval and sanction from the RAS. Irresponsible behaviour, unfair competition, or an unsafe environment can result in severe damage to the sport of competitive ringette, to the RAS, and to Clubs. This Policy provides sanctioning regulations that will help ensure that Tournaments are safe, fair, and protect the health and welfare of the participants.
3. A Tournament Sanction is mandatory to run tournaments (including one-day Tournaments).

Insurance

4. Only Tournaments sanctioned by the RAS are covered by the RAS's insurance.

EVENT SANCTION

Pre-Approved Sanctioned Events

5. The following events and activities do not require sanctioning by the RAS as it is a pre-approved sanction:
 - a) Practices and training sessions
 - b) Regular season games
 - c) Playoff games
 - d) Exhibition games
 - e) Meetings; particularly meetings of the Board of Directors, general meetings, committee meetings, and parent orientations

Tournament Sanctions

6. Tournaments are not pre-sanctioned and require a sanction in accordance with this Policy.

Requesting a Tournament Sanction

7. Application Forms for requests for Tournaments sanctions must be submitted to the RAS office, by a date specified by the RAS Board and with the appropriate fee (\$200.00 Bond). The application must include a description of the event, time, location, contact person, format of the event, age divisions participating and any other information as requested by the RAS.
8. The \$200 Bond is fully refundable upon RAS receiving all follow-up information (received within 14 days of completion of the Tournament) and confirmation by RAS that all policies and procedures were adhered to during the Tournament.

9. Requests for sanctions after the prescribed deadline must be accompanied by a written statement giving reasons for requesting an exemption. The decision to accept, or not accept, the late sanction request will be at the sole discretion of the RAS and may not be appealed.
10. The request for sanction will be approved or denied by the RAS. If the sanction is denied, the RAS will provide reasons for the decision. If a sanction is granted, it must be posted in all venues being used for the Tournament.
11. Tournament sanctions are not transferable and new sanctions must be obtained each year.
12. All RAS sanctioned Tournaments will be posted on the RAS website.

Sanction Requirements

13. All sanctioned Tournaments, must follow the RAS's rules and policies which includes that all tournaments U12 must have a skills competition.
14. Alcohol is not permitted at any Tournament. The sale or consumption of alcohol is not part of the sanctioning of Ringette Saskatchewan events. If available at a venue where an event is taking place, it is up to the venue to manage its use.
15. Upon receipt of a sanction, the Club must:
 - a) Determine the Tournament format and tie-breaking procedure
 - b) Adhere to all Ringette Canada Official Rules which will govern the Tournament play, but such rules may be amended by the Club upon the approval of RAS
 - c) Ensure all games are officiated by two certified and registered Ringette officials
 - d) Ensure that all players, coaches and bench staff are registered with the RAS or their applicable provincial governing body for the sport of Ringette
 - e) Verify all rosters of participating teams with the RAS a minimum of three (3) days prior to the Tournament
 - f) Verify all out-of-province team rosters with their respective provincial governing body for the sport of Ringette
 - g) Pre-determine the use of overage players and player pick-ups prior to the Tournament
 - h) Determine and manage the Tournament protest procedures
 - i) Recognize, uphold and enforce suspensions RAS and Clubs suspensions
 - j) Upon the completion of the Tournament, submit to RAS:
 - i. If applicable, within 48 hours of the Tournament, any suspensions issued (A copy of the Incident Report Form and corresponding games sheets must also be submitted)
 - ii. Within 14 days of the Tournament:
 1. Follow-Up Report Form
 2. Copy of the Tournament Draw
 3. Copies of all RAS Team Rosters, including bench staff
 4. Any Incident Report Form
 5. Any game sheet dealing with suspensions or suspensions served
16. Failure to abide by section 15 will result in forfeiture of the Club's Bond.

Tournament Sanction Refusals

17. The RAS may refuse, deny, withdraw, or cancel a sanction for reasons that include, but are not limited to:
- a) Poor organization, hosting, or running of a prior sanctioned Tournament
 - b) Failure to meet sanction condition
 - c) Concerns that the Club requesting the sanction is not capable of meeting RAS sanctioning requirements, or other factors relating to the operations of the Tournament
 - d) Late or incomplete sanction request
 - e) Failure to pay a sanctioning fee or Bond (if required)
 - f) The Club is not in good standing
 - g) Any other issue or matter which the RAS deems may affect the RAS's ability to obtain insurance coverage
 - h) Any other issue or matter which the RAS deems may damage the reputation of the RAS or that may introduce unreasonable safety concerns

Enforcement

18. Failure to adhere to this Policy may permit discipline in accordance with the RAS's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

