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| PARTICIPATIONPOLICIES |

**1.0 AFFILIATION**

1.1 In order to be a member of the SBA and thus benefit from or be involved in SBA programs, all individuals and groups must affiliate.

1.2 By affiliating, individuals agree to come under the jurisdiction of the SBA and agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Board of Directors.

1.3 Affiliation may be revoked by the Board of Directors at any time if individuals, teams, leagues or associations, are not acting in the best interest of Broomball or in accordance with the rules of the SBA as laid down in these bylaws.

1.4 Affiliation ensures each individual is covered for liability, accident and dental insurance while they are following the guidelines of the sanctioning policy (Ref. Bylaws Sect. One - 9.0) and in all situations covered by the Insurance Policies on file at the SBA office.

1.5 League administrators, executive members and tournament organizers (i.e., non players) who wish to be covered for liability coverage must affiliate prior to the event they are involved with.

1.6 When a person is not in good standing in the SBA, he/she cannot participate in anyway as a player, coach or as an official.

1.7 In order to be affiliated all individuals and groups must provide pertinent personal information requested on the SBA affiliation forms. Failure to do so may result "good standing" being revoked.

1.8.1 Players must be listed in the players section of the affiliation form in order to be eligible to play. Players who are not listed must have their information sent into the SBA office. Playing coaches and playing team reps must be indicated in the coaches section and players section if they wish to play. **The affiliation form, Criminal record checks, waivers and fees must be into the SBA office prior to your first game or practice of the season.**

.2 Amendment Form

Player releases:

- The coach of the team that the player is leaving must sign the player release form.

- Any forged signatures on the amendment form will make the release invalid.

.3 Any forged document will result in discipline action taken by the SBA.

1.9 **TYPE I – TEAM AFFILIATION**

 .1 The following team affiliation fees shall apply:

 U14 - $150

 U16 - $150

 U20 - $225

 SENIOR - $250

 NON-CONTACT - $225

 MIXED-ALL DIVISIONS-$200

DEADLINE: Team affiliation fees must be paid prior to each team’s first game each season and no later than the registration deadline for that category. All SBA deadlines that fall on a non-working day (weekend or statutory holiday) will be extended until the next working day at 5:00pm.

 .2 INDIVIDUALS not connected to a team but wishing to affiliate may do so for a fee of $10.00/season.

1.10 **TYPE II - SINGLE SANCTIONED EVENT**

Individuals may affiliate for single events by submitting a $10.00 fee to the organizer prior to participation in their first game. This fee will then be submitted to the SBA.

1.11 **TYPE III - USER GROUPS**

$50.00 annually – User groups wishing to be eligible to participate in SBA Loaner Kit Program or Clinics must be members of the association.

**2.0 ELIGIBILITY (ALL CATEGORIES)**

2.1 In order to be eligible for Provincials teams, leagues and associations must be in good standing.

2.2 All players, coaches, managers and trainers must be signed on the official SBA Provincial Championship Registration form no later than Feb. 1st (Minor Teams), Feb. 15th (Senior), and March 1st (Mixed). There will be zero tolerance for teams not adhering to deadlines or bylaw requirements.

2.3 All teams who wish to compete at the Provincial Championship MUST meet the above noted deadlines and must have the proper fees into the SBA office.

2.4 Defaulting games at the Provincials - the result is players on the provincial roster will be suspended for one year of Provincial Championship play and the bond will be forfeited to the category.

2.5 Any suspensions levied that have resulted from an act of God, extenuating circumstances, etc. may be appealed by the individual suspended. The appeal must be in writing and must outline details of the circumstances following 8.5 "Right To Appeal To a Higher Authority". The Category is obligated to consider these circumstances and has the authority to overrule the motion that created the suspension.

2.6 Tournaments with possible MAP funding must use SBA rules, 18 min. periods and overtime. Mercy Rule and other SBA rules may be used. As per Appendix A & B in the SBA rulebook.

2.7 Persons signed with any other Provincial Broomball association are not eligible to participate in Saskatchewan’s Provincial Championship unless they can provide the SBA with a signed release from the other province.

