

Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association

Sanctioning Policy

PURPOSE

- establish the requirements for sanction by the Provincial Sport Governing Body for Martial Arts in Saskatchewan
- ensure that the event is conducted in accordance with a specific set of rules
- ensure that the event will be of high standard and safe
- ensure that the referees/judges are qualified and in good standing
- ensure due diligence in tracking SMAA member hosted events in the province.

DEFINITIONS

Open Non-Contact Events

- the term 'open' implies that a competitor from any martial art 'style' is welcome to register and compete under the standard ruleset established by the SMAA.
- competition consists of two general types of divisions;
 - Forms (demonstration of pre-arranged patterns of techniques)
 - Sparring (playoff style draws within pre-arranged groupings by age and skill level)
- competitors fall into all age ranges and skill levels
- events are open to public spectators
- results are tracked for SMAA Provincial Ratings

In-House/Invitational Events

- the term 'in-house' implies that competitors are members of the applying host club or affiliate.
- if the SMAA Ruleset is not used, an alternate comprehensive Ruleset, or details of variations must be included in the application for approval;
 - ie) double elimination, continuous sparring, style specific events, etc.
- colored belts and junior coaches may be used as officials to gain training and experience
- results are not tracked for SMAA Provincial Ratings

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications for event sanctioning will be accepted for review based on the following criteria:

- Host must be a current SMAA member in good standing,
- Host must be a registered Non-Profit Entity in order to be eligible for SaskSport Funding as outlined in the Membership Assistance Program,
- Promoter must advertise the event as a SMAA sanctioned event and will abide by Official SMAA rules,
- Application Form (attached) must be submitted a minimum of 60 days prior to the event.

Applications for a sub-event that does not fall within the Official SMAA rules (can only be held in conjunction with a SMAA tournament using Official SMAA rules) will be entertained providing the Promoter submits a comprehensive set of rules at the time of application.

SANCTION APPLICATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCEDURE

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Sanction applications will be submitted to and reviewed initially, in order to avoid scheduling conflicts for competitors and officials;

- In the case of Open Non-Contact Events, by the current Tournament Committee Chair,
- In the case of Full Contact Events, by the current Full Contact Committee Chair,

Committee Chairs will forward to SMAA Executive with recommendation for acceptance/rejection of event for follow-up to promoter/applicant.

Applicants will be advised of any decisions, in a timely manner, and upon completion of event, are required to submit the Sanction Fee and follow-up documentation to the SMAA office.

FOLLOW-UP

Documentation required;

- completed draw-sheets for results tracking for SMAA Provincial Ratings
- completed follow-up form (brief tournament report)

FEE SCHEDULE

Martial Arts Tournaments (Open Non-Contact Events)	\$200
In-House/Invitational Martial Arts Events	\$50
AMMA & Kickboxing Events (Full Contact Events)	\$300