



**ALBERTA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIAL GOVERNANCE POLICY**

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## **1. Governance**

The Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) is the governing body for the sport of basketball in the province of Alberta. ABA is a not-for-profit association, incorporated on February 5, 1975. ABA is in partnership with and endorsed by Canada Basketball, the national governing body and International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the world governing body. Sport Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC), the Government of Alberta - Alberta Ministry of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women (CMSW), Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC), the Alberta Schools Athletic Association (ASAA), the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) and the Alberta Basketball Officials Association (ABOA) all officially recognize ABA as the sport's governing body.

ABA represents the province of Alberta's amateur basketball interests. The membership is composed of athletes, coaches, referees, clubs, local basketball organizations, leagues, tournaments and supporters. As part of its mandate, ABA is committed to the promotion and development of amateur basketball in the province.

ABA is committed to providing a safe environment and fair competition for all of its members. This policy provides guidelines and regulations for groups running events, programs and tournaments helping to ensure a safe, fair and positive environment. This policy applies to all basketball related activities, events and tournaments participated in, organized by and run by ABA and its members.

### **Purpose of Governance**

- Ensures a commitment by the event organizer that the event will be conducted in accordance with ABA guidelines
- Ensures that the event will be conducted in a fair and safe manner
- Encourages the recognition of results
- Ensures that the event meets a standard of quality required for sanctioning by ABA
- Provides insurance for participants' safety for those activities sanctioned by ABA

## **1.1 Mission**

As the governing body for basketball in Alberta, to provide leadership for the development of athletes, coaches and referees.

## **1.2 Vision**

To drive and inspire a united basketball community in Alberta.

## **1.3 Values**

- Treat everyone with dignity and respect
- Act with integrity in all that we do

## **1.4 Standards**

- Accessible by all
- Commitment to ongoing excellence
- Inclusive and safe
- Purposeful in all of our actions
- Complete organization transparency



## 2. Registration

To be recognized as a Member in Good Standing with the ABA, an organization must complete the following registration steps as well as agreeing to abide by the Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association prior to commencing with the organization's first organized on-court activities.

### 2.1 Organization Registration Procedure

- A. Register your Organization with ABA.
  - i. This can be done online through our [ABA Store](#) - the annual fee is \$100
  - ii. After the organization registration is received ABA will contact you to discuss next steps.
- B. ABA will provide a registration portal, where all coaches, players, referees and staff can complete/purchase their individual ABA Membership and organization registration package(s).
  - i. All players who participate in ABA sanctioned basketball activities must be registered in the RAMP system in which they have provided a government issued proof of age document. All ages will be defined as of January 1st.
  - ii. All coaches who participate in ABA sanctioned basketball activities must be registered in the RAMP system in which they have provided a government issued proof of age document and provide a Police Information Check (See 2.4.1) - Please note that all coaches born prior to February 1986 are encouraged to also provide proof of a Vulnerable Sectors search.
    - a. ABA is committed to the Coaching Association of Canada's (CAC's) 'Responsible Coaching Movement'. For more information on the Responsible Coaching Movement and the Rule of Two - [Click Here](#).
  - iii. Registration and payment of fees must be completed prior to the first organized on-court basketball activity of the organization.
    - a. Please note:
      - 1. Individual registration does not need to be completed prior to tryouts but must be completed once selected to participate with the organization and prior to first organized on-court activity.
      - 2. Organizations are required to have all tryout participants complete a signed waiver prior to the tryout process.
- C. Complete the [Request for a Certificate of Insurance](#), noting any facility or third party that needs to be identified. Once completed and submitted ABA will provide a Certificate of Insurance.

### 2.2 Individual ABA Membership

- A. To purchase an individual ABA membership please click here - [ABA Membership](#)
  - i. Individual membership can also be purchased through your club or league if they have an ABA RAMP Portal for registration
  - ii. Registration and payment of fees must be completed prior to the first organized on-court basketball activity.
- B. During the registration process participants sign the following waivers
  - i. [General Waiver and Permissions](#) including Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy
  - ii. [Event Participation Waiver](#) including acknowledgement of COVID-19

### 2.3 Police Information/Background Checks (PIC's)

- A. Any adult associated with a member organization in a position of power (referees, coaches, managers, trainers and administrators) will be required to provide a PIC.



- i. PIC's will be valid for two years from the date of issue.
  - ii. PIC's are available online through ABA's RAMP registration system when registering. Cost is \$25. Checks are completed within 24-48 hours.
- B. It is the responsibility of the organization to ensure that all PIC's are valid within two years of the date of issue.

