
PART I: SANCTIONING FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE COMPETITION

Many B.C. schools host competitions with schools from outside of the province. To ensure that competition is conducted or approved by secondary school authorities and that competition is equitable and fair, sanctioning policies have been developed by all Provincial School Sport Associations in Canada and State Associations in the U.S.A. Sanctioning assures that competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned. The competition must be conducted by an educational institution or subject to the controls of school authorities. For sanctioning purposes, each B.C. school will guarantee that each player meets the eligibility requirements of BCSS.

The following procedure must be used for sanctioning of competition involving schools from outside the province. (Schools outside B.C. inviting teams from B.C. are required to follow the same procedures). Before leaving to attend an out of province competition, B.C. schools should check with the BCSS office to ensure sanctioning has been completed.

11.1 Canadian Schools (except Alberta)

- 11.1.1 an "Application For Sanction of an Inter-Provincial Athletic Competition Form" is to be submitted to the BCSS office by the HOST SCHOOL no later than 30 days prior to the event
- 11.1.2 BCSS staff will consider the application for sanction and if approved, the BCSS office will complete and forward forms for endorsement purposes to the Executive Officers of each Provincial Association from which schools have been invited to participate
- 11.1.3 Executive Officers receiving endorsement forms will indicate their action (approval or denial) and sign and return the forms to the BCSS office
- 11.1.4 when forms are received, the BCSS office will notify the host school.

11.2 Alberta Blanket Policy

BCSS and the Alberta Schools Athletic Association have endorsed a blanket approval policy for schools situated near the Alberta/B.C. border. This proposal allows schools in the corridor along the Alberta/B.C. border to compete against each other without having to apply for sanctioning from their respective Provincial Association.

11.2.1 NORTH WEST ALBERTA - NORTH EAST B.C.

Alberta: Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Worsley, Hines Creek, Spirit River, Fairview, Sexsmith, Silver Valley, Jasper, Hinton and Grande Cache. B.C.: Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Taylor, Pouce Coupe, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, McBride and Valemont.

11.2.2 SOUTH WEST ALBERTA - EAST KOOTENAY, B.C.

Alberta: Crowsnest, Lundbreck, Pincher Creek, Banff and Canmore. B.C.: Creston, Elkford, Fernie, Sparwood, Kimberley, Golden, Jaffray, Canal Flats, Cranbrook and Invermere.

11.2.3 OTHER

For communities in B.C. or Alberta not covered by the Blanket Sanction Approval, please apply the regulations for competition with other Canadian Schools.

11.3 United States Schools

11.3.1 No Sanction is necessary for:

- a) 2 or 3-school competitions which necessitate a round trip of an American school of less than 600 miles
- b) 2 or 3-school competitions involving schools from Alaska, Washington, Idaho or Montana when the event is sponsored by a B.C. school.

11.3.2 Sanction from the applicable State Association is required for:

- a) any tournament involving 4 - 7 schools where one or more schools are from the U.S.

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b) any competition involving schools from 3 or 4 states.

11.3.3 Sanction from the National Federation of State Activity Associations is required if:

- a) the event is co-sponsored by an organization outside of the high school community (e.g. a university or shoe company), and involves any U.S. school;
- b) the competition involves eight (8) or more schools, at least one (1) of which is from a U.S. state that does not border B.C. and which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the high school community (e.g. a university, a theme park, an athletic shoe/apparel company)
- c) the competition involves five (5) or more states, at least one (1) of which does not border B.C.

Schools requiring sanctioning from the National Federation State High School Associations (NFHS) will have to submit a \$75 application fee to the NFHS 90 days prior to the event, and a financial report within 90 days after the event.

11.3.4 To obtain Sanction:

- a) an "Application for Sanction of an Athletic Competition Involving U.S.A. Schools Form" is to be submitted to the BCSS office by the HOST SCHOOL no later than 90 days prior to the event
- b) BCSS staff will consider the application for sanction and, if approved, copies of the application will be forwarded to the Executive Officer of each State Association from which schools have been invited to participate and to the National Federation of State High School Associations (if applicable) for processing
- c) upon receipt of approval or denial of sanction, the BCSS office will notify the host school.

Note: Hosting Schools from the U.S. are required to follow the same procedures.

11.4 International Contests and Cultural Exchanges

The opportunity to promote closer relations with students of foreign countries and the ease of travel has resulted in increased participation in international athletic competition. BCSS supports the development of international understanding and goodwill through athletic exchanges.

In the absence of established policy at the Canadian national level, BCSS requires that not later than 90 days prior to the international event, the travelling school advises the office using the "Application for Sanction of An International Athletic Competition". It is anticipated that B.C. participants will meet the eligibility requirements of BCSS and that competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned and by an educational institution or subject to the controls of school authorities.

A report of results should be filed with the BCSS office within 30 days following the final competition.

11.5 Application for Sanction Forms

There are 3 types of Application for Sanction Forms. **Please ensure that the correct form is used when making application to the BCSS Office.**

11.5.1 APPLICATION FOR SANCTION OF AN INTERPROVINCIAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION

- a) To be used by the **HOST** B.C. school when inviting team(s) from another Canadian Province to compete in B.C.

11.5.2 APPLICATION FOR SANCTION OF AN ATHLETIC COMPETITION INVOLVING U.S.A. SCHOOL(S)

- a) To be used by the **HOST** B.C. school when inviting team(s) from the United States to compete in B.C. as per part **11.3.2** or **11.3.3** above

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(a \$75 U.S fee must be submitted plus a post-competition financial report will have to be completed for **I1.3.3**)

I1.5.3 APPLICATION FOR SANCTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION

THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE USED FOR COMPETITIONS INVOLVING U.S.A. SCHOOLS. It is intended for use when school(s) from Europe, Asia, etc. are involved.

Application for Sanction Forms are available from the BCSS Office, #100, 4585 Canada Way, Burnaby BC V5G 4L6

a) To be used by a B.C. school hosting a team from outside Canada or the USA or a B.C. school travelling to competition(s) outside Canada or the U.S.A.

b) **THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE USED FOR COMPETITIONS INVOLVING U.S.A. SCHOOLS.** It is intended for use when school(s) from Europe, Asia, etc. are involved. Application for Sanction Forms are available from the BCSS office, #100, 4585 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 4L6