



## Policies and Procedures Manual

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### Review and Approval

1. These policies were approved by the TTSask Board of Directors in the City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan on August 13th, 2023.
2. These policies shall be reviewed on a bi-annual basis, or earlier as required.

# Travel Subsidies Policy

## Purpose

1. The purpose of this Policy is to inform athletes, parents, team managers and coaches travelling to events outside of the Province of Saskatchewan of their responsibilities and expectations of the Association.

## Application of this Policy

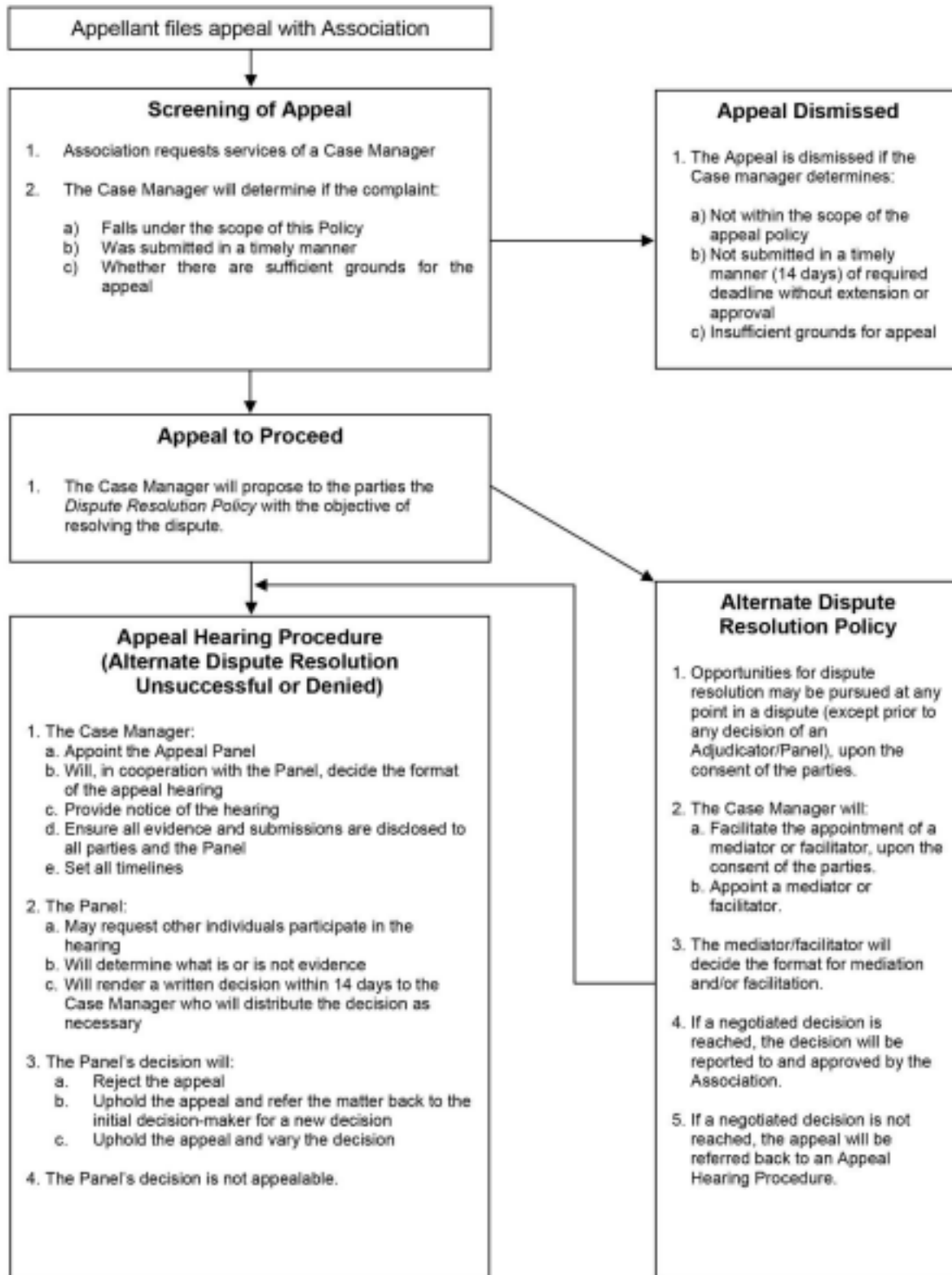
2. The goal of the Association is to have the team of athletes travel and stay together during tournaments. The aim of this policy is to provide a standard of rules for determining athlete's share of costs to attend a Canadian National Championship.
3. The direct cost of sending an athlete to the tournament would include: accommodations, team entry fees, coaching and chaperone costs, and transportation. Notable costs not included are tournament entry fees (other than team), and meal costs.
4. National Championship are the Canadian Junior Table Tennis Championships and the Canadian Senior Table Tennis Championships held annually.
  - 4.1 Senior players who are selected for the team shall be eligible for a maximum of \$500 per player at the discretion of the Board of Directors. A formal selection tournament will be facilitated by the Association to determine eligibility.
  - 4.2 "Out of Province events shall be identified by the Provincial Technical Director and open to Players on the Provincial Team.
5. Athletes who may be eligible for subsidies include players who are chosen by the Association to represent the province.
  - 5.1 Players not on the Provincial Team or participating in the Advanced High Performance Training who are seeking financial assistance shall apply to the Technical Director and demonstrate the benefit to the Association of said attendance.

## Responsibility

6. Each eligible athlete is responsible to pay the amount to be determined by the Association for each National Championship, while the Association will subsidize the remaining cost of the trip.
  - 6.1 The Association will cover 50% of travel and accommodation costs for athletes in our advanced and high performance training programs who are nominated to participate in the Junior National Championships and other out of province events as selected by the Provincial Technical Director.
    - 6.1a The Association will pay 100% of National team entry fees.
    - 6.2 TTSASK will reimburse fuel receipts to parents who drive a vehicle load of players and perform chaperone duties. It is required that the vehicle begin the trip fully fueled and the final receipt returns the vehicle to the same.
    - 6.3 All remaining expenses of the coach will be covered by the Association. All remaining costs of the chaperone will be shared by the Association.
    - 6.4 Athletes will be invoiced for their individual entry fees and meals purchased by TTSASK. The invoice will be calculated using a mean average of all athletes meals. Athletes who choose to pay for their own meals shall pay for all of their meals (The Association cannot engage in partial meal invoicing).

