



TO: Provincial & Territorial Federations / Associations
Rhythmic Gymnastics Provincial Federations
GCG Program Staff

FROM: Annie Gagnon, Event Coordinator

SUBJECT: Sanctioning of International Events for 2009-2010 and Participant Sanction for Events Outside of Canada

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In order to respect the FIG Statutes (Article 34) and Technical Regulations (Regulations 3.4 & 3.5) and the GCG Policies and Procedures Section 22 - Event Sanctions and Eligibility, we remind our members the need of Sanction Requests for major events planned in 2009-2010, as well as for every type of participation to an event and/or activity outside of Canada in 2009-2010.

1. REQUEST TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT / COMPETITION INSIDE OF CANADA

This call for Event Sanction Requests for 2009-2010 is made in accordance with GCG Policies and Procedures Section 22. For more information, please consult the GCG Policies and Procedures.

This call is for Sanction Requests for 2008-2009 events of the following kinds:

- GCG P&P 22.3b "Any International Competition, which is a competition involving athletes from various countries."
- GCG P&P 22.3c "Any International Club Competition, which is a competition between clubs from various countries."
- GCG P&P 22.3d "Any National Competition, which is a competition involving Canadian gymnasts competing as national team members or as inter-provincial representatives."

All invitations for foreign athletes, clubs, and countries for such events must first be approved by GCG and must first be forwarded by GCG to the national offices of the countries of the athletes and/or clubs that may be invited.

As per GCG P&P Section 22.11, the Request for Sanction requires:

1. Full completion of the Request for Event Sanction Form;
2. Approval of the Request for Event Sanction Form by the Provincial or Territorial Association;
3. Approval of the Request by the GCG Program(s) Director(s) (not applicable for club invitationals restricted to US clubs only)
4. Payment of the Event Sanction Fee, which will be returned if the Request for Event Sanction is not approved.

The Event Sanction Fees for International Competitions are:

- Senior events \$250 CDN
- Junior events \$150 CDN
- Junior & Senior events \$350 CDN

Club International Invitational's Restricted to US and Canadian Clubs:

The GCG sanction fee will be \$50 for invitational's with only US clubs invited. As for the international competitions, it is essential that the sanctioning process be followed in order for GCG to inform USA Gymnastics that the event has been sanctioned in Canada and to request permission for the Host Club to communicate directly with US clubs.

All Requests for Sanction for 2009-2010 must be received, with completed forms and fee payment, by the GCG National Office no later than November 30, 2009. Requests received after the deadline or may not be processed. Request received without payment or Provincial approval will NOT be processed.

Your co-operation in abiding by the policies and procedures of our international governing body and the GCG is very much appreciated.

2. REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANT SANCTION FOR GYMNASTICS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF CANADA

This request for full compliance also applies to the Request for Participant Sanctions for athletes/coaches/judges performing activities outside of Canada. Please complete the Request for Sanction Form, have it approved by your Provincial or Territorial Association and forward it to the GCG National office with the required Competitor Sanction Fee of \$25.

GCG also reminds its members that a sanction should NOT be approved provincially if it has not received an invitation from the GCG head office. A list of sanctioned events can be found on the GCG website under programs & documents, Governance & Operations, GCG Sanctioned Events.

All Requests MUST BE RECEIVED by the provincial federation office a minimum of 30 days prior to the REGISTRATION deadline for the event or as stated by the program director/coordinator. Requests received after the deadline will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.

GCG MUST HAVE RECEIVED the request a minimum of 15 days prior to the **REGISTRATION deadline for the event** or as stated by the program director/coordinator.

****A club and/or group participating in an international activity without GCG sanction will first receive a warning from Gymnastics Canada. Clubs will be sanctioned \$500 per additional non-compliance activities.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attachment: Request to host an international event / activity in Canada (Sanction Form – H)
 Participation to an event and/or activity outside of Canada (Sanction Form – A)