

Policy 283

Subject: Provincial Organization Recognition Criteria – Combat Sports
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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The Sport and Recreation Branch recognizes not-for-profit provincial organizations that assist it in the attainment of its goals.
 - 1.2. This policy addresses the need to ensure that recognition is only provided to provincial organizations that are properly administered, dedicated to developing the sport, operate in a safe and ethical manner and responsive to membership needs.
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2.0 Application

- 2.1 This policy relates to all combat sport organizations with a province wide mandate that exclusively govern amateur bouts, and are not listed on the programme of the International Olympic Committee.
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3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 A Combat Sport is: a sport in which fighters use striking, throwing, grappling or submission techniques, or a combination of those techniques.
 - 3.2 An Amateur Bout is: a bout in which contestants are not paid to participate with the exception of the reimbursement of expenses incurred in participating.
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4.0 Legal Authority

- 4.1 The Policy draws its legal authority from the New Brunswick Combat Sport Act.
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5.0 Goals / Principles

- 5.1 In an effort to ensure that amateur athletes competing in combat sports are doing so in as safe an environment as possible, the Sport and Recreation Branch will only recognize those governing bodies that demonstrate that all activities will be conducted safely due to the adherence to appropriate developmental and competitive regulations.
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6.0 Requirements / Standards

6.1 Not for Profit

- a) Be registered as a not-for-profit organization under the New Brunswick or Federal Companies Act, or constituted as a not-for-profit organization.
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6.2 Provincial Leader

- a) Be the provincial leader in its business. The Sport and Recreation Branch supports the concept of a single umbrella organization in each sport or activity, providing services to all disciplines.
- b) Be a member of its national association.
- c) Be accessible to the general public and to all delegates who have interest in the business of the organization.
- d) Have a constitution/by-laws that has been approved by the general membership and that are on file with the Sport and Recreation Branch.

6.3 Lead Development

- a) Support the development of athletes through nationally established and approved development training programs.
- b) Support the development of coaches/instructors through established coaching/instructor development programs.
- c) Support the development of officials through established officials' development programs.

6.4 Safety Measures, Policies and Protocols

- a) The PSO must ensure that athletes are only exposed to age appropriate events.
- b) The PSO must ensure the safety and integrity of its participants by adopting and enforcing appropriate and established rules and safety protocols.
- c) The PSO must have an adopted concussion policy that includes a return to play concussion management protocol, detection and concussion strategies (which can include such things as recognition/detection tools, education/awareness etc.) that align with the Canadian Guidelines for Concussion in Sport and the work and guidance of their NSO.

6.5 Accountability

- a) Have held an annual general meeting within the past 12 months and produced appropriate minutes and reports for its membership. Copies of the minutes to be provided to the Sport and Recreation Branch.
- b) Have had an appropriate financial statement formerly approved by the membership within the past twelve months. Copies of such to be provided.

- c) Have an executive/board elected by the membership, which, through its constitution, supports the appropriate representation of all members.
- d) Provide a list of board members with contact information.
- e) Have held a minimum of two executive/board meetings during the past 12 months and produced appropriate minutes from these meetings. Copies of the minutes to be provided to the Sport and Recreation Branch.

6.6 Language

- a) Adopt the statement “Our provincial organization will strive to provide equitable services to members in their official language of choice.”
- b) Identify a bilingual contact person to answer enquiries, provide information and basic services in either official language.
- c) Publish basic contact information in both official languages.

6.7 Financial and Membership Policies – The PSO must:

- a) Provide leadership development opportunities for its volunteers.
- b) Have formal written communication with its membership, at least three times per year.
- c) Have a formally structured club, league or association in a minimum of three (3) of the Department’s established eight (8) regions of the province and draw members from a minimum of 4 regions.

7.0 Guidelines / Recommendations

- 7.1 Only once all of the conditions have been met will an organization be considered to be added to the prescribed list of amateur combat sports. The Department may put additional conditions in place to support the goal of this policy.

8.0 For More Information call: (506) 453-2928 or email: SR/SL@gnb.ca

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