2.8 U20 players on official SBA Provincial Championship Registration form may play in U20 Provincials and in any other category they wish. However, they must follow all Senior Category (Contact, Non-Contact, Mixed) bylaws in terms of their Senior Category eligibility.

2.9 Players may be released during the season with league/SBA approval. Players or coaches must fill out a proper release form prior to acceptance. Once released, a player is eligible to play for any other team in the province. Should a team refuse to release a player, the matter will be reviewed by their SBA Category Chairperson. A physical move from one team/city to another, will constitute an automatic release if the player so chooses.

2.10 There will be no tolerance for teams that do not adhere to deadlines, bylaw requirements, or if forms are not filled out properly. Teams that do not comply will be fined or declared ineligible at the discretion of the chairperson.

2.11 Ensuring that all participants on Provincial Championship Registration form pay the banquet/gate admission required by the ice payment policy for that event.

2.12 All coaches, manager, sport leaders who are on the bench at any SBA provincial event will be required to provide their Criminal Record Check (CRC) to the SBA office with their provincial registration form at their designated final deadline.

 (Minor – Feb. 1st, Senior – Feb. 15th, Mixed – March 1st)

2.13 The Bantam, Midget and Juvenile minor divisions will be called U14, U16, U20.

**3.0 SENIOR**

TYPE I - TEAM AFFILIATION - SENIOR - $250

3.1 Forms

 3.1.1 Provincial Championship Registration forms are due at the January meeting. Amendments to rosters are

 available upon proper completion of an amendment form, up to and including Feb. 15th. Please note that

 insurance claims prior to the January meeting will require the submission of a properly completed Provincial

 Championship Registration form.

 Amendment Form:

 Player releases:

 - The coach of the team that the player is leaving must sign the player release form.

 - Any forged signatures on the amendment form will make the release invalid

Senior Provincial Registration Fee – Not attending Provincials

- Teams in the first three seasons - $450.00/season

- Teams in existence for more than three seasons - $750.00/season

Senior Provincial Registration Fee - $1200

Due - at the January meeting each year. Withdrawal after this meeting fees will be forfeited to the SBA. No exceptions.

3.3 Bonds and Suspensions

3.3.1 All teams are required to submit a $100.00 performance bond to be eligible to attend Provincials: due at the January meeting. Bonds are held for the league until such time that the number of teams attending Provincials decreases. Bonds will be forfeited if teams:

- Do not appear or default games at the provincial, or withdraw prior to the provincial ($100),

- If each team does not have a rep in attendance at the January meeting ($100/team),

- For any other reason the Executive deems appropriate.

3.4 Miscellaneous Bylaws

3.4.1 All sanctioned games are required to comply with officiating regulations. League Officials Associations should be formed to ensure all bylaws are being followed. (Reference Section 8.0 bylaws)

3.5 PROVINCIAL FORMAT

3.5.1 *Provincial Championships will be hosted on a rotation basis, with rotation being odd years south, even years north. Any teams applying to host must be in good standing and complete the requirements set by the S.B.A. Davidson will be the boundary, and May 1st will be the deadline to apply.*

3.5.2 The SBA will pay 100% of the ice costs for the Provincial Championships.

3.5.3 *The ticket price for the banquet at Provincials cannot exceed 15% plate cost. Host group will let the SBA office know their plate cost by the AGM meetings in September.*

3.6 Provincial Eligibil­ity - Players

 3.6.1 In Case of major injury, proven by medical documents, you have the option to replace the participant. Medical documents must be in the hands of the SBA office or category chairperson prior to the first game of the Provincial Championship.

 3.6.2 Coaching Requirements for Provincial Championships

***- All teams must have a non playing coach on the bench at all times who have the following coaching certification:***

***(a) Fully Certified Level I for the sport of Broomball; or***

***(b) NCCP Trained BTC (Broomball To Compete) Coach &***

***(c) RiS (Respect in Sport) Online Training***

- A coach can be on a men’s and ladies roster but not on two men’s or two ladies team rosters.

- Failing to meet coaching requirements - SANCTION: GAME FORFEIT.

3.7 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.7.1 The Provincial Champions will attend the Nationals the following year.

