

Speed Skate Nova Scotia

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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. To provide guidelines for the procedure that a member club must follow to obtain a SSNS sanction for a speed skating competition taking place in the province of Nova Scotia.

2. FIELD OF APPLICATION

- 2.1. This policy applies to all speed skating competitions that a member club formally requests a SSNS sanction.
- 2.2. There are two types of available sanctions: Regional and Provincial.
- 2.3. All provincial championships or provincial ranking meets require a SSNS provincial sanction.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. **Regional Sanction:** A sanction for smaller competitions with member clubs from a particular region where official times are required.
- 3.2. **Provincial Sanction:** A sanction for a provincial championship or provincial ranking competition where official times are required.

4. PRINCIPLES

- 4.1. SSNS believes that a formal competition sanctioning process is required to ensure that competitions are run safely, effectively and with accurate results.
- 4.2. SSNS believes that the sanctioning process will foster the mentorship of new officials.
- 4.3. SSNS believes that offering more opportunities for skaters to race and receive official times will increase the ability to obtain qualifying times for National and Regional competitions.
- 4.4. SSNS believes that by sanctioning competitions we will not interfere with the accessibility of experiencing speed skating racing.

5. POLICY STATEMENT

5.1. SSNS is committed to a standard process for sanctioning speed skating competitions in Nova Scotia.

6. PROVISIONS

6.1. Competitions Requiring Sanctions

- 6.1.1. Formal racing where official times are required, with skaters from more than one SSNS club participating, requires a minimum of a SSNS Regional Sanction.
- 6.1.2. All provincial meets (championships and provincial ranking meets) require a SSNS Provincial Sanction.
- 6.1.3. All national meets hosted in Nova Scotia (championships and ranking meets) require an (SSC) Sanction.

6.2. Requirements for Sanction

- 6.2.1. The Competition shall be hosted by a member club of the SSNS.
- 6.2.2. The planned Competition shall be held in accordance with ISU/SSC and SSNS rules.
- 6.2.3. The Competition must be held on a Certified Track as per ISU Rule 227 and rules of the SSC's Red Book. Certification shall be made prior to the Competition and written proof of Certification by a qualified Engineer or Surveyor shall be submitted to the Referee prior to the start of the Competition.
- 6.2.4. The Competition shall use electronic watches and/or electronic timekeeping.
- 6.2.5. At Competitions carrying a Provincial Sanction the Meet Coordinator shall ensure that the minimum Level 2 qualified Officials in the following areas are available: a. Chief Referee, b. Chief Starter, c. Chief Timer, e. Chief Place Judge, f. Recorder
- 6.2.6. At competitions carrying a Regional Sanction, the Meet Coordinator shall ensure that the Chief Referee and Starter are certified Level 1 (at minimum) and that one other official is a certified official. It is recommended that the Chief Timer be the second certified official.
- 6.2.7. The Competition shall have qualified medical or first aid personnel on site, and he/she must be clearly identified.
- 6.2.8. The Competition shall ensure that crash protection guidelines, as per SSC's P & R's have been met.

6.3. Submitting Application for Sanction

- 6.3.1. Sanction applications must be applied for through the SSNS office by way of the electronic application form available through the Officials Resources on the SSNS website. Only electronic submissions will be accepted and they must be received not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the planned competition.
- 6.3.2. The Application shall contain: a. the completed sanction request form; b. the Competition entry form; c. the sanction fee as determined by the Board;

6.4. Withdrawal of Sanction

- 6.4.1. The Chief Referee may withdraw a sanction should the requirements outlined in 6.2. *Requirements for Sanction* are not met on the day of the Competition.
- 6.4.2. The Chief Referee must notify the Meet Coordinator prior to the commencement of the competition (or during the competition, should a situation arise) that the sanction may be withdrawn.
- 6.4.3. The Chief Referee must submit, in writing, to the Board of the SSNS, c/o the SSNS office within seven (7) days of the completion of the Competition, the reasons why a sanction was withdrawn.

6.5. Skater Membership Requirements To Compete in Sanctioned Competition

- 6.5.1. SSNS does not want the sanctioning of a competition to be a financial barrier for skaters to experience racing.
- 6.5.2. Nova Scotia skaters that are registered with SSC as introductory or participant members may compete in regional sanctioned meets without upgrading their membership to competitive.
- 6.5.3. Nova Scotia skaters that are registered with SSC as introductory or participant members and wish to compete in a provincially sanctioned meet, may do so, but must upgrade their membership to competitive if they are using their times to qualify for regional or national competitions.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

7.1. The Speed Skate Nova Scotia Board of Directors shall review this policy every two years.

7.2. Original Policy Lead: Brent Thompson

7.3. Current Policy Lead: