

## Sanction Guidelines

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As the provincial governing body of figure skating, Skate Ontario is responsible for the sanctioning of skating activities in Ontario. Sanctioning supports the goal of staging quality sport and physical activities throughout the province.

Higgs, et al (2019) states

“The quality of sport and physical activity is achieved when good people do the right thing at the right times. Quality sport and physical activity is developmentally appropriate, well run, safe and inclusive.”

Higgs, C., et al (2019). Long-Term Development in Sport and Physical Activity 3.0. Sport for Life, 3.0, 1–48.

Skate Ontario promotes the execution of developmentally and stage appropriate activities and events that are

- participant centered,
- progressive and challenging,
- well planned and
- designed to create meaningful opportunities.

The purpose of sanctioning is to ensure that events are

- run in accordance with Skate Ontario sanctioning guidelines,
- conducted in an inclusive and welcoming, fun, fair and safe manner and
- meeting quality standards required for sanctioning by Skate Ontario.

Sanctioned activities will

- promote quality sport and physical activity,
- be developmentally appropriate for participants,
- be inclusive and welcoming,
- occur in a safe environment for learning and
- be economical for participants.

### **What types of activities require sanctions?**

1. Multi-club\* activities include:
  - Prep/Information sessions
  - Skill Development sessions
  - Motivational sessions
  - Simulations
  - Feedback sessions
  - Challenge Days
  - Performance Opportunities
  - Fun events

\*Refer to the “Performance and Development Opportunities – Planning Tool” for more information about the types of opportunities.

2. Any in-club\*\* events that request the use of officials.



*\*Multi-club refers to any activity that includes skaters from another club.*

*\*\*In-club refers to any activity where all skaters are members of the host club.*

### **What types of activities do not require a sanction?**

- Regular scheduled on and off-ice programs
- \*Two (2) bring-a-friend days per season
- \*Two (2) family skates per season
  - \*See [Skate Canada guidelines for bring-a-friend and family skate days](#)*
- Any in-club activity, including:
  - Prep/Information sessions
  - Skill Development sessions
  - Motivational sessions
  - Simulations
  - Feedback sessions
  - Challenge Days
  - Performance Opportunities (including ice shows)
  - Fun events

**Note: In-club events require a sanction to request officials**

### **Use of Officials**

1. Multi-Club activities
  - Officials can be used for simulations, monitoring or feedback sessions
  - The use of Officials will not be approved for any categories offered in STAR 1 – 4 and Super Series events (please see the [STAR Technical package](#))
2. In-Club Activities
  - Officials can be used for simulations, monitoring, feedback sessions, and competitions

### **Sanction Application Fees**

- In-club activities and events – no fee
- Multi-club activities and events – \$20

### **How to apply for a Sanction**

1. Complete the [SANCTION APPLICATION FORM](#)
2. Submit the Sanction Application fee (if applicable) [HERE](#)
3. Send the form and payment confirmation to [smaki@skateontario.org](mailto:smaki@skateontario.org)

\*Sanction requests may take up to three (3) weeks to process. Please apply for a sanction well in advance of your event.

If you have any questions about sanctions, please contact [smaki@skateontario.org](mailto:smaki@skateontario.org).

