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## **BC Sport Cheer Association Event Sanctioning Policy**

### **Preamble**

This policy focuses on ensuring the quality and safety of competitive cheerleading competitions and events in the Province of British Columbia. BC Sport Cheer (BCSC) sanctioning will stand for one (1) competitive season (September 1 to August 31). All Event Hosts must comply with the terms and conditions set forth hereunder and must complete the Sanctioning Application for their competition(s) and event(s) to be considered for sanctioning by BCSC.

### **1) Definitions**

- a) The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
  - i) "Sanctioned Event" shall mean all competitions, sports demonstrations including practice and training at the event site and program premises, social and fundraising activities authorized by BCSC and run by members.
  - ii) "Event Host" or "Event Hosts" mean clubs, schools, or organizations organizing an event.
  - iii) "Good Standing" means a BCSC member or out-of-province team who has met all membership requirements per their association's bylaws and policies.
  - iv) "Laws" means any applicable laws, including all statutes, codes, ordinances, decrees, rules, regulations, municipal bylaws, judicial or arbitral or administrative or ministerial or departmental or regulatory judgments, orders, decisions, rulings or awards, policies, guidelines, and general principles of common and civil law and equity, binding on or affecting the person referred to in the context in which the word is used.
  - v) "Non-Member Team" is a team or program that resides in BC but does not hold a current BCSC membership.
  - vi) "Out-of-Province" means a team or program that resides outside of the province of BC

### **2) Purpose**

- a) The purpose of sanctioning is to ensure that cheerleading events and competitions held in BC adhere to the rules and standards of the sport and are conducted in a safe, fair, and responsible manner to protect the integrity of the sport.

### **3) Sanctioning**

- a) All event hosts must meet and adhere to this policy's requirements for their competitions and events to be sanctioned and to enable BCSC members to participate.
  - i) The sanctioning of an activity carries with it the obligation that it is carried out per the policies, regulations, and procedures of BCSC. This includes but is not limited to:
    - (1) Bylaws
    - (2) BCSC Code of Ethics
    - (3) Alternate Dispute Resolution
    - (4) Commitment to Fair Play
    - (5) Cheer Canada Policies
  - ii) BCSCs current policies will be posted on the BCSC website:  
<https://bcsporcheer.ca/policies>
  - iii) All cheerleading competitions and performances in BC that take place away from the Full Member's premises, or subcontracted spaces.
  - iv) All BCSC-operated competitions and events are considered BCSC sanctioned events. This includes but is not limited to:
    - (1) BCSC Provincial Championships
    - (2) National and Provincial Team clinics

### **4) Benefits of Event Sanctioning**

- a) Website listing with event information on the BCSC Website.
- b) Opportunity to be reposted on BCSC Social Media Channels.
- c) Onsite support from a BCSC representative.
- d) Participants' confidence that safe sport and health and safety measures are adhered to.

### **5) Application for Sanctioning**

- a) The following criteria must be met in order to apply for BCSC Sanctioning:
  - i) One Sanctioning Application per event is required.
  - ii) A non-refundable Sanctioning fee of \$150 for a one day event and \$250 for a two-day event is required for each event and application form.
- b) Failure to complete the application, provide required documentation or pay the fee within 30 days of receipt of the invoice will result in the removal of your event from the BCSC Sanctioned Events list.

### **6) Requirements**

- a) **Medical Requirements:**

- i) The Event Host is required to provide at least two first aid responders. At all times, one responder must be located in the warmup area and one must be located in the competition area near the performance floor.
- b) **Event Requirements:**
  - i) The Event Host must comprise their judging team with a minimum of 60% Cheer Canada certified judges.
  - ii) The Event Host must have a documented Health and Safety Plan that includes an Emergency Action Plan, and be available onsite by request.
  - iii) The Event Host must meet the minimum requirements for a competition floor:
    - (1) 42 feet x 54 feet
    - (2) The mats must be set vertically from front to back and securely taped together.
    - (3) If the performance floor is built on a stage, they require an additional four feet of clearance.
  - iv) Each team must receive a minimum warm-up time of eight minutes in aggregate of all warm-up areas.
  - v) The Event Host is recommended to send an event schedule, with general start times, to all participating teams and BCSC a minimum of two weeks before the event.
- c) **Screening Requirements**
  - i) The Event Host is required to send a list of coaches to BCSC one month prior to the event start date for screening and production of passes.
  - ii) The Event Host is required to send a list of judges to BCSC two weeks prior to the event start date for production of passes.
  - iii) BCSC strongly recommends that only members in good standing be permitted to enter the warm-up area.
  - iv) BCSC will perform pre-screening, in accordance with the Cheer Canada Requirements:
    - (1) BC Coaches must meet the BCSC and Cheer Canada Coaching Requirements.
    - (2) BC Admins, Coach-in-Training, Volunteers, Teacher Sponsors, and Owners must meet the BCSC Requirements.
    - (3) Canadian (Non-BC) Coaches, Admins, Coach-in-Training, Volunteers, Teacher Sponsors, and Owners must meet the Cheer Canada requirements and BCSC will verify membership in good standing with the Provincial Sport Organization.

- (4) Non-Canadian Coaches, Admins, Coach-in-Training, Volunteers, Teacher Sponsors, and Owners must meet the requirements of their National Sport Organization which must include a minimum of Valid Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search, and completion of a Safe Sport or Preventing Abuse workshop.
- v) Upon completion of pre-screening, BCSC will provide non-members with a temporary event pass which will be required for entry to the warm-up area.
- vi) All BCSC members are required to display their BCSC-issued ID at all competitions.
- vii) BCSC will provide a template for coaches lists to the Event Host at least 6 weeks prior to the event, or upon payment of the Sanctioning fee.

d) **Staff Requirements**

- i) All coaches, program directors (scholastic staff advisors, gym owners/managers), and coaches-in-training must have valid credentials to enter any restricted zones, to enter warm-up areas.
- ii) All teams must have a Certified Coach, which is defined as:
  - (1) a registered member in good standing with BCSC, or their province or country of residence's cheer governing body.
  - (2) Coaches must be certified to the level the team will be competing at and must, upon request, confirm and/or provide coaching credentials or certification as required by the BCSC.
- iii) All scholastic team staff advisors/administrators and all-star club gym owners/managers who are not also a Certified Coach who are accompanying their team(s) must be an approved Program Director, which is defined as:
  - (1) Program Directors must, upon request, confirm and/or provide credentials as required by the BCSC.
- iv) Coaches-in-training (CIT) who are entering the warm-up space to accompany a team are defined as:
  - (1) A person who is not a Certified Coach but is registered as a CIT with BCSC, or their province or country of residence's cheer governing body.
  - (2) CITs are permitted into warm-up areas but may not be left alone with the team for warm-up and practice times.
- v) Event Hosts are responsible for ensuring all participant athletes, coaches, program directors, and coaches-in-training are approved by BCSC to attend their event.

- vi) Athletes, coaches, program directors, and coaches-in-training must be clearly distinguished by a competition ID badge, wristband, or similar identifier to confirm they are approved by the BCSC and allowed access to applicable areas, including restricted areas.
- vii) Event Hosts are responsible for ensuring that access to restricted areas is only provided to those athletes, coaches, program directors, and/or coaches-in-training who are approved by BCSC. Anyone who is not approved will not be allowed access.

By participating in competitions and events sanctioned by BCSC, members and participants acknowledge that they have read and agree to abide by this policy.