



Policy Title	Event Sanctioning Policy
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Policy Statement

As the sport governing body for water polo in Canada, WPC is the sole official sanctioning authority for all Water Polo Events. In accordance with this Policy, WPC may, from time to time, delegate part of its authority for sanctioning to one or more Members for the purpose of sanctioning Water Polo Events held in a Province.

The purpose of sanctioning is to communicate to Members, Registrants, athletes, coaches, officials, facility owners, event partners and the public that a Water Polo Event is being conducted in a fair, safe, and responsible manner, in accordance with the recognized and accepted rules and standards of the sport based on the nature of event being offered and applicable WPC policies as amended from time to time.

This policy defines the purpose, application, roles, and responsibilities for WPC events in Canada requiring a sanction and facilitates the consistent application of the policy and related processes for all water polo events including the events sanctioned by a WPC Member.

Definitions

“ED” means the Water Polo Canada Executive Director

“including” means including but not limited to;

“Member” has the meaning set out in the Bylaws of WPC as amended from time to time;

“Organizer” means any individual, group of individuals or other entity intending to host or hosting any Water Polo Event in Canada or a Member’s sanctioned event;

“Registrant” has the meaning set out in the Bylaws of WPC as amended from time to time;

“Sanction” means the approval by WPC or, if applicable, a Member permitting an Organizer to hold a Water Polo Event.

“Sanctioned Event” means a Water Polo Event that has received a Sanction from WPC or a Member

“Sanction Fee” means the fee set by WPC or a Member from time to time for granting a Sanction to an Organizer to hold a Sanctioned Event;

“Sanctioning Body” means WPC or a Member that has granted a Sanction to an Organizer;

“Sanctioning Requirements” means the application form, information, fee and any other requirements set by WPC or a Member from time to time necessary for an Organizer to obtain a Sanction.

“UCCMS” means the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport;

“Water Polo Event” means any activity in Canada that includes one or more games of water polo between opposing teams officiated by one or more referees, [other than an event that is organized or sanctioned by FINA]; or any events or activities recognized and sanctioned by a WPC Member from time to time.

“WPC” means Water Polo Canada

Application

This Policy applies to all Water Polo Events and Sanctioned Water Polo Events in Canada. The roles and responsibilities of WPC, Members, Registrants, Officials and Organizers are set out herein.

All Water Polo Events must be run fairly and safely and comply with the rules of WPC and the UCCMS. Only WPC, and Members delegated the authority from WPC from time to time, may grant a Sanction for Water Polo Events. WPC holds the final approval and authority to sanction the events of non-affiliated organisations including multisport events.

WPC may delegate the authority for sanctioning competitive events to Members for events taking place in their respective Provinces. Such Member shall not delegate authority for sanctioning events to any third-party organisation and that Member shall comply with the WPC Policies that are in force.

WPC shall, from time to time, publish and make available the Sanctioning Requirements to all Members, Registrants, Organizers, athletes, coaches, officials, facility owners, event partners and the public. Changes to Sanctioning Requirements shall not impact Sanctioned Events that received a Sanction prior to the publication of such changes.

Providing Organizers comply with all Sanctioning Requirements, the Sanctioning Body shall provide the Organizer with a decision on whether a Water Polo Event shall be Sanctioned in a timely manner. WPC or the delegated authority reserves the right not to grant a sanction in the case of conflicting events within a season.

The following applies to Sanctioned Events only:

- Insurance policies from WPC;
- The sanctioned event is subject to all rules governing conduct as outlined in the WPC policies and the UCCMS;

When WPC or a Member issues a Sanction and an Organizer accepts a sanction:

- The Organizer will abide by all rules and regulations and policies implicitly or explicitly referenced within the Sanction;
- The Sanctioning Body will advertise the event on its calendar of events and provide support to Organizers as specified by the Sanction;
- The Organizer will advertise the event as a Sanctioned Event in accordance with the guidelines described within the Sanction and will (explicitly) recognize the sanctioning body;

Compliance with Event Sanctioning Policy

WPC, Members and Registrants shall comply with all aspects of the Event Sanctioning Policy. Members or Registrants may not organize or recognize events that are not sanctioned. Members or registrants cannot represent WPC or a WPC affiliated organisation (Provincial Association or club) by playing in, coaching or officiating at a Water Polo Event (tournament or third-party training camp) that is not a Sanctioned Event within Canada. Referees wishing to officiate in non- sanctioned events will be required to receive permission from their Provincial

Association and WPC. All Canadian participants in a Sanctioned Event shall be Members or Registrants. WPC reserves the right to request proof of participation at any sanctioned event. Any Member or Registrant that fails to comply with the Event Sanctioning Policy shall be subject to Discipline in accordance with the WPC Discipline Policy.

Responsibilities

ED

The ED should ensure the maintenance, protection and archive of the Registration and Event Database for the purposes outlined in this Policy.

The ED should develop and implement appropriate operational procedures, including Sanctioning Requirements to give effect to this Policy – this includes but is not limited to risk management when required.

Member

If delegated the authority to sanction events, approve Sanctions only for events meeting the Sanctioning Requirements and complying with the rules and policies published by WPC.

Limitations

International Events hosted in Canada may be conducted in accordance with the Rules and procedures of the international host body irrespective of the rules of WPC.

Languages

This Policy will be provided by WPC in both official languages of Canada.

In this Policy words denoting any gender include all genders and the rest of the sentence is to be construed as if the necessary grammatical changes have been made.

References

National Registration Policy
Event Sanction and National Registration Operational Document Insurance Policies
UCCMS

Communication

WPC will ensure a current version of the Policy is publicized on its organization's website within a reasonable time following the Date of Approval.

WPC and its members will use reasonable efforts to ensure that this Policy is communication to those who will be responsible for upholding it as well as those who will be responsible for its implementation.

Review and Approval

This Policy will be effective as of the Date of Approval following approval by the WPC Board of Directors and will be reviewed by the Responsible Subcommittee every two years.

Version History

This version was updated from the previous version (approved August 29, 2018) to comply with the UCCMS.