**2.4 Annual Fee Schedule (September 1 to August 31)**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Annual Fees</b>
9U Membership	\$11
11U - 18U Player Membership	\$17
Adult (18U+) Player Membership	\$11
Coach Membership	\$17
Referee Membership	\$10
Organization Registration Fee	\$100

**2.5 Exemption Guidelines**

The request for [Exemption Application Form](#) may be found on the ABA website. Exemptions will be reviewed by ABA's designated Exemption Oversight Committee on a case by case basis, considering all factors and what is in the best interest of the parties involved and affected by the possible exemption. Any successful exemptions will be required to demonstrate that they have agreed to abide by the Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association prior to commencing with participation in the sanctioned event.

**3. Event Sanctioning**

**3.1 Event Sanctioning Application**

For sanctioned event hosting information, [ABA Event Submission Form](#). Applications for sanctioned events should be received a minimum of 7 days prior to the event.

- A. To apply for sanctioning of an event your organization must be 'Members in Good Standing'.
- B. Ensure that the event is in line with the current FIBA rules of basketball, following ABA Policies with age appropriate modifications when deemed necessary. For an example please see ABA's [Youth Provincials Rule Modifications](#).
- C. *Ensure that all teams participating from Alberta are sanctioned members; or, have received proof of insurance, and an exemption from ABA, which would include having agreed to abide by the Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association prior to commencing with participation in the sanctioned event, from each non-member team.*
- D. *Ensure that teams from out of province have proof of insurance and have agreed to abide by the Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association prior to commencing with participation in the sanctioned event.*
- E. Once an event is sanctioned, the event will be posted on the ABA website.



### 3.2 Participation Requirements

- A. Any Alberta based team participating in an ABA sanctioned event should be registered as an ABA member in good standing or have provided proof of insurance, and *received an exemption from ABA*, which would include having agreed to abide by the Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association prior to commencing with participation in the sanctioned event.

### 3.3 Host Responsibilities

- A. Ensure that all teams participating from Alberta are sanctioned members; or, have received proof of insurance, and an exemption from ABA, which would include having agreed to abide by the Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association prior to commencing with participation in the sanctioned event, from each non-member team
- B. Ensure that teams from out of province have proof of insurance and have agreed to abide by the Bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association prior to commencing with participation in the sanctioned event.
- C. Events sanctioned by ABA when possible should be officiated by ABOA referees.
- D. Host should submit a draft of the event schedule to the approved officials assignor, a minimum of 2 weeks before the start of the tournament.
- E. Ensure that there is a point of contact and Emergency Action Plan (EAP) in place for the duration of the event.

### 4. Age Categories (2021/2022)

Category	Age	Year of Birth
9U	9 and under as of January 1, 2022	2013 or later
10U	10 and under as of January 1, 2022	2012 or later
11U	11 and under as of January 1, 2022	2011 or later
12U	12 and under as of January 1, 2022	2010 or later
13U	13 and under as of January 1, 2022	2009 or later
14U	14 and under as of January 1, 2022	2008 or later
15U	15 and under as of January 1, 2022	2007 or later
16U	16 and under as of January 1, 2022	2006 or later
17U	17 and under of January 1, 2022	2005 or later
18U	18 and under as of January 1, 2022	2004 or later
OPEN	18+ as of January 1, 2022	2003 or later

### 5. NCCP Certification Requirements

- A. The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is the nationally recognized program that delivers courses to help develop coaches throughout the country. These courses include content that helps develop ethical decision making, planning, and sport specific technical lessons.
- B. For 2021 the recommended minimum standard for ABA events will be
  - a. NCCP FUNDamentals
    - i. [Making Headway in Sport](#)- concussion management course



- ii. [Making Ethical Decisions](#)- training and evaluation in ethical decision-making
  - iii. [Safe Sport Training](#)- training to create healthy and safe environments sport
- C. It is strongly recommended that coaches have or are pursuing the level of coaching certification that aligns with the LTAD level of the athletes they are coaching.

## 6. Forms/Links

Links to the forms can be found on our website under Governance and Membership.

- A. [Organization Registration](#)
- B. [Individual Registration](#)
- C. [Event Sanctioning Form](#)
- D. [Exemption Form](#)
- E. [Code of Conduct Form](#)
- F. [Request for Certificate of Insurance](#)
- G. [General Waiver and Permissions](#)
- H. [Event Participation Waiver](#)

## 7. ABA Policies

The following is a list of ABA policies. Members in Good Standing are encouraged to have similar policies or adopt the following. Access to the policies can be found using the following links, or on the ABA website underneath the “About ABA” tab.

- A. [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- B. [Anti Doping](#)
- C. [Cannabis](#)
- D. [Coach Screening](#)
- E. [Code of Conduct](#)
- F. [Concussion](#)
- G. [Confidentiality](#)
- H. [Conflict of Interest](#)
- I. Discipline - In Development
- J. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - In Development
- K. [Maltreatment](#)
- L. [Refund](#)
- M. [Social Media](#)
- N. Trans Inclusion - In Development

Board Approval and Review –

- Policy reviewed by the ABA Staff in July 2021
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- Passed by ABA Board