

SASK WRESTLING SANCTIONING POLICY

Please note: SAWA reserves the right to update this policy to update this document at any time as required

Definitions

- The following terms have these meanings in this policy:
 - “*Events*” – Includes practises, tournaments, games playoffs, meetings, and programs.
 - “*Host*” – The individual, club, team, or group that wants to run or host a sanctioned event.

Purpose

- Sask Wrestling is committed to providing an environment that promotes standard and fair competition; and as such, Hosts wishing to run an Events must first seek approval and sanction from Sask Wrestling. Irresponsible behaviour, unfair competition, or unsafe environment can result in severe damage to the sport, to participants, to Sask Wrestling, and to the Hosts. This policy provides sanctioning regulations that will help ensure that Events are safe, fair and protect the health and welfare of the participants.
- Certain Events run by Hosts are pre-sanctioned by Sask Wrestling and do not require additional approval.

Application of this Policy

- This policy applies to all Events that are organized and run by the Hosts.

Insurance

- Only the events sanctioned by Sask Wrestling are covered by Sask Wrestling’s insurance.

Pre-sanctioned Events

- The following events are pre-sanctioned:
 - Practices and training sessions
 - Meetings; particularly meetings of the board the board, general meetings, committee meetings, and parent orientations.

Events Requirements Sanction

- Events that are not pre-sanctioned require sanction in accordance with this policy. Hosts require sanction to run the following:
 - Competitions
 - Provincial championships
 - Coach or official certification clinics
 - Certain fundraising activities

Requesting a Sanction

- Requests for sanctions must be submitted by Hosts, to the appropriate Sask Wrestling staff member or Director, in writing or by email at least thirty (30) days prior to the Event.
- Requests for sanctions with less than thirty (e) days’ notice shall be accompanied by a

written statement giving reasons for requesting an exemption to the time limitation. The decision to accept, or not accept, the late sanction request will be at the sole discretion of Sask Wrestling and may not be appealed.

- The request for sanction will be approved or denied by Sask Wrestling.

Sanction Request Evaluation

- For each sanction request, Sask Wrestling will consider the following;
 - The Host's status with Sask Wrestling
 - The Host's capability of meeting Sask Wrestling's sanctioning requirements, or other factors relating to the operations of the Event
 - Success of previous sanctioned Events (if applicable)
 - Issues with previous sanctioned Events (if applicable)
 - Any issue or matter which Sask Wrestling deems may affect Sask Wrestling's ability to obtain insurance coverage
 - Any issue or matter which Sask Wrestling deems may damage the reputation of Sask Wrestling or that may introduce unreasonable safety concerns

Sanction Request Refusals

- If the sanction is refused, Sask Wrestling will provide reasons for the refusal.
- Sanction request refusals may be appealed under the terms of the *Appeal Policy*.

Sanctioned Event Compliance Regulations

- The Event must be conducted in accordance with all applicable policies and technical standards as established by Sask Wrestling.
- The Host must fulfill the Host Responsibilities as described in **Appendix A**.
- If alcoholic beverages are to be sold at the Event, it is the responsibility of the Host to ensure that all permits and liquor legislation (as applicable) are adhered to. A copy of the liquor permit must be submitted to Sask Wrestling prior to the event.
- If fundraising is to occur through the sale of 50-50 tickets, raffle tickets or other gaming activity, it is the responsibility of the Host to ensure that all applicable provincial and municipal gaming permits, rules and regulations are adhered to.

Sanction Revocation

- A sanction may be revoked at the discretion of Sask Wrestling under the following circumstances:
 - Any time in advance of the Event if the Host fails to fulfill its obligations under this Policy
 - During the Event if a representative from Sask Wrestling determines that technical standards are not being met or if the safety of participants or patrons is at risk. In this case, the sanction for the Event will be withdraw

Enforcement

- Failure to adhere to this Policy may permit discipline in accordance with the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

Appendix A – Host and Sask Wrestling Responsibilities

Host Responsibilities

For each sanctioned event, the Host must:

- Notify Sask Wrestling of the location, date(s) and event summary
- Provide a list of participants to Sask Wrestling not less than 24 hours prior to the event in order to verify membership

Sask Wrestling Responsibilities

After approving a sanction request, Sask Wrestling will:

- Provide a tournament calendar and event page on its website
- Co-ordinate the draw masters to provide a registration portal for each event
- Provide staff or volunteers to register new Registrants
- Make available an updated registration list, as well as registration forms, to the Host organizing committee to assist with registration
- Provide a contact person for coordinating and organizing officials for remote competitions
- Assist in the preparation and the distribution of a tournament information sheet
- Provide a public relations contact person
- Post results of tournament on its website