3.7.2 YEAR IN ADVANCE

- The Senior/Mixed and Masters Categories moving forward will have a Category conference call (one for each division) in the fall to discuss Nationals (a rep from all teams must be on each category call).

- Commitment by September 15th or September category meeting

- If the team forfeits the right to attend the event, the National Registration fee paid by the SBA will be given to the replacement team.

- The team must play in Senior Provincials the following year.

- The team must play in a Senior league or if a league is not available, the team must play in three major Canadian Senior tournaments(the Senior Provincials will count as one of the three major tournaments).

- Initial roster for Nationals must be in to the SBA office by Feb. 15th.

- Final roster for Nationals is due at Coaches Meeting at National Event.

- If deadline conditions are not met, then the Executive Committee will review.

3.7.3 Senior teams must pay a $500 bond to the SBA to participate in Nationals.

 3.7.4 *Pickups for Nationals must be from Provincial Championship Registration forms in the Senior or Non-Contact Categories, or from registered U20 or Mixed Provincial Championship roster. (note: Senior and Non-Contact players can ONLY play in one Provincial Championship). 09/2013*

**4.0 NON-CONTACT -** TEAM AFFILIATION – NON CONTACT - $225

In order to be eligible for Non-Contact Provincials, teams do not have to participate in leagues but they must follow the sanctioning policy, be in good standing and complete the following requirements:

 4.1 All players must be on a Provincial Championship Registration form by February 15th in order to be eligible for provincials. Names and other information must be presented to the SBA office on an official Non-Contact team Provincial Championship Registration form or players will not be eligible.

 4.2 Provincial Championship Registration - $600.00/team

Due - All teams wishing to attend Non-Contact Provincials must submit their provincial championship registration fees by February 15th of the playing year.

 4.3 Coaching Requirements for Non-Contact Provincial Championships

* Each participating team must have 3 members listed on their Provincial Championship Registration form as having completed the RiS (Respect in Sport) online training.
* One of those players with RiS must start on the bench.
* Failing to meet coaching requirements - SANCTION: GAME FORFEIT.

**5.0 MINOR** - **TEAM AFFILIATION – U14 - $150, U16 $150, U20 $225**

 U14 and U16 - bylaws will be followed as the U20 category, except for the age and the play being non contact. For the U14 Category only, two fifteen minute periods will be played.

 5.1 Forms - all players, coaches, managers and trainers must be signed on an official SBA Provincial Championship Registration form due Feb. 1st of the playing year.

* + For the U16 and U14 categories, players can be added to the official Provincial Championship registration up until Feb. 1st (all players must be signed on an SBA Provincial Championship Roster form).
	+ A $50.00 late fee (per day) will be charged if all materials are not in the SBA office on the final day of registration.
	+ A waiver form signed by the parent or guardian of each child, accompanied by a photocopy of a proof of birth and a photo identification must be available to coaches at all minor events.
	+ For the U16 Category, photo identification is recommended, but is not mandatory. If a protest is made against an athlete who does not have these documents available the team shall forfeit the game(s) in question and the athlete shall be suspended until such time as these documents are produced.

5.1.1 Meetings - All U20 teams not represented at the January and September U20 category meetings will be fined $50.00

5.1.2 In order to be eligible for provincials all teams and individuals must pay affiliation fees and Provincial Championship fees.

 **5.3 PROVINCIAL PLAY**

 Provincial Championship Registration - Deadline is February 1st of the playing year

5.3.1 U20 $525.00

 U16 $400.00

 U14 $300.00

 5.4 Eligibility

 5.4.1 **U20** - players 20 years of age or older in the calendar year prior to the Provincial are not eligible for Provincials.

 **U16** - players 16 years of age or older in the calendar year prior to the Provincial are not eligible for Provincials.

**U14** - players 14 years of age or older in the calendar year prior to the Provincial are not eligible for Provincials.

