



# SANCTIONING GUIDELINES

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## BELOW ARE EVENTS/ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SANCTIONED OR NON-SANCTIONED FOR PURPOSES OF TEAM AND/OR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Administration	Notes & Conditions
<p>Ice and Facility Rentals: (Arena/Town/City "Facility" Use Agreements/Contracts)</p>	<p>Coverage only applies where agreement does not include a "Holds Harmless" clause (<i>A provision in an agreement under which one or both parties agree not to hold the other party responsible for any loss, damage, or legal liability. In effect, this clause indemnifies the parties on a unilateral or reciprocal basis (as the case may be).</i> See also indemnity clause.</p> <p>Where agreement includes such a clause, the burden of responsibility lies with the signor and not Hockey Canada.</p> <p>If the contract requires minor hockey to indemnify and hold harmless the municipality or facility owner, and if it does not contain a phrase limiting minor hockey's responsibilities to claims arising out of minor hockey's activities, then the following should be added to the indemnification and hold harmless section of the agreement:</p> <p><b>"Except claims arising from the negligence or responsibility of the lessor/ municipality or facility owner"</b>.</p> <p>For clarity, contact the Hockey Alberta office.</p>



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Exhibition Games (including international)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be submitted to the branch.</li> <li>2. Both teams must be properly registered;</li> <li>3. Full equipment is to be worn</li> <li>4. Registered officials must be used to officiate;</li> <li>5. Where a game is between a male and a female team body checking is not permitted.</li> </ol> <p><b>MHA's use the online sanctioning process</b></p>
Canadian University and College Teams' / High School Hockey	Properly registered programs, teams, and participants are sanctioned.
Games vs. Canada's National Team	These events are conducted under the guidelines of Hockey Canada and the Branch hosting the event.
Celebrity Hockey Games / Benefit Games	Only with respect to insuring the players and volunteers that are registered with the Branch. It will not cover non Hockey Canada participants such as the celebrities.
Tournaments	<p>Must be sanctioned by the Branch</p> <p><b>MHA's use the online sanctioning process</b></p>
3 on 3, 4 on 4 Events & All Star Games	<p>All participating participants must be registered with the branch.</p> <p>All Star games must be officiated by registered officials.</p> <p>3 on 3 or 4 on 4 events may be controlled / officiated by registered volunteers (ie. coaches, trainers, managers). Risk management (ie. safety, equipment) must be incorporated.</p>
Hockey Canada Teams vs. USA Hockey Teams	Must be sanctioned teams
Elite Hockey (AAA) Off-Season (May, June, July) Evaluation & Conditioning Camps	<p>All aspects of the camp would have to be submitted to the Branch to ensure that all players and personnel are registered within the Branch, and that all conditioning activities were stated on the request for insurance.</p> <p>Activities such as pre try out conditioning camps can be approved.</p>



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Fundraising or year-end event (i.e. banquet, silent auction) without alcohol.	<p>The event must be solely organized by the team or association. Approval of such events would be liability protection only.</p> <p><b>Hockey Canada's insurance policy isn't designed to sanction parties.</b></p>
Fundraising or year-end event (i.e. banquet, silent auction) with alcohol.	<p>Facility ownership must be responsible for the serving of alcohol and only serve to persons over the age of 18. Facility ownership must obtain all required permits to buy and sell alcohol. Events being held on a continuous basis will not be considered.</p> <p>Approval of such events would be liability protection only.</p> <p><b>Hockey Canada's insurance policy isn't designed to sanction parties.</b></p>
Dryland Training for registered participants / Conditioning Camps for registered participants	<p>Activities completed as a team for skill development purposes are sanctioned. All activities require that all players and personnel are registered on the Team, with the Branch. Playing other sports such as basketball and soccer against other groups / teams, are not acceptable activities as the Hockey Canada insurance policy is not designed to cover other sports.</p> <p>Risk Management must (ie. Equipment, safety) be incorporated into all dryland activities.</p>
Pre-Game / Practice Warm-Up	<p>Activities that take place at or near a rink pre or post game / practice are considered warm-up activities, and will be covered under the game / practice itself, therefore are sanctioned.</p> <p>Proper Risk Management must be incorporated into all warm up activities.</p>
Development Seminars / Programs (ex. Coaching Clinics, Skill Camps)	<p>Those that are directly operated by the Branch, related to the activities of the Branch, would be sanctioned.</p>
Mall Display and/or Mall Registration Booth.	<p>Requires appropriate supervision and risk management if registered players are involved.</p>
Gambling, Lotteries (50/50, Raffle Tickets).	<p>Activity must comply with municipal and provincial legislation.</p> <p><b>Only liability is covered, not the prizes themselves.</b></p>



