



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

The Lifeguarding Experts

THE SANCTION PROCESS FOR A LIFESAVING SPORT COMPETITION

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The Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch sanctions Lifesaving Sport and Lifeguard competitions in BC and the Yukon. Sanctioning is a free service provided by the Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch to help maintain consistency in competitions held in our Branch.

Please ensure that you have read and fully understand the requirements in sanctioning your competition. Please complete the Application to Sanction form and return it to the office at least one month prior to your competition.

For more information please contact Cheryl Sibany cheryls@lifesaving.bc.ca

The Benefits of Sanctioning:

- The Lifesaving Society's insurance policy will cover all competition officials that are certified with a minimum of an Official Level 1 designation.**
- All officials and volunteers will be eligible for Lifesaving Society Volunteer recognition
- All officials will be able to use their participation at your sanctioned event to receive their appropriate certification levels in officiating and judging.
- When appropriate, athletes who have record-breaking times will be acknowledged for their performances.
- Results from your competition will be posted on the Lifesaving Society website for posterity.
- The Branch will assist with the promotion of the sanctioned competition by posting information on the Lifesaving Society website, sending information to facilities via the info fax, and by sending out information to interested competitors, coaches, and officials.
- The Branch Competition Committee will assist the organizers with sample mark sheets, tabulation programs, feedback regarding the competition, etc.
- Recognition of regional championship status when applicable.

Please note: If you want to be considered for a Regional Competition and you must submit sanctioning forms no later than June 1st, 2019.

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Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch Requirements for Sanctioning:

1. The competition host organizer must be an affiliate in good standing with the Lifesaving Society.
2. The host organizing committee must have an appropriate safety plan, safety equipment, and a designated competition Safety officer.
3. The Branch does not recognize records set in or results of unsanctioned competitions.
4. The Branch does not insure volunteer officials or competitors in unsanctioned competitions.
5. All competitors must be members of a registered Lifesaving Club.
6. The Competition Host will ensure that all competitors hold a minimum of a current Bronze Medallion or be registered in a Lifesaving Society Junior Lifeguard Club Program – for those under 14yrs of age.
 - 6.1. All competitors 13yrs of age and older must be registered BC & Yukon Lifesaving Sport Athletes.
 - 6.2. There is no charge for registration as an Athlete or a Lifesaving Club.
7. Sanctioned competitions must adhere to current competition manual rules.
<https://www.lifesaving.ca/rules-policies.php>
 - Barnsley Lifeguard Championships Handbook (Lifeguard Competition) **or**
 - International Lifesaving Championships Handbook 2015-2019 **or**
 - For Junior Lifesaving events (8-14yrs) the BC & Yukon Telegames 2019 handbook
 - 7.1. All team names must be reviewed by the Meet Manager and Head Referee to determine appropriateness. If the name is not appropriate, the name must be changed prior to the start of the competition.
 - 7.2. The sanctioned competition may include other events, so long as the events are deemed safe and fair by the host.
8. The Branch must receive the Sanction Application form 30 day prior to the event
The application must be signed by the Meet Manager and must identify the following:
 - 8.1. Date, time and location of the competition
 - 8.2. Event Entry form link
 - 8.3. Program of events
 - 8.4. Name and contact information of the affiliate representative
 - 8.5. Name and contact information of the organizer
 - 8.6. Name and contact information for Meet Manager
 - 8.7. Name and contact information of the Head Referee
 - 8.8. Name and contact information of the Safety Officer
 - 8.9. Proof of \$2,000,000 liability insurance which includes the Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch named as co-insured for the event)
9. Failure to meet any of the sanctioning requirements or expectations may result in a retroactive de-sanctioning of your competition.

Competition Key Officials Roles

- MEET MANAGER** is responsible for all necessary steps associated with the preparation, conduct, and follow-up required of a successful competition.
- HEAD REFEREE** will have the authority to enforce all rules and decisions for the duration of the competition and may intervene at any stage to ensure that appropriate regulations are observed.
- SAFETY OFFICER** is responsible for ensuring that the competition is conducted in a safe manner and that the facilities are safe throughout the event.
 - The Safety Officer must be familiar with the host facility and the host facilities Safety Plan.

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- The Safety Officer will ensure that rescue equipment, procedures and personnel are in place to ensure the general safety of competitors, competition personnel and spectators.

Registration of Event Officials & Judges

- Please ensure that all officials participating in your event are registered with the Branch.
 - Officials can register can also take place at any time prior to their participating in your event.
 - Ensure all volunteers and Officials sign participants waiver.
- Registration ensures that volunteer experience is recorded and account for in our Lifesaving Society Officials Data Base towards appropriate certification levels.
- If you would like to host an official's clinic (original and recertification) as part of your event, please let us know.

Expectations for Simulated Emergencies

- For events requiring simulated emergencies, it is the expectation of organizers to uphold the standards of the NL program.
- All victims/scenarios, although challenging, must be based on scenarios that realistically could occur to a lifeguard or team of lifeguards, either on-duty or off.
- No scenario should require lifeguards to perform tasks that for other reasons would not be expected nor evaluated based on the NL standards (this could include administration of some medication, entrance into a dangerous scene, the use of weapons, or performing procedures above their standard of care).
- For guidance on the appropriateness of potential simulated emergencies, the competition committee should be consulted at guardcomps@lifesaving.bc.ca.

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