 5.4.2 Teams or players do not have to be in a registered league to be eligible.

 5.5 Coaching Requirement For U14, U16, and U20 Provincials

***All teams must have a nonplaying coach on the bench at all times who have the following coaching certification:***

 ***(a) Fully Certified Level I for the sport of Broomball; or***

 ***(b) NCCP Trained BTC (Broomball To Compete) Coach & 09/2011***

 ***(c) RiS (Respect in Sport) Online Training***

 All teams must have a Fully Certified Level I, nonplaying coach on the bench at all times.

 A coach can only be on one Roster per category.

 One years grace shall be given to new teams.

 For existing teams failing to meet coaching requirement - **SANCTION - DISQUALIFICATION**

**5.6 Provincial Championships**

5.6.1 The U20 Provincials will always be the last weekend in February or a minimum of four weeks prior to the National.

5.6.2 The SBA will pay 100% of the ice costs for the U20, U16 & U14 Provincial Championships.

5.6.3 For hosting purposes, the Minor category will be 2 zones (North & South). The location of the events will rotate between North and South. The dividing line will be reviewed annually based on the location of participating communities in the prior year, combining gender in each category. Dividing equal numbers of communities between North and South, and in the event of an odd number, the host central community will be added to the hosting zone. Or a regular rotation of all teams that wish to host the Provincial Events. 09/2017

5.6.4 **The rotation for Minor Provincials Starting 2019.**

 **U14: Aberdeen/Vonda, Debden, Odessa, Bruno, Estevan, Big River**

 **U20: Big River, Debden, Bruno, Estevan, Aberdeen/Vonda, Odessa**

 **U16: Debden, Estevan, Big River, Odessa, Bruno, Aberdeen/Vonda 09/2019**

 **5.7 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

5.7.1 The Provincial Champions will attend the Nationals in the same year.

5.7.2 YEAR IN ADVANCE

- The Minor Category moving forward will have a Category conference call in the fall to discuss Nationals (a rep from all teams must be on each category call).

- If the team forfeits the right to attend the event, the National Registration fee paid by the SBA will be given to the replacement team.

- Initial roster for Nationals must be in to the SBA office by Feb. 15th.

- Final roster for Nationals is due at Coaches Meeting at National Event.

- If deadline conditions are not met, then the Executive Committee will review.

5.7.3 U20 teams must pay a $500 bond to the SBA to participate in Nationals.

 5.7.4 *Pickups for Nationals must be from U20 Provincial Championship roster. 09/2013*

**6.0 MIXED** - TEAM AFFILIATION – MIXED - $200

6.0.1 MIXED

 The Mixed Category of the SBA is a recreational/promotional category.

 Teams should keep this in mind and participate accordingly.

6.0.2 ELIGIBILITY

Teams do not have to participate in leagues, but they must follow the sanctioning policy, be in good standing and complete the requirements of their chosen division.

 COACHING REQUIREMENTS - MIXED

* Each participating team must have 3 members listed on their Provincial Championship Registration form as having completed the RiS (Respect in Sport) online training.
* all 3 members listed with RIS must have CRC’s as well.
* One of those players with RiS must start on the bench.
* if a team has a nonplaying coach only that person is required to have CRC and RIS if minors on roster.
* Failing to meet coaching requirements - SANCTION: GAME FORFEIT.

AGE EXEMPT PLAYERS - 19 and under as of December 31st of the current playing season are considered age exempt in some divisions.

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS – Players must be a minimum of 16 years of age (as of December 31st of the playing season) and registered on an adult team to participate in the Recreation Division at the Mixed Provincials

6.0.3 CHAIRPERSON DISCRETION

 The category chairperson has the discretion to move a team from one division to another. This may be done on a team-by-team basis taking into consideration the teams potential to compete and the number of “X” type players on their roster.

6.0.4 *Provincial Championships will be hosted on a rotation basis, with the rotation being odd years south, even years north. The dividing line being Davidson.*

**6.1 ALL MIXED TEAMS**

**PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP FEES - $650/TEAM**

 DEADLINES – Provincial Championship Initial Registration forms & fees are due at the Senior/Mixed

 Category meeting in January. (Check calendar of events for this meeting date)
- Final Registration Form is due at category deadline of March 1st.

 Amendments to rosters are available upon proper completion of an amendment form, up to and including

 March 1st. Please note that insurance claims prior to the January meeting will require the submission of a

 properly completed Provincial Championship Registration form.

 Amendment Form:

 Player releases:

 - The team rep/manager of the team that the player is leaving must sign the player release form.

 - Any forged signatures on the amendment form will make the release invalid

 (Exceptions may be granted if necessary to accommodate a full draw).

Maximum team roster of 20 players.

**The Senior/Mixed and Masters Categories will have a Category conference call (one for each division) in the fall to discuss Nationals (a rep from all teams must be on each category call).**

6.2 AWARDS

 All teams attending the Mixed Provincial Championships are responsible for purchasing a minimum of 10 banquet tickets at a price not to exceed 15% plate cost per ticket. These tickets are to be paid at registration prior to a teams first game.

6.3 PLAYING RULES

6.6.1 A major for fighting will result in an automatic tournament suspension.

6.6.2 No boarding or deliberate body checking will be allowed. Major penalty. NOTE: The onus is on all players to be in control of their body at all times. Defensive players are not allowed to move players out of the crease area in anyway.

6.6.3 INCIDENTAL body contact by either the offensive or defensive player will result in a minor penalty.

6.6.4 Automatic icing will occur when the ball is shot from your own side of centre ice and crosses the opponent's goal line without any interference from the opponent.

6.6.5 The 50% male female ratio is used throughout the game including overtime. Regulation 3 male, 3 female. Overtime, 2 male, 2 female.

6.6.6 Penalties are served by the individual who receives them regardless of sex. Team penalties are served by males.

6.6.7 DRESSING ROOMS

Mixed team members, of the opposite sex, shall dress in the same dressing rooms at separate times, or where, possible, in separate dressing rooms

**7.0 MASTERS/YEAR END TOURNAMENT**

7.1 The age restriction for Masters Mens play is 35 years and over, for Masters Ladies it is 30 years and over. All players must meet the criteria as of the day of the tournament in order to be eligible. Each team participating must have 20% of the team roster as Masters Division only.

7.2 **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP/YEAR END** **REGISTRATION - $275/TEAM.**

7.3 Masters play is Non Contact with two fifteen minute periods.

7.4 Non Active Masters players pay a $10.00 affiliation fee annually.

7.5 **The Senior/Mixed and Masters Categories will have a Category conference call (one for each division) in the fall to discuss Nationals (a rep from all teams must be on each category call).**

**8.0 OFFICIATING – See OFFICIAL CONTRACT**

**9.0 SANCTIONING POLICY**

9.1 General

9.1.1 No member (officials, coach, manager, trainer, player) covered under the policy may participate in any way with an unaffiliated person, without receiving prior permission from the Executive. Persons ignoring this policy may face fines or suspensions or both.

 9.1.2 Registered, Affiliated or Recreational officials must be involved in all league or tournament games.

9.1.3 The Officials Committee through the local league official’s association is responsible for approving the officials assigned to do all league games. The Provincial Referee-in-Chief or designate shall assign all officials to tournaments and provincial championships.

9.1.4 Leagues which do not have qualified officials affiliated with the SBA will not be eligible for provincials.

9.2 Tournaments

All tournaments must be sanctioned by the SBA prior to the event (one month minimum). The SBA will then handle all discipline matters for these events.

9.2.1 All out-of-province teams attending tournaments must be affiliated with their provincial association or must affiliate with the SBA for that event. (Ref. SECT. ONE, 1.7)

9.2.2 All teams are expected to attend in province tournaments rather than those out of province.

9.2.3 The SBA assumes no responsibility for money lost at any tournament. All teams should act on a buyer beware basis. Tournaments which are not properly run will not be sanctioned until such time as they demonstrate their ability to host a proper event. If money is lost the SBA will ensure every effort is made by the league to pay it back. All officials’ costs are the responsibility of the host group. (Such as game fees, accommodations, mileage, meals etc).

9.2.4 Registrations - New Players and Teams which want to play in tournaments prior to their league registration must complete affiliation forms prior to the event.

9.2.6 Emergency action plans and Facility checklists must be completed by the Host prior to commencement of SBA sanctioned tournaments and given to the Tournament Officials Coordinator or head official.