



### **When does ABA's Sanctioning Policy take effect?**

- Sanctioning is scheduled to take effect January 1st, 2018.

### **How does ABA's Sanctioning Policy affect me?**

- Club Team Membership registration fee has changed to \$100 effective January 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018. This one time fee is for your entire club organization; there is no additional team fee. This fee does not apply to grass roots organizations.
- Grass Roots and Club: Membership remains at \$11 per player, coach, team managers, Boards of Directors and any other relevant party affiliated with your team or organization.
- ***All participants must be members of ABA in order to be eligible for sanctioning approval.***
- An electronic membership card with a membership number will be provided for all ABA members.

### **What is ABA's Membership Year?**

- ABA's fiscal and membership year has been changed to September 1 - August 31. This change takes place in 2018.

### **Do tournaments have to be sanctioned?**

- Yes. All specific guidelines are provided in the Alberta Basketball Association Official Sanctioning Policy document.
- There is a \$100 sanctioning fee per tournament. ***There is NO additional cost per division.***

### **Why is ABA introducing sanctioning?**

- Alberta Basketball Association is the recognized governing body for the sport in Alberta by Sport Canada, Canada Basketball, the Province of Alberta and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. It is in our mandate to sanction all aspects of the sport in our province.
- Basketball in Alberta is out of alignment with all other sports in our province. Hockey, soccer, volleyball, golf, tennis and baseball are examples of sports that have strict sanctioning policies in force. Not having official sanctioning programs in place leave all participants unnecessarily vulnerable to insurance actions and not meeting baseline standards of best practices.

- The attached Sanctioning Program establishes and enforces proper and inclusive standards through effective governance to ensure all participants are protected and competing in safe environments with best practices in place.

#### **What benefits does sanctioning provide?**

- Assurance that all on-court participants including players, coaches and officials, as well as all designated organization representatives, such as staff, board of directors, administrators and volunteers are covered with liability insurance protection.
- Access to ABA approved officials for all sanctioned games, tournaments, and events.
- ***The opportunity to be considered for funding opportunities with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) including access to casinos, bingos, raffles, 50/50 draws, etc. [The details are outlined in Section Number 3.22 of the AGLC's Charitable Gaming Policies under the Eligibility for Specific Groups Section.](#) To be considered as an eligible group you must be a member in good standing with ABA as the only recognized provincial sports governing body in the province. This policy also includes groups with existing AGLC programs; to remain eligible you must be a member in good standing with ABA.***
- Access to all ABA programs and values from sponsors.
- Membership card that guarantees you are able to participate in sanctioned leagues, events and tournaments.

#### **If I'm not a member of Alberta Basketball can I still participate in the sport?**

- All individuals participating in a sanctioned event (league or tournament) must be a member of Alberta Basketball.

#### **How does this affect our organization if we have already completed the 2018 renewal?**

- The 2018 renewals will be honoured through our new fiscal year which will end August 31st, 2018.

#### **Where can I find the sanctioning documents?**

- [CLICK HERE to go to the Alberta Basketball Website](#)