- 6.5 The Association will endeavor to seek accommodations that balance convenience and venue proximity to cost. The Association will endeavor to find the most economical method of transportation that is conducive to optimal athlete performance (The Association will make every effort to have athletes miss the minimal amount of school time for tournaments while avoiding overnight "red eye" flights).
- 6.6 The Association will require athletes to pay invoices for shared expenses within 30 days of the invoice being emailed out. In the fiduciary interest of the Association, TTSASK reserves the right to invoice athletes as the costs of the various "shared expenses" are incurred. This shall mean that athletes may receive multiple invoices for one event.
- 6.7 Late payments of invoices shall incur a 2% surcharge per month (Athletes with outstanding debt to TTSASK will not be permitted to participate in programming if the debt enters a second (2nd) month in arrears until the outstanding balance and surcharge is paid).
- 6.8 In order to be eligible, athletes (and parents if applicable) are required to sign an acknowledgment of "read and understood" the TTSASK travel subsidy policy annually. Athletes and parents shall sign an agreement accepting that all payment of invoices shall be remitted within 30 days without penalty. After 30 days, a 2% surcharge shall apply. An additional 2% will apply on the 60th day and participation shall be suspended until full payment is remitted to the Association. Additionally, the aforementioned shall sign an acknowledgement of "read and understood" the "Code of Conduct" and "hereby agree to abide by its guidelines".

# Appeal Policy Flowchart



# Appeal Policy

## Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
  - a) “*Appellant*” – The Party appealing a decision
  - b) “*Appeals Panel*” – A single person, or in extraordinary circumstances and at the discretion of the Case Manager, three persons, who will hear and decide the appeal.
  - c) “*Association*” – [Table Tennis Saskatchewan](#)
  - d) “*Case Manager*” – An individual appointed by the Association, who need not be a member or affiliated with the Association, to administer this Appeal Policy. The Case Manager will comply with the position description described in Appendix “A”.
  - e) “*Days*” – Days including weekend and holidays
  - f) “*In writing*”- A letter, fax or email sent directly to the Association.
  - g) “*Individuals*” – All categories of membership defined in the Association’s Bylaws, including clubs, teams as well as, all individuals engaged in activities with the Association including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, and directors and officers of the Association
  - h) “*Respondent*” – The body whose decision is being appealed

## Purpose

2. The Association provides Individuals with this Appeal Policy to appeal certain decisions made by the Association.

## Scope and Application of this Policy

3. Any Individual who is directly affected by an Association decision will have the right to appeal that decision; provided the appeal falls within the jurisdiction of this Policy and there are sufficient grounds for the appeal under the ‘Grounds for Appeal’ section of this Policy.
4. This Policy will not apply to decisions relating to:
  - a) Employment
  - b) Infractions for doping offenses
  - c) The rules of the sport
  - d) Budgeting and budget implementation
  - e) Operational structure and committee appointments
  - f) Volunteer appointments and the withdrawal or termination of those appointments
  - g) Decisions rendered by entities other than Association (appeals of these decisions shall be dealt with pursuant to the policies of those other entities unless requested and accepted by Association at its sole discretion)
  - h) Commercial matters
  - i) Decisions made under this Policy

## Timing and Conditions of Appeal

5. Individuals who wish to appeal a decision have fourteen (14) days from the date on which they received notice of the decision to submit, in writing to the Association, the following:
  - a) Notice of the intention to appeal
  - b) Contact information and status of the Appellant
  - c) Name of the Respondent and any affected parties, when known to the Appellant
  - d) Date the Appellant was advised of the decision being appealed

- e) A copy of the decision being appealed, or description of decision if written document is not available
  - f) Grounds for the appeal
  - g) Detailed reasons for the appeal
  - h) All evidence that supports the appeal
  - i) Requested remedy or remedies
  - j) An appeal fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) which will be refunded if the appeal is successful, or forfeited if the appeal is denied. Payment can be made to Table Tennis Saskatchewan by cash or cheque at 510 Cynthia Street, Saskatoon, SK. S7L 7K7
6. An Individual who wishes to initiate an appeal beyond the fourteen (14) day period must provide a written request stating the reasons for an exemption. The decision to allow, or not allow, an appeal outside of the fourteen (14) day period will be at the sole discretion of the Case Manager and may not be appealed.
7. Appeals should be submitted to:

Office Administrator

Phone: (306) 975-0835 Email: info@ttsask.ca

510 Cynthia Street, Saskatoon, SK. S7L 7K7

### **Case Manager**

8. Upon the receipt of an appeal, the Association will appoint an independent Case Manager to manage and administer appeals submitted in accordance with this Policy and such appointment is not appealable. Case Manager services will be accessible through Sask Sport from an external firm or pool of individuals with knowledge and expertise in dispute resolution.

### **Grounds for Appeal**

9. An appeal may only be heard if there are sufficient grounds for appeal, as determined by the Case Manager. Sufficient grounds only include the Respondent:
- a) Made a decision that it did not have the authority or jurisdiction (as set out in the Respondent's governing documents)
  - b) Failed to follow its own procedures (as set out in the Respondent's governing documents)
  - c) Made a decision that was influenced by bias (where bias is defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the decision-maker appears not to have considered other views)
  - d) Made a decision that was grossly unreasonable
10. The Appellant must demonstrate, on a balance of probabilities, that the Respondent has made a procedural error as described in the 'Grounds for Appeal' section of this Policy.

### **Alternate Dispute Resolution**

11. Upon receiving the notice of the appeal, the fee, and all other information (outlined in the 'Timing of Appeal' section of this Policy), the Appeals Committee may suggest, and the Parties may consent, the appeal to be heard under the Association's Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy.
12. Appeals resolved by mediation under the Association's Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy will cause the administration fee to be refunded to the Appellant.

## Screening of Appeal

13. Should the appeal not be resolved by using the Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy, the Case Manager will have the following responsibilities:
  - a) Determine if the appeal falls under the scope of this Policy
  - b) Determine if the appeal was submitted in a timely manner
  - c) Decide whether there are sufficient grounds for the appeal
14. If the appeal is denied on the basis of insufficient ground, because it was not submitted in a timely manner, or because it did not fall under the scope of this Policy, the Appellant and the Association will be notified, in writing, by the Appeal Committee of the reasons for this decision. This decision may not be appealed.
15. If the Appeal Committee is satisfied there are sufficient grounds for an appeal, the Case Manager will appoint an Appeals Panel (the "Panel") which shall consist of a single Adjudicator, to hear the appeal. In extraordinary circumstances, and at the discretion of the Case Manager, a Panel of three persons may be appointed to hear the appeal. In this event, the Case Manager will appoint one of the Panel's members to serve as the Chair.
16. The Case Manager will establish and adhere to timeframes that ensure procedural fairness and that the matter is heard in a timely fashion.

