



EVENT SANCTIONING POLICY

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a) “*Events*” – Includes activities, competitions, and programs run by Member organizations and further defined in this Policy
 - b) “*High Risk Activity*” – A program, event or activity which is more likely to be subject to danger or hazards and greater risk management.
 - c) “*Member*” or “*Member Organizations*” – Executive, Full and Affiliated Members of the World Dodgeball Federation, in accordance with the official bylaws.
 - d) “*WDBF Brand or Branding*” – The application of the name and/or logo of the WDBF; or the statement or implication that the event is approved or sanctioned by the WDBF.

Purpose

2. The World Dodgeball Federation (WDBF) is the governing body for the sport of dodgeball, with the authority to sanction competition events and other activities in the countries that have been approved as Member Organizations of the WDBF.
3. The World Dodgeball Federation is committed to providing an environment that promotes standard and fair competition for all Members; and as such, Member Organizations wishing to run Events that will be branded by the WDBF must first seek approval and sanction from World Dodgeball Federation. Irresponsible behaviour, unfair competition, or an unsafe environment can result in severe damage to the sport of dodgeball, to the World Dodgeball Federation and its Members. This Policy provides sanctioning regulations that will help ensure that Events are safe, fair, and protect the health and welfare of Members.
4. By virtue of membership within the World Dodgeball Federation, certain Events run by Members Organizations are pre-sanctioned by World Dodgeball Federation and do not require additional approval.

Application of this Policy

5. This Policy applies to all Events that are organized and run by Member Organizations that wish to use WDBF branding in their promotions, presentation, or operation.
6. This Policy does NOT apply to competition sanctions (dodgeball events) which are governed by the World Dodgeball Federation Competition Sanctioning Policy.
7. This Policy does NOT apply to events under a Member Organization that does not apply

WDBF branding or support in its promotion, presentation, or operation.

Pre-Sanctioned Events

8. Member Organizations (provided they are in good standing) are pre-sanctioned for the following Events:
 - a) National and Regional Championships.
 - b) Recurring events that have received prior WDBF sanctioning.
 - c) Participation in World Dodgeball Federation-sanctioned Events (such as the World Championships or WDBF invitationals).
 - d) World Dodgeball Federation and Member Organization Meetings; particularly meetings of the Board of Directors, general meetings of the membership, committee meetings, and parent orientations or other meetings that are required to ensure the effective operation of the Member Organization.
 - e) Fundraising activities that do not require a sanction as outlined in Section 10.
 - f) Educational clinics/sessions and seminars that are related to the sport of dodgeball.
 - g) Promotion and marketing events that are required for operations of Member Organization.

Events Requiring World Dodgeball Federation Sanction

9. Events that are not considered pre-sanctioned in accordance with Section 9, and wishing to apply the WDBF brand, must be sanctioned by obtaining a sanction in accordance with this Policy. Those events requiring sanction include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Any event where alcohol will be served or consumed
 - b) Any activity that is seen or identified as a high risk activity at the discretion of World Dodgeball Federation
 - c) Any activity or fundraising venture that is radical, unusual, or contravenes any policy of World Dodgeball Federation
 - d) Any Pre-Sanctioned Event at the decision of the WDBF Executive Committee, provided reasonable cause is given to the host Member Organization. Reasonable cause may include but is not limited to a change in event location, direction, ownership or format.

Requesting a Sanction

10. Requests for sanctions must be submitted by email to the World Dodgeball Federation office thirty (30) days prior to the Event.
11. A written statement giving reasons for requesting an exemption to the time limitation shall accompany requests for sanctions with less than thirty (30) days' notice. The decision to accept, or not accept, the late sanction request will be at the sole discretion of World Dodgeball Federation and may not be appealed.
12. The request for sanction will be approved or denied by World Dodgeball Federation. If the sanction is denied, World Dodgeball Federation will provide reasons for the decision.

13. Sanctions are not transferable and new sanctions must be obtained each year for annual Events that require a sanction.

Sanction Refusals

14. The World Dodgeball Federation may refuse, deny, withdraw, or cancel a sanction for reasons that include, but are not limited to:

- a) Poor organization, hosting, or running of a prior sanctioned Event
- b) Failure to meet sanction conditions
- c) Concerns that the Member Organization requesting the sanction is not capable of meeting World Dodgeball Federation sanctioning requirements, or other factors relating to the operations of the Event
- d) Late or incomplete sanction request
- e) Failure to pay any fees (if required) to World Dodgeball Federation
- f) The Member Organization is not in good standing with World Dodgeball Federation
- g) Any other issue or matter which World Dodgeball Federation deems may affect World Dodgeball Federation's ability to obtain insurance coverage
- h) Any other issue or matter which World Dodgeball Federation deems may damage the reputation of World Dodgeball Federation or that may introduce unreasonable safety concerns

Sanctioned Event Requirements

15. The Code of Conduct and Ethics and all policies of World Dodgeball Federation remain in effect during sanctioned events, including pre-sanctioned Events.

16. All participants, athletes, coaches, and officials participating in an Event must be Members in good standing with World Dodgeball Federation.

17. All sanctioned and pre-sanctioned Events must comply with all applicable legislation.

18. The WDBF shall keep a list of pre-sanctioned and sanctioned events for reference by all Member Organization.

Enforcement

19. Failure to adhere to this Policy may be subject to discipline in accordance with World Dodgeball Federation's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.