Sanctioning Policy

*This is a Volleyball PEI Policy applicable to all registered members.*

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

1. Scope and Application

This policy applies to all activities, events and competitions organized by and run by Volleyball PEI, its member clubs, and individual registered members.

3. Pre-Sanctioning

Provided the Member club has been accepted as a Sanctioned Club with Volleyball PEI (completed through the online registration system – Club Sanctioning Process), the following activities are now considered pre-sanctioned and would not require any additional information or approval from Volleyball PEI:

1. Team Evaluations or Tryouts
2. Athlete Camps
3. Athlete Development Programs
4. Club Team Training, Practices or Cross Training
5. Exhibition Games against other sanctioned PEI Clubs
6. Fundraisers
7. Participation in Volleyball PEI sanctioned leagues or tournaments.
8. Team Building Activities

4. Additional Sanctions Required

4.1 The activities listed below are NOT pre-sanctioned and require further approval from Volleyball PEI prior to being sanctioned”

1. Hosting a Tournament – A Full list of teams attending and their registration status with their province must be confirmed.
2. Out of Province Travel – All Sanctioned teams must send in a list of when they plan to travel and for what purpose (exhibition games or tournaments) so that the club hosting and the teams they are playing can be verified as registered.

4.2 **Requesting Additional Sanctions:**

1. The Sanction Request form can be found in the Appendix.
2. A Club Member requesting a sanction must submit the Sanction Request Form to Volleyball PEI at least fourteen (14) days prior to the competition.
3. The decision to accept, or not accept the additional sanction request will be at the sole discretion of Volleyball PEI.
4. If the Additional Sanction is denied, Volleyball PEI will provide reasons for its decision.
5. An Additional Sanction is not effective until signed by the person of authority with Volleyball PEI

5. Sanctioning Requirements

1. All Volleyball PEI sanctioned events, activities and competitions must follow the official rules of Volleyball PEI and Volleyball Canada.
2. All participants, athletes, coaches and officials participating in the activity, event or competition must be registered members in good standing with Volleyball PEI, unless deemed a *Guest* in accordance with item 8.
3. For all sanctioned activity, all registered Guest coaches who are not members of Volleyball PEI or Volleyball Canada may be approved by Volleyball PEI on a case-by-case basis, and must be accompanied by a Volleyball PEI member in good standing during the sanctioned event.
4. Events must be held within PEI where all necessary facility and equipment safety measures must be met.
5. Event hosts must conduct themselves in a manner that adheres with Volleyball PEI’s Policies and Code of Conduct.
6. All events that include Volleyball PEI members only must ensure all event participants are at minimum, Recreational Members of Volleyball PEI. If events involve participants from outside of PEI, all event participants must be FULL members of Volleyball or their respective PTA.
7. The person applying for the Sanction must ensure that the minimum standard of Coaching Certification is in place (ie. The coach running the event).

These standards include:

-Volleyball Canada Foundations of Coaching E-Modules (*required*)

-Making Ethical Decisions: online evaluation (*required*)

-Making Headway in Sport (*required*)

-Development and/or Advanced Development Workshop *(recommended)*

-Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check completed.

1. Any/all use of Volleyball PEI trademarks or logos must have prior approval.
2. Alcohol is prohibited to be sold by Event Organizers at all sanctioned events. Refer to the Volleyball PEI Code of Conduct regarding alcohol consumption by event participants.

6. Benefits of Sanctioning

1. Access to Volleyball PEI Insurance
2. Certificate of Insurance issued to the facility for the length of the event.
3. All event information can be posted on Volleyball PEI’s website and social media platforms to promote the date, location, cost.
4. Ability to register and collect all fees from registrants for your event online through VPEI’s registration system.
5. Unsanctioned events will NOT be promoted on Volleyball PEI’s website and social media platforms.

7.Sanction Fees

Sanctioning fee is $25.00 per club for the playing season (Sept.1-Aug.31).

8. Guests

Non-members of Volleyball PEI are considered guests if they are a FULL member with another province’s volleyball association.

9. Sanction Refusal

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

1. Poor prior performance of a sanctioned event, activity or competition;
2. Concerns that the Member Club requesting the sanction is not capable of meeting Volleyball PEI’s sanctioning / safety requirements or other factors related to operations;
3. Insufficient time to process the sanctioning request;
4. Incomplete sanctioning request;
5. Failure to pay the sanctioning fee
6. Being deemed a member not in good standing;
7. Failing to comply with the conditions of the sanction;
8. Any other issue or matter which Volleyball PEI deems a concern which may affect Volleyball PEI’s ability to obtain insurance coverage, or;
9. Such other matters as Volleyball PEI may consider in preserving the reputation of the association and/or reasonable safety concerns.

10. Violations

Conduct that violates this Policy may be subject to sanctions pursuant to Volleyball PEI’s policies related to discipline and complaints.

11. Suspension

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 Volleyball PEI for a period of time, at the discretion of Volleyball PEI.

12. Approval & Review

This policy was approved by Volleyball PEI Board of Directors in February 2022.

Date of Last Review: March 2022