

Section 8.2

CAWA Event Sanction Guidelines

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1.0 Introduction

The following procedure outlines the requirements for receiving CAWA sanction to hold an event in Canada or to participate in an event outside of North America (i.e. club tour). Upon approval, an official sanction letter will be forwarded to the organizing committee of the event in question or to the club traveling outside of North America. The following are working guidelines that CAWA will use in providing a sanction.

2.0 Definition

Sanction: To make valid or binding by a formal procedure; to give effective or authoritative approval or consent to; "Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary"

3.0 Preamble

The CAWA National Championships are automatically sanctioned and governed by the CAWA Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 8.0 and the CAWA Rule Book.

The Canada Games are sanctioned by the CAWA in the sport selection stage. The CAWA writes the technical package in conjunction with the Canada Games Council and under a separate contract develops an officials' selection procedure with the Canada Games Council and the CAWOA.

4.0 Procedure - Event Hosting

Upon receipt of the formal sanction request in the CAWA office, the following protocol will be followed by the CAWA:

4.1 Major Games in Canada

(i.e., Western Canada Summer Games, North American Indigenous Games, Arctic Winter Games, etc.)

- 4.1.1 CAWA Technical Director (T.D.) to request copy of the games technical package.
- 4.1.2 The technical package is forwarded to the CAWA Technical Committee for review.
- 4.1.3 The CAWA Technical Committee will provide games organizing committee with any modifications to the technical package that are required before the sanction is given (i.e., officials' certification standard and officials numbers per mat, weigh-in and medical protocols, weight classes, age group; etc.).
- 4.1.4 If the organizing committee agrees with the modifications, then the CAWA T.D. will provide a sanction letter to the games organizing committee after the modified technical package is received in the CAWA office.

4.2 One Time Hosted Events (i.e., Regional Trials, Bantam Festivals)

- 4.2.1 The CAWA T.D. will contact the Organizing Committee Chairperson to ensure that the CAWA protocol and policies/procedures are in place for the event.
- 4.2.2 The CAWA T.D. will prepare a written report to the CAWA Technical Committee for their review and consideration.
- 4.2.3 The CAWA Technical Committee will provide any modifications that may be required to the event before the sanction is given.
- 4.2.4 If the event organizing committee agrees with the modifications then the CAWA T.D. will provide the sanction letter to the event organizing committee.

4.3 International Events (i.e., FILA event, Pan American Championships, etc...)

The CAWA will be directly involved in providing technical expertise to the organizing committee to ensure that international standards are met for the event. The FILA provides sanction, in addition to the CAWA, which is automatically given under the acceptance of the hosting protocols of the event.

4.4 CIAU National Championships

The event is governed by the CIAU Policies and Procedures. The CAWA/CAWOA rules (with modifications) and officials are used by the CIAU. The event is not sanctioned by the CAWA.

4.5 Carding Events

These events are operated by their respective organizing committees and their appropriate governing bodies (i.e. CIAU, PSO, etc.). The CAWA has requested that these events follow certain protocol (i.e. weigh-in procedures, weight classes, official standards, etc...) before they are named as National Carding Events. The CAWOA uses these events to provide a clinic program for National Aspirants both on the mat and in the pairing room. These events are not formally sanctioned by the CAWA.

4.6 Open, Provincial, High School and Generic Wrestling Tournaments

These events are operated under the guidance of their respective judiciary bodies (i.e. provincial championships - PSGB, Open University event - CIAU or PSGB, high school - respective high school authority, etc...) These events would normally use the CAWA rule book (with some modifications) and the CAWOA, or their respective provincial chapters, for officiating purposes. These events are not formally sanctioned by the CAWA.

5.0 Procedure - Participation in events outside of Canada (other than official National Team programs & FILA calendar events)

5.1 National Association Invitations that are deferred to a Provincial or Club Body to Operate.

- 5.1.1 The national office receives an invitation to participate in an event outside of North America.
- 5.1.2 The information is provided to the provinces to determine any interest in the event. (Note: The CAWA determines whether the information will be distributed beyond the office)
- 5.1.3 A province or club determines that the event is of interest and agrees to provide the administration for the completion of the event within the international guidelines for officials, coaches' numbers, etc...
- 5.1.4 The event will be sanctioned by the CAWA via a formal letter from the office. The V.P. Technical will determine the sanction.

5.2 Provincial Association or Wrestling Club Invitation and/or Tour

- 5.2.1 A province or wrestling club receives an invitation to participate in an event outside of North America.
- 5.2.2 The province or wrestling club will require the sanction of the CAWA to participate in the event.
- 5.2.3 The sanction will be provided via a formal letter from the office provided the organizing body agrees to follow the international guidelines for officials, coaches' numbers, etc... The V.P. Technical will determine the sanction.

5.3 Invitation to a Specific Wrestler

- 5.3.1 An individual wrestler receives an invitation to participate in an event outside of North America.
- 5.3.2 If the athlete will be representing Canada at the event, then they will require a sanction letter from the CAWA office.
- 5.3.3 If the athlete will be representing a specific club (i.e. German Professional League) then the athlete will not require formal sanction from the CAWA.
- 5.3.4 The sanction will be provided via a formal letter from the CAWA office. The V.P. Technical will determine the sanction.