



## LIFESAVING SOCIETY

*The Lifeguarding Experts*

DATE: January 1, 2025  
TO: Lifesaving Society Affiliates, Athletes, Coaches, Officials  
FROM: Aidan Miess, Sport Manager  
RE: Lifesaving Sport Sanctioning Package

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Thank you for your interest in hosting a Lifesaving Sport opportunity for Athletes, Coaches, and Officials.

The Lifesaving Society – Ontario Branch sanctions regional and provincial competitions to ensure a safe operational plan.

The following outlines:

- The **benefits** to sanctioning
- The **criteria** for sanctioning
- The **review** processes
- The **follow up** required post-competition
- **Resources** for planning

### **Benefits:**

1. **Liability Insurance** – a sanctioned competition provides Lifesaving Society insurance to officials, and volunteers supervised by a Lifesaving Society certified Referee and/or Manager. A Liability Certificate can be requested as part of the application.
2. **Promotions** – all sanctioned events will be added to the Lifesaving Sport calendar on the website. Calls for volunteers and notification to clubs/affiliates will be distributed (if requested in application). Only those events sanctioned may carry the Lifesaving Society logos and be promoted as ‘sanctioned’.
3. **Qualifying Experience** – hours spent volunteering at a sanctioned competition qualify for experience hours within leadership programs.
4. **Policies and procedures** – a sanctioned competition provides the organizers with access to score sheets and rule books produced by the Lifesaving Society and the International Life Saving Federation.
5. **Key Officials** – a sanctioned competition ensures that the personnel organizing and running the competition have been trained and certified by the Lifesaving Society.

**Criteria:**

1. **Lifesaving Society Affiliate** – sanctioned competitions must be hosted by a Lifesaving Society Affiliate/Club.
2. **Certified Meet Manager** – the event must be organized by a currently certified Lifesaving Society Meet Manager:
  - a. To organize and run the event in compliance with Lifesaving Society standards, policies, procedures.
  - b. To ensure Safety in planning
3. **Certified Key Chief Referee** – the event must be overseen by a currently certified Lifesaving Society Chief Referee:
  - a. To be on site during the event to ensure the safety of participants.
  - b. To ensure the event is run following the sanctioning body's policies, procedures, and standards.

\*Note the Meet Manager and Meet Referee can be the same person.

4. **Facility Specifications** – the facility must meet the specifications as outlined in the current [Ontario Competition Manual](#).
5. **Eligibility** – eligibility can be determined by the Host.
6. **Re-submission** – changes to the facility or Chief Referee or Meet Manager after the competition has been sanctioned will require a resubmission for re-evaluation and sanctioning.
7. **Events** – sanctioned events must adhere to current competition manual rules. Non-sanctioned events must be identified as such in the Competition Package.

**Review:**

1. Upon receipt of the application form, the Lifesaving Society will review the submission. A draft copy of the Host Competition package with Schedule of Events must be received with this application.
2. The Review Team will follow up on any clarification or missing information.
3. The applicant will be notified of approval or decline of approval via email. All declined submissions will include rationale for the determination.
4. Approved applicants will be notified via email of the approval.
5. Once sanctioned, the event will be added to the competition calendar on the website using the information contained in the application.

**Post-Competition Follow Up:**

1. Within two (2)-weeks of the competition, submit the Post-Competition Report.

## Resources

Item	Resource	Link
Current Affiliate	Affiliate Application	<a href="#">Lifesaving Society Affiliate Members</a>
Ontario rules	Ontario Competition Manual	<a href="#">Lifesaving Society Rule Books</a>
Score sheets	Score sheets	<a href="#">Lifesaving Society Rule Books</a>
Facility Specifications	ILS Competition Manual – Section 8.0	<a href="#">Lifesaving Society Rule Books</a>
Competition Calendar	LSS – Ontario Competition Calendar	<a href="#">Lifesaving Society Sport Calendar</a>
Competition Package	Template	<a href="#">Lifesaving Society Sport Resources</a>
Safety Plan	Template	<a href="#">Lifesaving Society Sport Resources</a>

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