



SPORT NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR **MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

SPORT NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR **POLICY ON MEETING AND MAINTAINING THE** **REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

1. PREAMBLE

a) Membership in Sport Newfoundland & Labrador (referred to as "SNL" in this policy) offers many benefits and privileges. Conversely, members are expected to fulfill certain requirements and obligations. Failure to do so may result in membership being restricted, suspended or revoked in accordance with this policy.

2. PURPOSE

a) The purpose of this policy is to specify the requirements for membership in the Federation and to set out procedures for monitoring and enforcing compliance with such requirements, including procedures for dealing with disputes about membership status.

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

a) The following requirements must be met in order for an organization to be considered for membership in SNL:

. The activity of the organization must meet SNL's definition of sport, as set out in Attachment "A" to this policy; and

. The organization must demonstrate in its Constitution, other governing documents or planning documents that its mission, goals and objectives are consistent with, and contribute to, the mission, goals and objectives of SNL. The

organization should be provincial in scope and that it offers participation and leadership opportunities to residents of Newfoundland & Labrador; and

. The organization must have held at least one Annual General Meeting and have elected a volunteer Board of Directors at that Annual General Meeting.

. The organization must be incorporated by the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador and must have been in existence as such for a period of at least one year prior to application for membership; and

. The organization must have a minimum of 50 registered members representing at least two of the five regions from the old Newfoundland and Labrador Games. Those regions would be

St. John's	Mount Pearl	Avalon Peninsula
Eastern		Central
Western		Labrador

. The organization must operate on a not-for-profit basis and must be volunteer-driven; and

. The organization must demonstrate that it is able to generate revenues equivalent to at least twenty percent of its annual operating revenue received from the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador, and that funding requested from Government will at no time exceed eighty percent of the organization's annual operating revenue; and

. The organization must demonstrate that it includes among its members, satisfactory numbers of appropriately certified officials and coaches to enable the organization to deliver its programs; and

. A new organization must not duplicate the services of another organization. In order to give greater clarity to this requirement, the Federation will admit as a member only one organization to serve as the governing body for a particular sport or group of similar sports in the Newfoundland & Labrador. SNL may consult with the Government of the Newfoundland & Labrador or with a national sport federation.

b) The Board of Directors (referred to as "Board" in this policy) will have the sole discretion to interpret these requirements and to render all decisions on applications for membership. Acceptance as a member of Sport Newfoundland & Labrador can only be approved at the Annual General Meeting of SNL (the association)

c) Priority and preference will be given to those sports recognized by Sport Canada and who participate in the Canada Games and/or the Olympic Games.

4. MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Once membership has been accepted at the Annual General Meeting of Sport Newfoundland & Labrador, PSOs are required to

- a) Pay an annual membership fee
- b) Have a delegate attend the Annual General Meeting of Sport Newfoundland & Labrador.
- c) Work with Government officials and SNL in developing a quadrennial plan for their sport.
- d) Participate in the programs offered by SNL
- e) At least every four years complete a major evaluation of their organization in cooperation with Government officials and SNL.
- f) Membership may be revoked at an Annual General Meeting of the Association with a two-thirds majority vote of the members present. This is covered in the Constitution of the Association.

5. FUNDING

a) The Board of Directors of SNL shall work with officials of the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador to help the members deliver sport in all forms to the people of the province. The intention of this document is to form the basis of discussions in a cooperative effort to present the programs of Government and SNL in a collaborative as one joint effort.

b) Funding to Provincial Sport Organizations shall be divided into three main core components.

i. The first will be dedicated to general sport development and depending on the criteria set forth by Government may include but not be restricted to the following program areas: NCCP, Provincial Championships, Athlete development, Officials development, Professional Staff assistance, National competitions, etc.

- ii. The second will be dedicated to the development of competitive teams to compete for the province at Canada Games
- iii. A third source of funding could be developed to compliment Government funding, using the National Sport Trust Fund. A team of volunteers could be developed to raise those funds and criteria developed to distribute all funds raised.

Attachment A

The definition of sport for the purpose of membership in Sport Newfoundland & Labrador is:

"Sport is physical activity involving disciplined use of muscle groups requiring mental preparation and strategic method and whose outcome is determined by skill, not chance. It occurs in an organized structure, and competitive environment in which a winner is declared", therefore, "Physical activities are those activities in which bodily movements are valued. Because the movements are valued there is a reason for making up games and contests where the movements have a central role, and are necessary. It is obvious that different features of movements are valued in different physical activities. In some physical activities, speed is the feature valued; in others, accuracy; in others, great force; in others, grace; in others, the length of time the movements can be continued; in others, the feeling and so:

There must be competition;

- . Practice and training are required;
- . The dominant component must be physical and physical endurance of the entrant must be a factor in the outcome
- . A reasonable person must consider the activity to be a Sport
- . The outcome must be dependent upon the physical exertion, direction and participation of the entrant whether or not a machine or animal is used."