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Door-to-Door Selling, personal fundraising, cookies, candy bars, etc.	<p>Door-to-door sales are permitted only with appropriate supervision to reduce the risk of young players entering the homes of unknown persons.</p> <p><b>Only liability is covered, not the prizes themselves.</b></p>
Snack Bar, Concessions	<p>Snack Bar operators should be appropriately trained. Registered participants under the age of 16 are not permitted to use deep fryers. Deep fryers must comply with local fire code and inspections.</p>
Bottle drives, tree sales, donation drives, car wash, bake sales	<p>Requires appropriate supervision and risk management to prevent injury to participants.</p> <p><b>Only liability is covered, not the prizes themselves.</b></p>
Bingos	<p>These are acceptable taking into consideration the selling of alcohol and Provincial laws.</p>
Skating on rivers, ponds, or outdoor rinks as a team of registered participants	<p>Activities that take place on or near a river, pond, or outdoor rink will need specific guidelines with respect to safety and risk management, including an Emergency Action Plan and adequate supervision of participants involved.</p>
Private Hockey Schools	<p>Private hockey schools are not members of Hockey Canada / the Branch. Insurance coverage cannot be extended even in cases where the local association wishes to coordinate a summer hockey school.</p>
Private Training under private contractor (private or local fitness centre, training centre, local Recreation Centre)	<p>If a team is in a private facility using a private contractor for training, the event is not sanctioned (coverage should fall under contractor). Insurance policy must be provided by the contractor/company.</p> <p>Private groups are not covered under Hockey Canada Insurance.</p>
Dinner / Activities while attending a tournament.	<p>If away at a tournament, the tournament sanction will cover things <b>within reason</b> while they are away, with appropriate supervision.</p>
Special event that occurs in one zone, but is operated and sanctioned by another	<p>Doesn't matter where the event takes place, as long as the appropriate risk management tactics are incorporated.</p>



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Events that <u>ARE NOT</u> Sanctioned	Comments
Road Blocks	Considered high risk events
Non-Hockey related activities	Hockey Canada insurance not designed to cover non hockey related activities.
Car Rallies	Considered high risk events
Community Festivals / Parades	Community Festivals / Parades will likely have their own insurance. Hockey Canada will not cover the event.
Other Sport Activities (including in-line hockey & ball hockey). Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slo-Pitch</li> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Baseball</li> </ul>	Hockey Canada insurance is not designed to cover other sports against other groups / teams.  These activities must be used for skill development within a team. Not exclusively playing the sport against another group and/or team.
Concerts	High risk event, often involves alcohol being served and there is a large concentration of people.
Social Events (Attending NHL or WHL games)	A registered team attending a NHL and/or WHL game as spectators, no coverage is provided.
Wood-Splitting, Bon-Fires, Dunk Tanks, Paintball	Considered high risk events
National Hockey League (NHL) and other professional players participating in an event/practice	Professional salaries are very high and an accident could be very costly. The only exception would be those Major Junior players that have played that year on a Major Junior team.
Blue Line Club, Canteen, Beer Tent	Separate insurance should be obtained for these events.
Non-Sanctioned Summer Hockey – Camps, Practices, Leagues	These leagues are required to obtain their own insurance.
Any lease agreement with a clause that transfers the financial burden to the team for facility negligence. <b>(See Administration section)</b>	Our insurers are not prepared to take responsibility for accidents that occur beyond scope of hockey related activities.
Exhibition games involving non-registered participants (including parents, siblings).	Our insurance policy doesn't cover non-registered participants. Participation would put the non-registered participant at risk without any coverage. Our insurers are not prepared to take responsibility for accidents/situations that occur.