## Procedure for Appeal Hearing

17. The Case Manager, in cooperation with the Panel, shall then decide the format under which the appeal will be heard. This decision may not be appealed.
18. The format of the hearing may involve an oral in-person hearing, an oral hearing by telephone/telecommunications or other electronic means, a hearing based on a review of documentary evidence submitted in advance of the hearing, or a combination of these methods. The hearing will be governed by the procedures that the Case Manager and the Panel deem appropriate in the circumstances, provided that:
  - a) The hearing will be held within a timeline determined by the Case Manager or the Panel
  - b) The Parties will be given reasonable notice of the day, time and place of the hearing, in the case of an oral in-person hearing, an oral hearing by telephone or other telecommunications
  - c) Copies of any written documents which the parties wish to have the Panel consider will be provided to all Parties in advance of the hearing
  - d) The Parties may be accompanied by a representative, advisor, or legal counsel at their own expense
  - e) The Panel may request that any other individual participate and give evidence at the hearing
  - f) The Panel may allow as evidence at the hearing any oral evidence and document or thing relevant to the subject matter of the appeal, but may exclude such evidence that is unduly repetitious and shall place such weight on the evidence as it deems appropriate
  - g) If a decision in the appeal may affect another party to the extent that the other party would have recourse to an appeal in their own right under this Policy, that party will become a party to the appeal in question and will be bound by its outcome
  - h) The decision to uphold or reject the appeal will be by a majority vote of the Panel
19. The hearing will proceed in any event, even if a Party chooses not to participate in the hearing.
20. In fulfilling its duties, the Panel may obtain independent advice.

## Appeal Decision

21. The Panel shall issue its decision, in writing and with reasons, after the hearing's conclusion. In making its decision, the Panel will have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Panel may decide to:

- a) Reject the appeal and confirm the decision being appealed
- b) Uphold the appeal and refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision
- c) Uphold the appeal and vary the decision

22. The Panel's written decision, with reasons, will be distributed to all Parties, the Case Manager, and the Association within 14 days of the hearing's conclusion. In extraordinary circumstances, the Panel may first issue a verbal or summary decision soon after the hearing's conclusion, with the full written decision to be issued thereafter. The decision will be considered a matter of public record unless decided otherwise by the Panel.

### **Confidentiality**

23. The appeals process is confidential and involves only the Parties, the Case Manager, the Panel, and any independent advisors to the Panel. Once initiated and until a decision is released, none of the Parties will disclose confidential information to any person not involved in the proceedings.

### **Final and Binding**

24. The decision of the Panel will be binding on the Parties and on all the Association's Individuals.

25. No action or legal proceeding will be commenced against the Association or Individuals in respect of a dispute, unless the Association has refused or failed to provide or abide by the appeal process as set out in this Policy.



## Appendix A

### CASE MANAGER POSITION DESCRIPTION

#### Purpose

1. In some of its policies, the Association requires the appointment of a Case Manager. This Position Description outlines the role, identity, responsibilities and tasks of the Case Manager.

#### Policies

2. The following Policies require the appointment of a Case Manager:
  - a) Discipline and Complaints
  - b) Appeal
  - c) Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy

#### Identity

3. The Case Manager, whether or not appointed by the Association at their sole discretion, should be experienced with the management of disputes in an unbiased manner. The individual should not be connected in any way to the issue being disputed (and/or the outcome of the dispute) but does not necessarily need to be an independent third-party not connected with the Association – though the guaranteed independence and neutrality of a third-party is preferred. The individual does not need to be a Member of the Association.
4. The Case Manager's identity does not need to be approved by any of the parties involved in the dispute, excluding the Association.

#### Discretion - Complaints

5. When a complaint is filed, the Case Manager is required to:
  - a) Determine whether the complaint is frivolous and within the jurisdiction of the Discipline and Complaints Policy
  - b) Propose the use of the Association's Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy
  - c) Appoint the Panel, if necessary
  - d) Coordinate all administrative aspects and set timelines
  - e) Provide administrative assistance and logistical support to the Panel as required
  - f) Provide any other service or support that may be necessary to ensure a fair and timely proceeding

#### Discretion - Appeals

6. When an appeal is filed, the Case Manager is required to:
  - a) Propose the use of the Association's Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy
  - b) Determine if the appeal falls under the scope of the Appeal Policy
  - c) Determine if the appeal was submitted in a timely manner
  - d) Decide whether there are sufficient grounds for the appeal
  - e) Appoint the Panel, if necessary
  - f) Coordinate all administrative aspects and set timelines
  - g) Provide administrative assistance and logistical support to the Panel as required
  - h) Provide any other service or support that may be necessary to ensure a fair and timely proceeding

7. When determining if there are sufficient grounds for appeal, the Case Manager is not acting as the Panel and determining the merits of the appeal, but instead determining whether the Appellant has properly shown that an error, as described in the Appeal Policy, has been properly argued. The Case Manager will need to carefully consult the Association's policies and procedures, and analyze the process that contributed to the decision, to determine whether there are appropriate grounds.

#### **Discretion – Alternate Dispute Resolution**

8. When the parties agree to the jurisdiction of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy, the Case Manager maybe required to:
  - a) Appoint the mediator or facilitator
  - b) Coordinate all administrative aspects and set timelines
  - c) Provide administrative assistance and logistical support to the mediator or facilitator as required

#### **Hearing Format - Discretion**

9. If necessary, the Case Manager is required to exercise their discretion to determine the format of the hearing. Hearings typically take the following forms:
  - a) In person
  - b) Conference call
  - c) Written submissions
  - d) Conference call + written submissions
  
10. In determining the format of the hearing the Case Manager should consider:
  - a) The distance between the parties
  - b) The animosity between the parties
  - c) The time commitment and location of the Panel
  - d) The timelines for a decision
  - e) The language barriers between the parties
  - f) The gravity of the complaint/appeal

#### **Panel Appointment**

11. The Case Manager is required to appoint a Panel of one person, or three in extraordinary circumstances, to decide the issue. The individual(s) should have the following characteristics:
  - a) Experience in dispute resolution
  - b) Experience with sport disputes
  - c) No connection to either party
  - d) Preferably no connection with the Parties
  - e) Decisive
  
12. The Case Manager should remind the Panel to adhere to the powers given to the Panel by the applicable policy. For example, if the policy does not permit the Panel to suspend the respondent indefinitely, then the Panel cannot sanction the respondent in this manner.

#### **Communication**

13. Especially when the hearing is to be held by written submissions, the Case Manager is required to communicate swiftly, clearly, and decisively with each party. The parties must adhere to the deadlines set by the Case Manager or by the applicable policy and the process must move forward even if a party misses a deadline.
  
14. When coordinating an oral hearing, the Case Manager should first consider the schedule of the Panel, then the schedule of the complainant, and then the schedule of the respondent in an attempt to find a suitable time for everyone.

