

# Sanction Overview

This reference document provides all required information to apply for a BCSSA Sanction. Please use the [BCSSA Sanction Request Form](#) (online form) to formally apply for a sanction. There are two types of BCSSA sanctions:

	Provincial Sanction	Regional Sanction
<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow for skaters to compete in sanctioned competitions with guaranteed minimum safety and officiating standards in place.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow for skaters to compete in local, sanctioned competitions with guaranteed minimum safety and officiating standards in place, while allowing clubs to host sanctioned competitions in a financially feasible manner.</li> </ul>
<b>Fee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$75</li> </ul>	
<b>Indicated Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interclubs</li> <li>Provincial Competitions (Age Class Championship/Ranking Meet)</li> <li>National Competitions (Championships/Selection Meet)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Minimeets               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All racing involving skaters from more than one club must be sanctioned. An exception will be granted in the case where a skater from a neighbouring club regularly practices with the host club on the day on which club racing is being held.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Interclub Minimeets</li> <li>FUNales</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Skaters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All skaters competing in Sanctioned competitions must be registered with BCSSA as Competitive or Elite skaters.</li> <li>EXCEPTION: BCSSA Introductory skaters may participate in ONE home-iced sanctioned event.</li> </ul>	
<b>Required Officials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interclub: all chief officials should be minimum Level 1.</li> <li>Provincial Competition: all chief officials must be minimum Level 2.</li> <li>National Competition: all chief officials must be minimum Level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following officials must be minimum Level 1:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief referee <u>or</u> starter; and</li> <li>Chief timer</li> </ul> </li> <li>It is recommended to have certified officials, where possible, to promote the ODC development program and to provide mentorship opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>Medical Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Sanctioned competitions must adhere to the <a href="#">BCSSA Medical Requirements</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Track Certification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Sanctioned competitions must be skated on a certified track. The <a href="#">Track Certification Form</a> must be completed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Protective Padding Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Sanctioned competitions must have adequate crash protection padding in place. Please see the <a href="#">information for padding requirements on the SSC website</a>. Appendices D1 to D16 of the <a href="#">SSC Red Book</a> contain further information.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Mandatory Awards</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BCLT and BCST: provincial medals, top 4 overall finishers. Please note that provincial medals are provided by BCSSA (cost covered by host organization). Meet coordinators must request the quantity of medals needed when submitting Sanction Request Form.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All FUNale participants must receive an award. See the <a href="#">BCSSA Competitions Format Bulletin</a> for details.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Records</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Skaters are <u>not</u> able to set records of any level during meets with a Regional Sanction. Regional and Provincial Stream skaters are able to set personal best times during meets with a Regional Sanction.</li> </ul>


**Rental Equipment:**

- ✓ Helmet covers: [richard.krieck@bcspedskating.ca](mailto:richard.krieck@bcspedskating.ca)
- ✓ Daktronic horn start: ODC, [officialsdevelopment@bcspedskating.ca](mailto:officialsdevelopment@bcspedskating.ca) (rental fee charged)
- ✓ Electronic lap counter: ODC, [officialsdevelopment@bcspedskating.ca](mailto:officialsdevelopment@bcspedskating.ca)

**National Competitions Hosted by BC Clubs:**

National events require a BCSSA sanction *and* an SSC sanction. SSC P&R B4-500 states: “Sanctions must be applied for through the SSC Head Office by way of electronic application available on SSC’s website. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.” Please note that there are multiple forms to be completed for an SSC sanction; please see the [Sanction Applications](#) webpage on the SSC website. SSC no longer charges any fees for an SSC sanction. National Competition medals and helmet covers *must* be ordered directly from Speed Skating Canada.

## 2018-2019 Event Definitions

	PRACTICES		MINIMEETS		MEETS		
	Club Practice	Interclub Practice	Club Minimeet	Interclub Minimeet <sup>a</sup>	Interclub	Provincial Meet	National Meet
<b>Skaters present (by registered club)</b>	BCSSA-registered skaters from the host club	BCSSA-registered skaters from the host club <u>and</u> invited BCSSA-registered skaters from other club(s)	BCSSA-registered skaters from the host club <u>and</u> skaters from neighbouring clubs who <b>regularly</b> practice with the host club on the day on which racing is being held	BCSSA-registered skaters from the host club <u>and</u> invited BCSSA-registered skaters from other club(s)	BCSSA-registered skaters (typically skaters are from a defined geographical area)	BCSSA-registered skaters only	BCSSA-registered skaters and skaters registered with other provincial/ territorial branches
<b>Skaters present (by BCSSA "Stream")</b>	All	Typically <b>Provincial</b> and <b>Performance Stream</b>	Typically <b>Regional</b> and <b>Provincial Stream</b>	Typically <b>Regional</b> and <b>Provincial Stream</b>	Typically <b>Regional</b> and <b>Provincial Stream</b>	Typically <b>Provincial Stream</b>	Typically <b>Provincial</b> and <b>Performance Stream</b>
<b>Skaters present (by LTPAD category)</b>	All	Typically T2T+	Typically AS, FUNd, L2T, T2T and C4L <sup>b</sup>	Typically AS, FUNd, L2T, T2T and C4L <sup>b</sup>	Typically FUNd, L2T, T2T and C4L <sup>b</sup>	Typically T2T & C4L <sup>b</sup>	T2T+
<b>Skaters present (by BCSSA registration category)</b>	All	All	All	Competitive and Elite skaters. Intro skaters may participate in ONE home-ice sanctioned event.	Competitive and Elite skaters. Intro skaters may participate in ONE home-ice sanctioned event.	Competitive and Elite skaters	Elite skaters
<b>Sanction</b>	n/a (no formal racing)	n/a (no formal racing) <sup>c</sup>	Not required	<b>Mandatory:</b> Regional Sanction	<b>Mandatory:</b> Provincial Sanction	<b>Mandatory:</b> Provincial Sanction	<b>Mandatory:</b> Provincial and SSC Sanction
<b>Duration of Event</b>	Unique to each club	Unique to each club	Typically during regular practice hours	Typically during regular practice hours (~5 hours maximum)	Typically ¾ to 1 day	Typically 1 ½ to 2 days	Typically 2 to 3 days

**LEGEND:**

a: Includes Regional FUNale Competitions

b: C4L (Competitive for Life)= Masters skaters and Open category skaters (i.e. ISU Junior and Senior skaters not in the Performance Stream)

c: The Provincial Relay Challenge may be skated at Interclub Practices, without carrying a sanction

d: Subject to change annually