

This reference document provides all required information to apply for a BCSSA Sanction.  
Application for a sanction will be done via the IceReg Dashboard when the Club Registrar is creating the event in IceReg.

	<b>Regional Sanction</b> <b>Interclub Sanction</b> <b>BC Cup Sanction</b> <b>BC Championship Sanction</b> <b>National Event BCSSA Sanction</b>	<b>Restricted Sanction</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>Not available during the 2020-2021 season due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.</p>	A modified racing opportunity for skaters during COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, with minimum safety and sport technical standards in place.
<b>Sanction Fee</b>		\$25
<b>Eligible Skaters</b>		<p>All skaters must be registered as Competitive or Elite members with a BCSSA member club who i] is abiding by BCSSA Return to Skating Guidelines (Phase 3), and ii] is in the same regional cohort as the host club. NB: skaters registered as Introductory members are allowed to compete in <u>one</u> sanctioned competition hosted by their home club.</p> <p>A maximum of 35 non-Official participants are allowed per event, inclusive of skaters and “chaperones” (coaches/instructors or volunteer parents). Sample compositions of non-Official participants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 skaters with one chaperone each (best for young skaters) = 32</li> <li>• 7 pods (4 skaters + 1 chaperone/pod) = 35</li> <li>• 5 pods (6 skaters + 1 chaperone/pod) = 35</li> <li>• [8 skaters with one chaperone each] + [3 pods (5 skaters + 1 chaperone/pods)] = 34</li> </ul> <p>Competition hosts can fill non-Official participant positions as best suits their need but must not exceed 35 total.</p>

<p><b>Required Officials</b></p>		<p>Officials for a short track competition must be limited to 13 individuals as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1x Meet Coordinator/Safety Officer*</li> <li>• 1x Level 1+ Certified Referee*</li> <li>• 1x Level 1+ Certified Starter*</li> <li>• 1x Lap Counter</li> <li>• 2x Track Stewards</li> <li>• 4x Timers (at least one must be Level 1+ Certified) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Option A: four manual timers <u>or</u></li> <li>◦ Option B: two e-timing attendants and two back-up manual timers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1x Clerk of the Course</li> <li>• 2x First Aid Attendants*</li> </ul> <p>The event Recorder should be off-site (either recording in real time if a stable internet connection is available in the rink to send/receive information from the recorder <u>or</u> recording results from pre-seeded races after the event). If a reliable webstream is available in the facility, additional remote referee(s) could be assisting the on-site referee.</p> <p>Where possible, consider using certified officials in positions that do not require certification.</p> <hr/> <p>Officials for a long track competition may be adjusted as the local situation dictates, but must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must not exceed 13 individuals</li> <li>• Must include all positions indicated with an asterisk (*) in the ST list.</li> </ul> <p>Where possible, consider using certified officials in positions that do not require certification.</p>
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<b>First Aid Requirements</b>	Two First Aid Attendants with at least Standard First Aid (two day course). In addition to standard <a href="#">BCSSA Event Medical Requirements</a> , First Aid Attendants must have PPE consisting of masks, eye protection and gloves available and easily accessible. The Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the competition must include COVID-19 related considerations ("Enhanced EAP").
<b>Track Certification</b>	All sanctioned competitions must be skated on a certified track. The <a href="#">Track Certification Form</a> must be completed.
<b>Protective Padding Requirements</b>	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.
<b>Mandatory Awards</b>	No mandatory awards.
<b>Records</b>	Not eligible.
<b>Database</b>	Times skated by Competitive or Elite skaters at sanctioned competitions are recorded in the BCSSA Results Database.

## Additional considerations for racing run under a Restricted Sanction:

- Consult the most recent [BCSSA Return to Skating Guidelines](#) for general information and requirements related to resuming sport programming during COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, including but not limited to:
  - Mask use
  - Physical distancing vs. occasional close proximity rules.
- All competitions that carry a Speed Skating Canada sanction must also comply with the [SSC Competition Guidelines](#). It is strongly recommended that competitions without an SSC sanction endeavour to follow the SSC Competition Guidelines.
- Liaise with the facility and local health authorities to determine any local requirements or restrictions.

# Sanction Overview

- The format has been designed to have a maximum of 48 participants + support personnel within the event sport group, which allows for two arena staff without exceeding provincial guidelines limiting group gatherings to 50.
  - Parents should be encouraged to sign up as one of the chaperones or officials. For those unable to take on these roles and/or if the maximum number is reached, consider setting up a camera to live-stream or record the event. The camera should be set up to function without an operator.
  - Provincial guidelines now allow up to 50 spectators at sporting events in addition to the 50 participants + support personnel in the event sport group. Many facilities have imposed spectator restrictions on numbers and/or spectator requirements (e.g. mask policies); please consult and adhere to facility guidelines. Spectators play no formal support role during a competition and should not have access to the field of play (ice + benches + marshalling area) nor back-of-house (dressing rooms + officiating areas). Spectators requirements do not fall under the jurisdiction of the BCSSA Return to Skating Guidelines.
- Preferably, all chaperones and officials will be registered as BCSSA members in order to access benefits such as insurance. Regardless of membership status, **all participants + support personnel in the event sport group** should complete the [BCSSA COVID-19 Return to Sport Acknowledgement](#) (NB: those registered online via IceReg will have already completed an online version of this Acknowledgement) and should complete a daily health screen (e.g. [Thrive Self-Assessment](#)) before participating in the event. Health considerations such as the process for daily health screening should be included in the Enhanced EAP for the event.
- Separate on and off gates must be used. Exclusively the Clerk of the Course (on gate) and First Aid Attendants (off gate) should touch the gates (NB: roles may be modified for LT competitions within the intent that only one individual touches each gate). Skaters must bring their own skate guards and jackets from the on gate to the off gate prior to the race start, preferably in personal/labelled buckets or bins.
- Exclusively those acting as Track Stewards should touch the blocks. Practice enhanced hand hygiene regularly.
- Electronic whistles must be used.
- There will be no Coaches Box for ST competitions. Coaches may take on the role of chaperone to provide instruction and support to skaters within their assigned pod. Chaperones may enter the Coaches Box at LT competitions, provided they are able to maintain physical distance from skaters and from one another. The Referee may limit Coaches Box access to chaperones who are certified coaches.
- Eliminate paperwork as much as possible. In venues with Wifi and/or a stable cellular signal, communicate results/race composition (e.g. via a shared folder such as Dropbox) and announcements (e.g. via a group chat such as Whatsapp) electronically.
- Eliminate food and beverage service wherever possible. If food must be served, it should be in single-serve containers vs. buffet-style. Consult facility guidelines for further recommendations on safely serving food.
- Acceptable races include:
  - Pursuit-style or time trial races, with one skater per start line. May be run using a standing or flying start.
  - Olympic Style races on a LT oval.
  - Mass start races with a **maximum of four skaters** per race. Short and middle distances are strongly recommended over long distances due to the potential for human error with minimal numbers of officials.
  - Provincial Relay Challenge and/or the Modified Provincial Relay Challenge (see [Relay Challenges Format](#) document for details).