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Manitoba Cricket Association Policies and Procedures

Sport Manitoba Recognition Policy

Revision and Review History

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The purpose of Sport Manitoba's Recognition Policy is to provide guidelines to both existing and potential Provincial Sport Organizations, on all the criteria that must be met to achieve recognition by Sport Manitoba.

RECOGNITION OBLIGATIONS

All recognized Provincial Sport Organizations are expected to adopt and be committed to the following common guiding principles:

- being accountable through Sport Manitoba for the public funds which they receive from the Province of Manitoba
- recognize Sport Manitoba's key leadership role in developing a coordinated and integrated overall plan for sport in Manitoba
- recognize the autonomy of their partners in sport and support the contribution they make to the delivery of sport throughout the province
- support equity and accessibility in the pursuit of excellence and participation in sport
- recognize the important role and contribution that both volunteers and staff make in developing and delivering sport programs and services
- ensure the optimal use of their human and financial resources
- recognize the importance of having an effective and efficient sport development system in Manitoba, guided by the Sport for Life (S4L) principles and the Long-Term Development (LTD) stages

RECOGNITION CRITERIA

The Sport Recognition Policy for Provincial Sport Organizations embodies two essential elements, which must be met for a sport to be recognized and supported by Sport Manitoba:

1) Definition of Sport

Sport is a regulated form of physical activity organized as a contest between two or more participants for the purpose of determining a winner by fair and ethical means. Such contests may be in the form of a game, match, race, or other form of competitive event.

The activity must occur in an organized, structured, and competitive environment where a winner is declared.

The primary activity involves physical interaction between participants and/or between participants and the environment: air, water, ice, snow, ground, special surface or apparatus, with or without the use of a special conveyance, (e.g. bicycle, canoe, horse, luge, sailboats, skate, ski, and wheelchair).

It requires specialized neuromuscular and cardio-vascular skills – such as speed, strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, precision, and coordination – that involve large muscle groups or those which the individual has the ability to utilize, and which can be taught, learned, and improved.

It involves formal rules and procedures to ensure a safe and fair outcome for all participants.

It requires fair, ethical, and effective tactics and strategies to successfully participate in sport.

It requires a competitive format and structure, sanctioned by the recognized governing body for the sport, at the provincial, national, and/or world level, and open to all participants who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the rules of the sport.

Its competitive events require the on-site presence of officials sanctioned by the sport governing body to objectively, fairly, and consistently apply the rules.

It has an instruction and training and/or practice element that should improve the ability level of the participant, normally delivered by certified coaches.

It is traditionally regarded as a Sport and is not solely a cultural activity.

2) Definition of Sport Organization

A Sport Organization consists of Provincial Sport Organizations and multi-sport/service groups.

Those associations that govern the circumstances of a particular sport activity and are the Provincial Authority (Provincial Sport Organizations) recognized by their National Sport Governing Body; or,

Those provincial multi-sport or multi-service organizations that contribute to sport through the provision of core services that meet the needs of the provincial sport community, and that play a provincial leadership role through their expertise and capacity in that core service area.

3) Sport Organization

A) Provincial Sport Organizations

i. Provincial Sport Organizational Standards

All Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs) are subject to the following organizational standards that must be met.

The Association:

- is a volunteer based not-for-profit organization
- is incorporated and in good standing under the Manitoba Corporations Act and must have been in existence as such for a period of at least two years prior to application for recognition
- is democratically governed by a duly elected Board of Directors
- has a duly ratified Constitution / Bylaws
- has appropriate operational policies and agrees to implement policies as required by Sport Manitoba
- holds an Annual General Meeting in accordance with its bylaws
- approves annual budget and year-end financial statement
- has a proven record of ability to govern the sport throughout the Province of Manitoba for a period of two years prior to its application date.
- must have ongoing youth development programming activity in line with the sports LTD pathway.
- has verifiable annual membership tracked through its records and database.
- is committed to providing its members with technically and ethically sound and safe programs and content based on established long term athlete development (LTD) principles.
- incorporates the principle of technically and ethically sound coaching education and conduct.
- incorporates the principle of technically and ethically sound officiating education and conduct.
- carries insurance that adequately protects the members, volunteers, staff, and the organization.
- incorporates Safe Sport principles into its sport delivery system including implementation of appropriate policies, procedures, and practices.

Provincial Sport Organization Streams

Provincial Sport Organizations will be classified into three streams. Each stream will have additional specific standards.

Games Stream

Is sanctioned and recognized as the sole provincial sport's governing body for Manitoba by a parent National Sport Organization that is funded by Sport Canada. Only one PSO will be recognized per corresponding National Sport Organization (NSO). *

- Provincial Sport Organizations must have active programming activity in at least three regions of the province (regions are determined as per Manitoba Games region definitions). Funding for organizations will consider the number of regions in which they are present. Associations that do not meet these criteria due to lack of facilities, man-made or natural, may still be deemed eligible for this level of recognition

Sport Canada Stream

Sports that do not fall into the Games Stream but are funded by Sport Canada and/or with a recognized NCCP program.

Is sanctioned and recognized as the sole provincial sport's governing body for Manitoba by a parent National Sport Organization that is funded by Sport Canada. Only one PSO will be recognized per corresponding National Sport Organization (NSO). *

- Provincial Sport Organizations must have active programming activity in at least three regions of the province (regions are determined as per Manitoba Games region definitions).

Non-Sport Canada Stream

All sports that do not fall within the Games or Sport Canada Stream.

Is sanctioned and recognized as the sole provincial sport's governing body for Manitoba by a parent National Sport Organization.

- Provincial Sport Organizations must have active programming activity in at least three regions of the province (regions are determined as per Manitoba Games region definitions).
- A new sport cannot apply in this category.
- This category will disappear as of March 31, 2027. A sport in this category will not be recognized anymore by Sport Manitoba.

****Note:***

If more than one Provincial Sports Organization exists for a National Sports Organization, the Provincial Sport Organizations will have to merge the two or more entities. Sport Manitoba will provide support to assist with a merger. Organizations will have until March 31, 2027, to merge. After that, Sport Manitoba will recognize only one organization, based on the following criteria: memberships, regions, financial health, and organizational health and effectiveness.

Name of PSO: Manitoba Cricket Association

Board Member 

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