## **Suggested Procedure**

15. The Case Manager may implement the following procedure to facilitate the Discipline and Complaints Policy or the Appeal Policy:
  - a) Receive the written complaint or appeal
  - b) Communicate with the Complainant/Appellant that you have been appointed the Case Manager and that their complaint/appeal will be disclosed to the Respondent and Panel. Also determine if there is additional evidence or written submissions to follow, if so, provide a deadline for receipt. (After this step, the Complainant/Appellant may not have another opportunity to make additional submissions or provide evidence, unless determined otherwise by the Panel)
  - c) Determine whether the complaint is within the jurisdiction of the applicable Policy.
  - d) Notify the Respondent that you are the Case Manager and are in receipt of a complaint/appeal. Communicate to the Respondent that any submissions will be provided to the Complainant/Appellant and Panel. Provide the Respondent with a reasonable timeframe to submit their response document and any applicable evidence. (After this step, the Respondent may not have another opportunity to make additional submissions or provide evidence, unless determined otherwise by the Panel).
  - e) The Case Manager may wish to provide the Complainant/Appellant to submit a rebuttal, but the rebuttal must be limited to issues raised by the Respondent and is not an opportunity to provide new evidence. The Panel may exclude such new evidence.
  - f) Appoint the Panel
  - g) Conduct a hearing either via written documentation, teleconference, in – person, or a combination of these techniques.
  - h) Ensure the Panel renders a written decision within a prescribed timeline.

# Code of Conduct

## Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Code:
  - a) “*Association*” – **Table Tennis Saskatchewan**
  - b) “*Individuals*” – All categories of membership defined in the Association’s Bylaws, as well as all individuals engaged in activities with the Association including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, and directors and officers of the Association
  - c) “*Harassment*” – Behaviour that constitutes harassment is defined in Section 7(b)
  - d) “*Workplace Harassment or Workplace Violence*” – Behaviour that constitutes workplace harassment and workplace violence is defined in Section 7(c)
  - e) “*Sexual harassment*” – Behaviour that constitutes sexual harassment and workplace violence is defined in Section 7(d)

## Purpose

2. The purpose of this Code is to ensure a safe and positive environment by making Individuals aware that there is an expectation of appropriate behaviour consistent with this Code. The Association supports equal opportunity, prohibits discriminatory practices, and is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and fairness.

## Application of this Code

3. This Code applies to Individuals’ conduct during the Association’s business, activities, and events including, but not limited to, competitions, practices, tryouts, training camps, travel associated with the Association’s activities, the Association’s office environment, and any meetings.
4. This Code also applies to Individuals’ conduct outside of the Association’s business, activities, and events when such conduct adversely affects relationships within the Association and/or its Members (and its work and sport environment) and is detrimental to the image and reputation of the Association. Such jurisdiction will be determined by the Association at its sole discretion.
5. An Individual who violates this Code may be subject to sanctions pursuant to the Association’s *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.
6. An employee of the Association found to have breached this Code will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action subject to the terms of the Association’s Human Resources Policy, as well as the employee’s Employment Agreement, as applicable. Violations could result in a warning, reprimand, access restrictions, suspension and other disciplinary actions up to and including termination of employment/contract.

## Responsibilities

7. Individuals have a responsibility to:
  - a) Maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of the Association members and other individuals by:
    - i. Demonstrating respect to individuals regardless of body type, physical characteristics, athletic ability, age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed, disability, family status, marital status, gender identity, gender expression, sex, and sexual orientation
    - ii. Focusing comments or criticism appropriately and avoiding public criticism of Individual or the Association
    - iii. Consistently demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship, sport leadership, and ethical conduct
    - iv. Acting, when appropriate, to correct or prevent practices that are unjustly discriminatory
    - v. Consistently treating individuals fairly and reasonably
    - vi. Ensuring adherence to the rules of the sport and the spirit of those rules

b) Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes harassment. Types of behaviour that constitute harassment include, but are not limited to:

- i. Written or verbal abuse, threats, or outbursts
- ii. The display of visual material which is offensive or which one ought to know is offensive
- iii. Unwelcome remarks, jokes, comments, innuendo, or taunts
- iv. Leering or other suggestive or obscene gestures
- v. Condescending or patronizing behaviour which is intended to undermine self-esteem, diminish performance or adversely affect working conditions
- vi. Practical jokes which cause awkwardness or embarrassment, endanger a person's safety, or negatively affect performance
- vii. Any form of hazing
- viii. Unwanted physical contact including, but not limited to, touching, petting, pinching, or kissing
- ix. Unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances, requests, or invitations
- x. Physical or sexual assault
- xi. Behaviours such as those described above that are not directed towards a specific individual or group but have the same effect of creating a negative or hostile environment
- xii. Retaliation or threats of retaliation against an individual who reports harassment

c) Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes Workplace Harassment or Workplace Violence, where workplace harassment is defined as conduct against a worker in a workplace that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome; and where workplace violence is defined as the exercise of physical force by a person against a worker, in a workplace, that causes or could cause physical injury to the worker; an attempt to exercise physical force against a worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to the worker; or a statement or behaviour that it is reasonable for a worker to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against the worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to the worker. Workplace matters should not be confused with legitimate, reasonable management actions that are part of the normal work function, including measures to correct performance deficiencies, such as placing someone on a performance improvement plan, or imposing discipline for workplace infractions. Types of behaviour that constitute workplace harassment or workplace violent include, but are not limited to:

*Workplace Harassment*

- i. Bullying
- ii. Repeated offensive or intimidating phone calls or emails
- iii. Inappropriate touching, advances, suggestions or requests
- iv. Displaying or circulating offensive pictures, photographs or materials
- v. Psychological abuse
- vi. Discrimination
- vii. Intimidating words or conduct (offensive jokes or innuendos)
- viii. Words or actions which are known or should reasonably be known to be offensive, embarrassing, humiliating, or demeaning

*Workplace Violence*

- ix. Verbal threats to attack a worker
- x. Sending to or leaving threatening notes or emails
- xi. Making threatening physical gestures
- xii. Wielding a weapon
- xiii. Hitting, pinching or unwanted touching which is not accidental
- xiv. Blocking normal movement or physical interference, with or without the use of equipment
- xv. Sexual violence
- xvi. Any attempt to engage in the type of conduct outlined above

d) Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes Sexual Harassment, where sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual comments and sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, or conduct of a sexual nature. Types of behaviour that constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- i. Sexist jokes
  - ii. Display of sexually offensive material
  - iii. Sexually degrading words used to describe a person
  - iv. Inquiries or comments about a person's sex life
  - v. Unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances, or propositions
  - vi. Persistent unwanted contact
- e) Abstain from the non-medical use of drugs or the use of performance-enhancing drugs or methods. More specifically, the Association adopts and adheres to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program. The Association will respect any penalty enacted pursuant to a breach of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program, whether imposed by the Association or any other sport Association
- f) Refrain from associating with any person for the purpose of coaching, training, competition, instruction, administration, management, athletic development, or supervision of the sport, who has incurred an anti-doping rule violation and is serving a sanction involving a period of ineligibility imposed pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or the World Anti-Doping Code and recognized by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES)
- g) Refrain from the use of power or authority in an attempt to coerce another person to engage in inappropriate activities
- h) Refrain from consuming alcohol, tobacco products, or recreational drugs while participating in Association programs, activities, competitions, or events. In the case of adults, avoid consuming alcohol in situations where minors are present and take reasonable steps to manage the responsible consumption of alcohol in adult-oriented social situations associated with the Association's events
- i) Respect the property of others and not wilfully cause damage
- j) Adhere to all federal, provincial, municipal and host country laws
- k) Comply, at all times, with the Association's bylaws, policies, procedures, and rules and regulations, as adopted and amended from time to time
- l) When driving a vehicle with an Individual:
  - i. Not have his or her license suspended
  - ii. Not be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or substances
  - iii. Have valid car insurance
- m) Refrain from engaging in deliberate cheating which is intended to manipulate the outcome of a competition and/or not offer or receive any bribe which is intended to manipulate the outcome of a competition.

### **Board/Committee Members**

8. In addition to section 7 (above), Association's Directors and Committee Members will have additional responsibilities to:
- a) Function primarily as a member of the board and/or committee(s) of Association; not as a member of any other particular member or constituency
  - b) Act with honesty and integrity and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the nature and responsibilities of the Association's business and the maintenance of Individuals' confidence
  - c) Ensure that the Association's financial affairs are conducted in a responsible and transparent manner with due regard for all fiduciary responsibilities
  - d) Conduct themselves openly, professionally, lawfully and in good faith in the best interests of Association
  - e) Be independent and impartial and not be influenced by self-interest, outside pressure, expectation of reward, or fear of criticism
  - f) Behave with decorum appropriate to both circumstance and position
  - g) Keep informed about the Association's activities, the provincial sport community, and general trends in the sectors in which they operate
  - h) Exercise the degree of care, diligence, and skill required in the performance of their duties pursuant to the laws under which the Association is incorporated
  - i) Respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature
  - j) Respect the decisions of the majority and resign if unable to do so

- k) Commit the time to attend meetings and be diligent in preparation for, and participation in, discussions at such meetings
- l) Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of all Association governance documents
- m) Conform to the bylaws and policies approved by Association

## Coaches

9. In addition to section 7 (above), coaches have many additional responsibilities. The coach-athlete relationship is a privileged one and plays a critical role in the personal, sport, and athletic development of the athlete. Coaches must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it, consciously or unconsciously. Coaches will:
  - a) Ensure a safe environment by selecting activities and establishing controls that are suitable for the age, experience, ability, and fitness level of the involved athletes
  - b) Prepare athletes systematically and progressively, using appropriate time frames and monitoring physical and psychological adjustments while refraining from using training methods or techniques that may harm athletes
  - c) Avoid compromising the present and future health of athletes by communicating and cooperating with sport medicine professionals in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of athletes' medical and psychological treatments
  - d) Accept and promote athletes' personal goals and refer athletes to other coaches and sports specialists as appropriate
  - e) Support the coaching staff of a training camp, provincial team, or national team; should an athlete qualify for participation with one of these programs
  - f) Provide athletes (and the parents/guardians of minor athletes) with the information necessary to be involved in the decisions that affect the athlete
  - g) Act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person
  - h) Comply with the Association's Screening Policy, if applicable.
  - i) Report to the Association any ongoing criminal investigation, conviction, or existing bail conditions, including those for violence, child pornography, or possession, use, or sale of any illegal substance
  - j) Under no circumstances provide, promote, or condone the use of drugs (other than properly prescribed medications) or performance-enhancing substances and, in the case of minors, alcohol and/or tobacco
  - k) Respect athletes playing with other teams and, in dealings with them, not encroach upon topics or actions which are deemed to be within the realm of 'coaching', unless after first receiving approval from the coaches who are responsible for the athletes
  - l) Dress professionally, neatly, and inoffensively
  - m) Use inoffensive language, taking into account the audience being addressed
  - n) Recognize the power inherent in the position of coach and respect and promote the rights of all participants in sport. This is accomplished by establishing and following procedures for confidentiality (right to privacy), informed participation, and fair and reasonable treatment. Coaches have a special responsibility to respect and promote the rights of participants who are in a vulnerable or dependent position and less able to protect their own rights
  - o) Not engage in a sexual relationship with an athlete under 18 years old, or an intimate or sexual relationship with an athlete over the age of 18 if the coach is in a position of power, trust, or authority over the athlete
  - p) Refrain from using their power or authority to coerce another person to engage in or tolerate sexual or harmful activities.
  - q) Refrain from conduct that causes physical or emotional harm to Individuals
  - r) Prevent the use of power or authority in an attempt, successful or not, to coerce another person to engage in or tolerate sexual activity.

## Athletes

10. In addition to section 7 (above), athletes will have additional responsibilities to:
  - a) Report any medical problems in a timely fashion, when such problems may limit their ability to travel, practice, or compete; or in the case of carded athletes, interfere with the athlete's ability to fulfill their carded athlete requirements
  - b) Participate and appear on-time, well-nourished, and prepared to participate to their best abilities in all competitions, practices, training sessions, tryouts, tournaments, and events

- c) Properly represent themselves and not attempt to participate in a competition for which they are not eligible by reason of age, classification, or other reason
- d) Adhere to the Association's rules and requirements regarding clothing and equipment
- e) Act in a sportsmanlike manner and not display appearances of violence, foul language, or gestures to other athletes, officials, coaches, or spectators
- f) Dress in a manner representative of the Association; focusing on neatness, cleanliness, and discretion
- g) Act in accordance with the Association's policies and procedures and, when applicable, additional rules as outlined by coaches or managers

### **Officials**

11. In addition to section 7 (above), officials will have additional responsibilities to:

- a) Maintain and update their knowledge of the rules and rules changes
- b) Work within the boundaries of their position's description while supporting the work of other officials
- c) Act as an ambassador of the Association by agreeing to enforce and abide by national and provincial rules and regulations
- d) Take ownership of actions and decisions made while officiating
- e) Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all individuals
- f) Not publicly criticize other officials or any club or the Association
- g) Act openly, impartially, professionally, lawfully, and in good faith
- h) Be fair, equitable, considerate, independent, honest, and impartial in all dealings
- i) Respect the confidentiality required by issues of a sensitive nature, which may include ejections, defaults, forfeits, discipline processes, appeals, and specific information or data about Individuals
- j) Honour all assignments unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency, and in these cases inform the assignor or the Association at the earliest possible time
- k) When writing reports, set out the true facts
- l) Dress in proper attire for officiating

