



BOARD POLICY

Policy Section: Board of Directors
Policy Subsection: Sport Development
Policy Title: Event Sanctioning

Policy Statement

As the sport governing body for swimming in Canada, Swimming Canada holds the official competition sanctioning authority of all competitive swimming events in Canada as they relate to World Aquatics, WPS and Aquatics Canada.

Purpose Statement

All swimming competitions or related competitive events must be run fairly and safely and comply with the Swimming Rules of Swimming Canada. Only Swimming Canada may grant sanctioning (the approval of a sanction application) for any swimming competition or related event in Canada.

Only once an event is sanctioned does the following apply:

- Competition results are considered official and valid for use domestically for rankings, record setting, team selection, and eligibility for competition entry or meeting entry standards.
- Competition results are considered official and valid for use internationally with any other governing body such as, but not limited to, World Aquatics or WPS if the event is sanctioned as a qualifying event by World Aquatics or WPS.
- Insurance policies from either Swimming Canada or its member Provincial Sport Organizations are applicable only if sanctioned.
- All other policy or rules of Swimming Canada are in force.

Application

Sanctioned events shall mean all competitions or demonstrations run by Swimming Canada, the Provincial Sections or Member Clubs as authorized by Swimming Canada.

An on-line competition database and sanction application tool will be maintained by Swimming Canada for the purpose of receiving and processing sanction applications.

Swimming Canada designates the authority of sanctioning competitive events to Provincial Sections for events taking place in their respective Province. In so doing, it is understood that the Provincial Section may not delegate authority of sanctioning events to any third party organization and that the PSO must be in compliance with Swimming Canada Policies.



Swimming Canada holds the final approval and authority to sanction the events of non-affiliated organizations to be referred to as Limited Events: (e.g. North American Indigenous Games, North American Gay & Lesbian Games, Police and Fire Games, Special Olympics etc.)

Responsibilities

Body	Action
CEO	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure the maintenance, protection and archive of the Registration, Tracking, Results and Sanctioning database for the purposes outlined in this policy.2. Develop and implement procedures that address competitive swimming event sanctioning requirements which would ensure effective, fair and safe event environments providing the best opportunity possible for competitors to progress to their highest potential, and publish the procedure.
PSO	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If delegated the authority to sanction events, approve sanctions only for events meeting the competition standards as set out by Swimming Canada and complying with the Swimming Rules as published by Swimming Canada.2. Maintain an annually renewed insurance policy (policies) on behalf of all members, including but not limited to Commercial General Liability and Accidental D&D and Directors and Officers coverage.

Limitations

International Events hosted in Canada may be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the international host body irrespective of the Swimming Rules of Swimming Canada.

References

Swimming Rules of Swimming Canada
National Registration Policy, Procedures and Rules Manual
Insurance policies

Review and Approval

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