

Sanction Guidelines

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As the provincial governing body, Skate Ontario has the responsibility for the sanctioning of skating activities in Ontario.

Sanctioning supports the goal of staging quality sport and physical activities throughout the province. “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.”

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

- participant centered
- progressive and challenging
- well planned
- designed for meaningful opportunities

Purpose of Sanctioning:

- Ensure the commitment of the event organizer that the event will be conducted in accordance with Skate Ontario sanctioning guidelines
- Ensure that the event will be conducted in an inclusive and welcoming, fun, fair and safe manner.
- Ensures that the event meets a standard of quality required for sanctioning with Skate Ontario.

Sanctioned activities will provide the following:

- Promote quality sport and physical activity
- Developmentally appropriate for the participants
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Safe environment for learning
- Costs economical to participants

Note: Clubs/Skating Schools must follow all [Skate Ontario Return to Play protocols](#) and facility guidelines with respect to COVID-19. This includes maximum numbers on the ice, physical distancing, cleaning protocols, daily health screening, participant tracking, etc.



What types of activities require sanctions?

1. Multi-club* activities
 - Prep/Information Sessions
 - Skill Development Sessions
 - Motivational Sessions
 - Simulations
 - Feedback Sessions
 - Challenge Days
 - Performance Opportunities
 - Fun Events

*Refer to the "[Performance & 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 programs (including on and off-ice)
- (2) Bring-a-Friend Days per season
- (2) Family Skates per season
- *See [Skate Canada guidelines for Bring-a-Friend and Family Skate days](#)
- Any in-club activity offered that the participants are internal, 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. (See [STAR Technical package](#))
2. In-Club Activities:
 - Officials can be used for simulations, monitoring, feedback sessions, and competitions.

Note: If you plan to offer multiple simulation, monitoring and feedback sessions throughout the season, sanction approval can be applied for in one application.



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 Sanction Application Fee (if applicable) [HERE](#).
3. Send form and payment confirmation to smaki@skateontario.org.

*Sanction requests may take up to 3 weeks to process. Please be sure to apply for sanction well in advance of your event.

If you have any questions about sanctions, contact smaki@skateontario.org.