### **Parents/Guardians and Spectators**

12. In addition to paragraph 7 above, Parents/Guardians and Spectators at events will:

- a) Encourage athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- b) Condemn the use of violence in any form
- c) Never ridicule a participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice
- d) Provide positive comments that motivate and encourage participants continued effort
- e) Respect the decisions and judgments of officials, and encourage athletes to do the same.  
Feedback on competition performances is provided by officials only to the coaching staff, so parents are encouraged to discuss any questions with your athletes coach
- f) Recognize that officials, executives and staff act in good faith, and in the best interests of the athletes and sport as a whole.
- g) Respect the decisions and judgments of officials, and encourage athletes to do the same
- h) Never question an officials' or staffs' judgment or honesty
- i) Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse, coercion, intimidation and sarcasm
- j) Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the coaches, officials and other volunteers
- k) Refrain from the use of bad language, nor harass competitors, coaches, officials, parents/guardians or other spectators



# Conflict of Interest Policy

## Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- a) "Association" – Table Tennis Saskatchewan
- b) "Conflict of Interest" – Any situation in which an Individual's decision-making, which should always be in the best interests of the Association, is influenced or could be influenced by personal, family, financial, business, or other private interests.
- c) "Individuals" – All categories of membership defined in the Association's Bylaws, as well as all individuals engaged in activities with the Association including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, and directors and officers of the Association
- d) "In writing"- A letter, fax or email sent directly to the Association.
- e) "Pecuniary Interest" - An interest that an individual may have in a matter because of the reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain or loss for that individual, or another person with whom that individual is associated.
- f) "Non-Pecuniary Interest" - An interest that an individual may have in a matter which may involve family relationships, friendships, volunteer positions or other interests that do not involve the potential for financial gain or loss.

## Background

2. Individuals who act on behalf of an organization have a duty first to that organization and second to any personal stake they have in the operations of the Association. For example, in not-for-profit organizations, Directors are required, by law, to act as a trustee (in good faith, or in trust) of the Association. Directors, and other stakeholders, must not put themselves in positions where making a decision on behalf of the Association is connected to their own "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests. That would be a conflict of interest situation.

## Purpose

- 3. The Association strives to reduce and eliminate nearly all instances of conflict of interest at the Association – by being aware, prudent, and forthcoming about the potential conflicts. This Policy describes how Individuals will conduct themselves in matters relating to conflict of interest, and will clarify how Individuals shall make decisions in situations where conflict of interest may exist.
- 4. This Policy applies to all Individuals.

## Obligations

- 5. Any real or perceived conflict of interest, whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary, between an Individual's personal interest and the interests of the Association, shall always be resolved in favour of the Association.
- 6. Individuals will not:
  - a) Engage in any business or transaction, or have a financial or other personal interest, that is incompatible with their official duties with the Association, unless such business, transaction, or other interest is properly disclosed to the Association and approved by the Association.
  - b) Knowingly place themselves in a position where they are under obligation to any person who might benefit from special consideration or who might seek preferential treatment.
  - c) In the performance of their official duties, give preferential treatment to family members, friends, colleagues, or organizations in which their family members, friends, or colleagues have an interest, financial or otherwise.
  - d) Derive personal benefit from information that they have acquired during the course of fulfilling their official duties with the Association, if such information is confidential or not generally available to the public.
  - e) Engage in any outside work, activity, or business or professional undertaking that conflicts or appears to conflict with their official duties as a representative of the Association, or in which they have an advantage or appear to have an advantage on the basis of their association with the Association.
  - f) Without the permission of the Association, use the Association's property, equipment, supplies, or services for activities not associated with the performance of their official duties with the Association.

- g) Place themselves in positions where they could, by virtue of being an Association Individual, influence decisions or contracts from which they could derive any direct or indirect benefit.
- h) Accept any gift or favour that could be construed as being given in anticipation of, or in recognition for, any special consideration granted by virtue of being an Association Individual.

### **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

- 7. On an annual basis, all the Association's Directors, Officers, Employees, and Committee Members will complete a **Declaration Form** disclosing any real or perceived conflicts that they might have. Declaration Forms shall be retained by the Association.
- 8. Individuals shall disclose real or perceived conflicts of interest to the Association's Board immediately upon becoming aware that a conflict of interest may exist.
- 9. Individuals shall also disclose any and all affiliations with any and all other organizations involved with the same sport. These affiliations include any of the following roles: athlete, coach, manager, official, employee, volunteer, officer or director.

### **Minimizing Conflicts of Interest in Decision-Making**

- 10. Decisions or transactions that involve a conflict of interest that has been proactively disclosed by an Individual will be considered and decided with the following additional provisions:
  - a) The nature and extent of the Individual's interest has been fully disclosed to the body that is considering or making the decision, and this disclosure is recorded or noted.
  - b) The Individual does not participate in discussion on the matter.
  - c) The Individual abstains from voting on the decision.
  - d) For board-level decisions, the Individual does not count toward quorum.
  - e) The decision is confirmed to be in the best interests of the Association.
- 11. For potential conflicts of interest involving employees, the Association's Board will determine whether there is there a conflict and, if one exists, the employee will resolve the conflict by ceasing the activity giving rise to the conflict. The Association will not restrict employees from accepting other employment contracts or volunteer appointments provided these activities do not diminish the employee's ability to perform the work described in the employee's job agreement with the Association or give rise to a conflict of interest.

### **Conflict of Interest Complaints**

- 12. Any person who believes that an Individual may be in a conflict of interest situation should report the matter, in writing (or verbally if during a meeting of the Board or any committee), to the Association's Board who will as quickly as possible decide appropriate measures to eliminate the conflict.
- 13. The Association's Board decision as to whether or not a conflict of interest exists will be governed by the following procedures:
  - a) Copies of any written documents to be considered by the Board will be provided to the Individual who may be in a conflict of interest situation
  - b) The Individual who may be in a conflict of interest situation will be provided an opportunity to address the Association's Board orally or if granted such right by the Association's Board, in writing
  - c) The decision will be by a majority vote of the Association's Board
- 14. If the Individual acknowledges the conflict of interest, the Individual may waive the right to be heard, in which case the Association's Board will determine the appropriate sanction.

### **Decision**

- 15. After hearing and/or reviewing the matter, the Association's Board will determine whether a conflict of interest exists and, if so, the sanctions to be imposed.

### **Sanctions**

- 16. The Board may apply the following actions singly or in combination for real or perceived conflicts of interest:

- a) Removal or temporary suspension of certain responsibilities or decision-making authority.
  - b) Removal or temporary suspension from a designated position.
  - c) Removal or temporary suspension from certain teams, events and/or activities.
  - d) Expulsion from the Association.
  - e) Other actions as may be considered appropriate for the real or perceived conflict of interest.
17. Any person who believes that an Individual has made a decision that was influenced by real or perceived conflict of interest may submit a complaint, in writing, to the Association to be addressed under the Association's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.
18. Failure to comply with an action as determined by the Board will result in automatic suspension from the Association until compliance occurs.
19. The Board may determine that an alleged real or perceived conflict of interest is of such seriousness as to warrant suspension of designated activities pending a meeting and a decision of the Board.

