

1.20 SANCTIONING POLICY

A. AUTOMATIC SANCTIONING

Sanctioning of ringette events and activities informs the Ringette BC memberships (Leagues, Club Association and all participants including coaches, athletes, officials and volunteers) that events are meeting standard program delivery criteria and are part of the larger progression of the sport of ringette. Sanctioning also ensures that registered participants are covered by Ringette BC insurance during the event or activity.

Sanctioning is automatically given to the following events **provided there is compliance with all applicable Ringette BC policies:**

1. Programs delivered directly by Ringette BC;
2. League play between September 1 and March 31;
3. Team training (on ice or dryland) between August 15 and March 31;
4. Specialized Club Association hosted athlete development programs (including introductory programs, goaltender training, and power skating) between August 15 and March 31;
5. Team building activities that do not expose participants to any risk which is greater than what they would experience in a typical ringette game;
6. Club Association hosted exhibition games between September 1st and March 31st each season for teams registered with Ringette BC;
7. Athlete evaluations that begin no earlier than outlined in the applicable guidelines, or, where not covered in guidelines, no sooner than the Sunday of the weekend prior to Labour Day;
8. Come Try Ringette events where the participants are pre-registered (before they begin the related activities);
9. Club Association or Team end-of-season banquets where NO alcohol is served or consumed;
10. Provincial Championships;
11. Team participation in Out of Province Tournaments that are sanctioned by a Member in Good Standing of their provincial ringette body or Ringette Canada (provided that notice is given to Ringette BC upon tournament registration); and
12. Club Association hosted ringette camps / schools that are not otherwise offside with Ringette BC policies.

B. EVENT AND TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

Sanctioning may be provided for special on-ice events hosted by a member of Ringette BC in good standing. Failure to submit a sanctioning request and any applicable fee for the following events could result in removal of a member's good standing or other actions:

1. Tournament sanctioning is at the discretion of Ringette BC. In order to be sanctioned, the host association must abide by the applicable guidelines.
2. League or Club Association play between April 1 and August 31.
3. Other team or club events not listed previously in this policy.

C. COMPLIANCE AND CONSEQUENCES

Members that do not obtain sanctioning from Ringette BC in advance of their event may face consequences up to and including losing the privilege of hosting future events and having their Ringette BC membership revoked.