



Manitoba Organization of Disc Sports

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1. Purpose of Sanctioning

The purpose of this Sanctioning Policy is to provide a clear and consistent framework for recognizing and supporting events within the Manitoba Ultimate community. Sanctioned events are those that are officially endorsed by the Manitoba Organization of Disc Sports (MODS) and align with our mission to promote, develop, and govern Ultimate in the province of Manitoba.

Sanctioning allows events to gain access to MODS resources, promotion, and other benefits that come with being an approved event under the umbrella of MODS.

2. Criteria for Sanctioning

To be eligible for sanctioning, events must meet the following criteria:

- **Event Type:** The event must be based around Ultimate, and is limited to:
 - Camps
 - Clinics
 - Tournaments
 - Tryouts
 - Practice Field Rentals
 - Other programs that fill a gap in MODS programming, as determined at the discretion of MODS.
- **Compliance with Rules:** The event must follow the rules and guidelines set forth by MODS.



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- **Applicant Requirements:**

- The event must be organized by a club recognized by MODS. For clarity, a club is defined as a group of people who play as a team or are registered as a team which has been registered with MODS in the previous 12 months, and have a bank account in the name of the team.

- **Location & Facilities:**

- The event must take place at a location that is safe and appropriate for Ultimate and is in line with MODS policies.
- Facilities must meet the minimum standards required for player safety, accessibility, and fair competition.
- Examples of fields that are likely to be approved: WSF Fields, IJL Fields, Assiniboine Park Ultimate Fields, select school fields, Axworthy Rec Plex, Maple Grove Rugby Park.

- **Player Safety:** The event must ensure a safe environment for all participants, including medical staff when appropriate, emergency procedures, and adherence to Infectious Disease (if applicable). A first aid kit must be on site for the duration of the event and should include at a minimum ice packs, bandages, breathing barrier, splints, and antiseptic spray.

- **Fairness & Integrity:**

- The event must ensure fair play and ensure that no actions undermine the integrity of the competition.
- This includes enforcing ethical behavior, handling conflicts fairly, and adhering to MODS' code of conduct and anti-doping policies.



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- **Insurance & Liability:**

- The event must be covered by adequate liability insurance, either through MODS or independently, to ensure protection for event organizers and participants in case of accidents or injuries.

3. Application Process

To apply for sanctioning, event organizers must complete and submit a sanctioning application to MODS. The application must include:

- Event name, type, and description
- Proposed date and location
- Event Director contact information
- Details on the event format (e.g., divisions, competition structure)
- Proof of insurance coverage (if applicable) if not requesting insurance through MODS
- Any other relevant documentation, such as permits or facility agreements

Applications should be submitted to MODS at least 30 days, but ideally 90 days, and no more than 120 days before the event date. MODS will review the application and notify the event organizer of the sanctioning decision within 7 days of receiving the complete application.

4. Sanctioning Fees

MODS may charge a sanctioning fee to cover administrative costs, insurance, and other support services provided by MODS.

Fee categories are as follows:

- **Camps/Clinics:** \$100 (for events with fewer than 50 participants)
- **Tournaments:** \$100
- **Practice Fields:** \$100 per location requiring an insurance certificate

Fee payments must be made prior to the event to finalize the sanctioning process via a private website link sent to the applicant once the event has been approved for sanctioning.



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5. Benefits of Sanctioning

Sanctioned events will receive the following benefits:

- Access to MODS resources, including promotional support and possible equipment loan programs. Under no circumstances will member information be shared with organizers.
- Official MODS branding for event marketing (e.g., banners, logos) as requested.
- Event promotion through MODS website and social media channels.
- Access to MODS insurance coverage (if applicable).

6. Responsibilities of Event Organizers

Event organizers of sanctioned events are responsible for the following:

- Ensuring the event is run in accordance with MODS guidelines and any applicable sport-specific rules.
- Submitting a post-event report to MODS within 14 days of the event (excluded for practice fields). This report should include details on event participation, any incidents that occurred, and any feedback received from players and attendees.
- Ensuring compliance with MODS code of conduct, event policies, and any applicable health & safety regulations.
- Ensuring all participants are MODS members and have registered via a \$0 registration link on the MODS website.

7. Modifications or Cancellations

In the event of any changes to the event details (date, location, format, etc.), organizers must notify MODS promptly for approval of those changes. Any cancellation of a sanctioned event must also be communicated to MODS as soon as possible.

Failure to adhere to sanctioning guidelines or to communicate significant changes may result in revocation of sanctioning or future ineligibility for event sanctioning.

8. Revocation of Sanctioning

MODS reserves the right to revoke the sanctioning of any event if the event organizers fail to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this policy or if any aspect of the event is deemed to be in conflict with the values, goals, or safety protocols of MODS.

Grounds for revocation may include, but are not limited to:

- Violations of player safety or health regulations.
- Failure to adhere to established rules and guidelines.
- Failure to provide required documentation or meet deadlines.

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- Instances of misconduct, unfair play, or unethical behavior.

In the event of revocation, the event organizer will be notified in writing, and any sanctioning fees paid will be forfeited.

9. Appeals

If an event organizer wishes to appeal a decision related to sanctioning or revocation, they may submit a formal written appeal in accordance with MODS appeal policy.

10. Conclusion

This Sanctioning Policy is intended to ensure that all sanctioned events are run professionally, safely, and fairly while maintaining the integrity and values of disc sports in Manitoba. By sanctioning an event, MODS provides event organizers with the tools, resources, and recognition necessary for a successful event while maintaining the high standards of our organization and our sports community.

For additional information or to submit a sanctioning request, please contact ed@mods.mb.ca.

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