**Enforcement**

20. Failure to adhere to this Policy may permit discipline in accordance with the Association's Discipline and Complaints Policy

**Conflict of Interest - Declaration Form**

I have read the Association's *Conflict of Interest Policy*, I agree to be bound by the obligations contained therein, and I commit to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. I also commit to disclosing the existence of any real or perceived conflict of interest to the Board, as soon as it is known to me.

I declare the following interests which may represent a potential conflicting interest:

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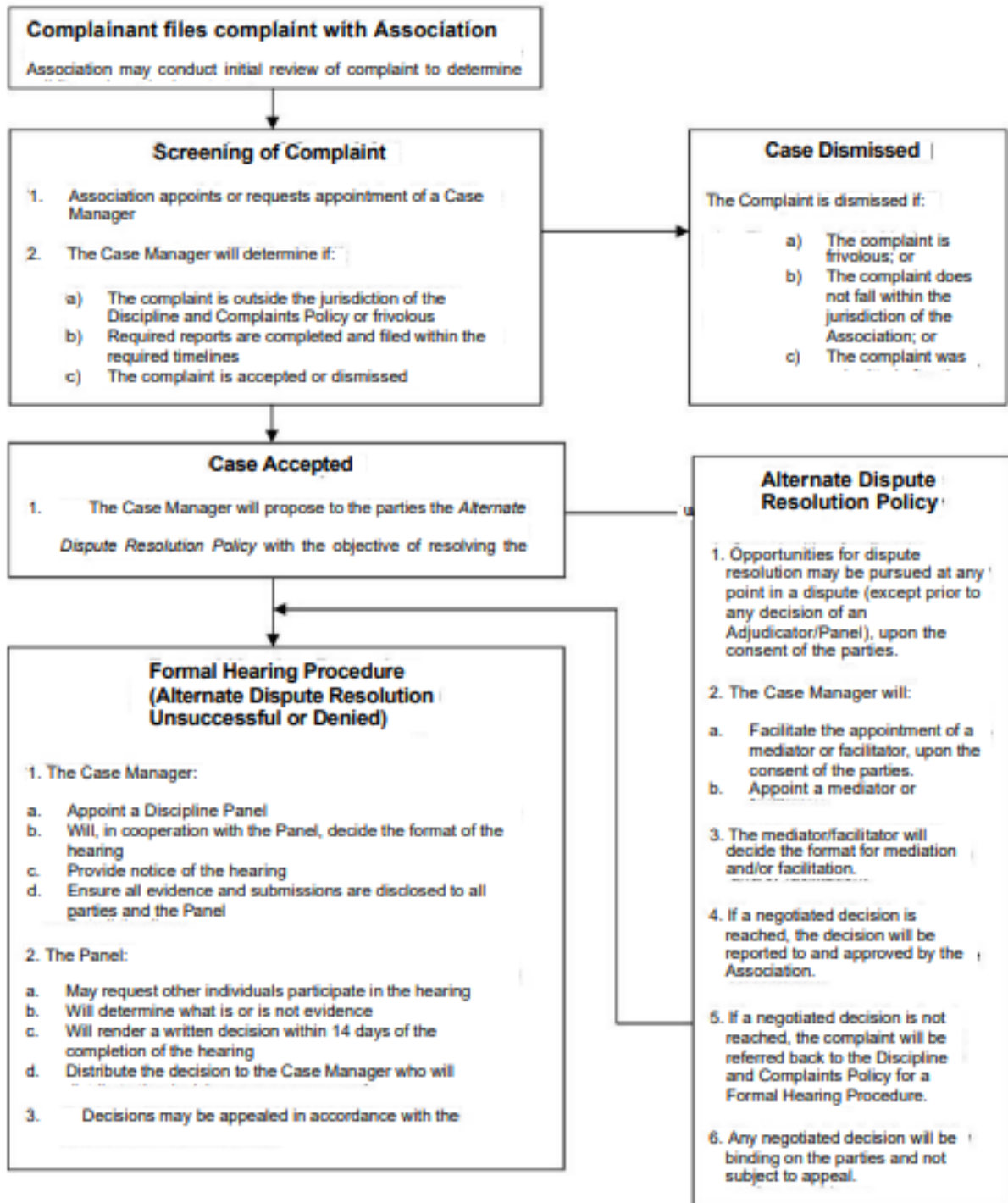
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# Discipline and Complaints Policy Flowchart



# Discipline and Complaints Policy

## Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- a) “*Association*” – **Table Tennis Saskatchewan**
- b) “*Case Manager*” – An individual appointed by the Association, who need not be a member or affiliated with the Association, to administer this Discipline and Complaints Policy. The Case Manager will comply with the position description described in Appendix “A”.
- c) “*Complainant*” – The Party alleging an infraction
- d) “*Days*” – Days including weekend and holidays
- e) “*Individuals*” – All categories of membership defined in the Association’s Bylaws, including clubs, teams, as well as all individuals engaged in activities with the Association including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, and directors and officers of the Association
- f) “*In writing*”- A letter, fax or email sent directly to the Association.
- g) “*Respondent*” – The alleged infracting Party

## Purpose

2. Individuals and participants are expected to fulfill certain responsibilities and obligations including, but not limited to, complying with Association’s policies, bylaws, rules and regulations, and *Codes of Conduct*. Non-compliance may result in sanctions pursuant to this Policy.

## Application of this Policy

- 3. This Policy applies to all Individuals relating to matters that may arise during the course of Association’s business, activities, and events including, but not limited to, competitions, practices, tryouts, training camps, travel associated with Association activities, and any meetings.
- 4. This Policies also applies to Individuals’ conduct outside of the Association’s business, activities, and events when such conduct adversely affects relationships within the Association (its work and/or sport environment) or is detrimental to the image and reputation of the Association. The jurisdiction of this Policy will be determined by the Association at its sole discretion.
- 5. This Policy does not prevent discipline from being applied, during a competition or event. Further discipline may be applied according to this Policy. Any infractions or complaints occurring within competition will be dealt with by the procedures specific to the competition, if applicable. In such situations, disciplinary sanctions will be for the duration of the competition, training, activity or event only.
- 6. An employee of the Association found to have to be a Respondent will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action subject to the terms of the Association’s *Human Resources Policy*, as well as the employee’s Employment Agreement, as applicable. Violations may result in a warning, reprimand, restrictions, suspension or other disciplinary actions up to and including termination of employment.

## Reporting a Complaint

7. Any Individual may report any complaint to the Association. A complaint must be In Writing and must be filed within 21 days of the alleged incident. Complaints should be submitted to:

Office Administrator

Phone: (306) 975-0835 Email: [info@ttsask.ca](mailto:info@ttsask.ca) 510 Cynthia Street, Saskatoon, SK S7L 7K7

8. A Complainant wishing to file a complaint outside of the 21 days must provide a written statement giving reasons for an exemption to this limitation. The decision to accept or deny the complaint outside of the 21 days will be at the sole discretion of the Case Manager. This decision may not be appealed.

9. At the Association's discretion, the Association may act as the complainant and initiate the complaint process under the terms of this Policy. In such cases, the Association will identify an individual to represent the Association.
10. Resignation or lapsing of membership after a complaint is filed does not preclude disciplinary proceedings being pursued under this policy.
11. Upon receiving a complaint, the Association will review the complaint to determine validity and required next steps.

### **Case Manager**

12. Upon the receipt and review of a complaint, the Association may appoint or request the appointment of an independent Case Manager to manage and administer complaints submitted in accordance with this Policy and such appointment is not appealable. Case Manager services will be accessible through Sask Sport from an external firm or pool of individuals with knowledge and expertise in dispute resolution.
13. The Case Manager has a responsibility to:
  - a) Determine whether the complaint is within the jurisdiction of this Policy or frivolous
  - b) Propose the use of the Association's Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy
  - c) Appoint the Discipline Panel, if necessary
  - d) Coordinate all administrative aspects and set timelines
  - e) Provide administrative assistance and logistical support to the Panel as required
  - f) Provide any other service or support that may be necessary to ensure a fair and timely proceeding.

### **Procedures**

14. If the Case Manager determines the complaint is:
  - a) Frivolous or outside the jurisdiction of this Policy, the complaint will be dismissed immediately.
  - b) Not frivolous and within the jurisdiction of this Policy, the Case Manager will notify the Parties the complaint is accepted and the applicable next steps.
15. The Case Manager's decision to accept or dismiss the complaint may not be appealed.
16. The Case Manager will establish and adhere to timeframes that ensure procedural fairness and that the matter is heard in a timely fashion.
17. After notifying the Parties that the complaint has been accepted, the Case Manager will first, propose the Association's Alternate *Dispute Resolution Policy* with the objective of resolving the dispute. If the dispute is not resolved or the parties refuse the Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy, the Case Manager will appoint a Discipline Panel, which shall consist of a single Adjudicator, to hear the complaint. In extraordinary circumstances, and at the discretion of the Case Manager, a Panel of three persons may be appointed to hear the complaint. In this event, the Case Manager will appoint one of the Panel's members to serve as the Chair.
18. The Case Manager, in cooperation with the Discipline Panel, will then decide the format under which the complaint will be heard. This decision may not be appealed. The format of the hearing, which may involve direct communications with the Parties, an oral in-person hearing, an oral hearing by telephone or other telecommunications, a hearing based on a review of documentary evidence submitted in advance of the hearing, or a combination of these methods. The hearing will be governed by the procedures that the Case Manager and the Discipline Panel deem appropriate in the circumstances, provided that:
  - a) The Parties will be given appropriate notice of the day, time, and place of the hearing, in the case of an oral in-person hearing, an oral hearing by telephone or other telecommunications
  - b) Copies of any written documents which the parties wish to have the Panel consider will be provided to all Parties, through the Case Manager, in advance of the hearing and/or decision rendered
  - c) The Parties may be accompanied by a representative, advisor, or legal counsel at their own expense
  - d) The Discipline Panel may request that any other individual participate and give evidence at the hearing
  - e) The Discipline Panel may allow as evidence at the hearing any oral evidence and document or thing

relevant to the subject matter of the complaint, but may exclude such evidence that is unduly repetitious and shall place such weight on the evidence as it deems appropriate

f) The decision will be by a majority vote of the Discipline Panel

19. If the Respondent acknowledges the facts of the incident, the Respondent may waive the hearing, in which case the Discipline Panel will determine the appropriate disciplinary sanction. The Discipline Panel may still hold a hearing for the purpose of determining an appropriate sanction.

20. The hearing will proceed in any event, even if a Party chooses not to participate in the hearing.

21. If a decision affects a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to the extent that the 3<sup>rd</sup> party would have recourse to a complaint or an appeal in their own right, that 3<sup>rd</sup> party will become a party and apart of the complaint procedure to the complaint in question and will be bound by the decision.

22. In fulfilling its duties, the Panel may obtain independent advice.

### **Decision**

23. After hearing and/or reviewing the matter, the Discipline Panel will determine whether an infraction has occurred and, if so, the sanctions to be imposed. Within fourteen (14) days of the hearing's conclusion, the Discipline Panel's written decision, with reasons, will be distributed to all Parties, the Case Manager, and the Association. In extraordinary circumstances, the Discipline Panel may first issue a verbal or summary decision soon after the hearing's conclusion, with the full written decision to be issued before the end of the fourteen (14) day period. The decision will be considered a matter of public record unless decided otherwise by the Discipline Panel.

### **Sanctions**

24. The Panel may apply the following disciplinary sanctions, singularly or in combination:

- a) Verbal or written reprimand
- b) Verbal or written apology
- c) Service or other contribution to the Association
- d) Removal of certain privileges
- e) Suspension from certain teams, events, and/or activities
- f) Suspension from all Association activities for a designated period of time
- g) Withholding of prize money or awards
- h) Payment of the cost of repairs for property damage
- i) Suspension of funding from the Association or from other sources
- j) Expulsion from the Association
- k) Any other sanction considered appropriate for the offense

25. Unless the Discipline Panel decides otherwise, any disciplinary sanctions will begin immediately, notwithstanding an appeal. Failure to comply with a sanction as determined by the Discipline Panel will result in automatic suspension until such time as compliance occurs.

26. Infractions that result in discipline will be recorded and records will be maintained by the Association.

### **Suspension Pending a Hearing**

27. The Association may determine that an alleged incident is of such seriousness as to warrant suspension of an Individual pending completion of the criminal process, a hearing or a decision of the Panel.

### **Criminal Convictions**

28. An Individual's conviction for a *Criminal Code* offense, as determined by the Association, will be deemed an infraction under this Policy and will result in expulsion from the Association. Criminal Code offences may include, but are not limited to:



- a) Any child pornography offences
- b) Any sexual offences
- c) Any offence of physical violence
- d) Any offence of assault
- e) Any offence involving trafficking of illegal drugs

### **Confidentiality**

29. The discipline and complaints process is confidential and involves only the Parties, the Case Manager, the Discipline Panel, and any independent advisors to the Panel. Once initiated and until a decision is released, none of the Parties will disclose confidential information relating to the discipline or complaint to any person not involved in the proceedings.

### **Timelines**

30. If the circumstances of the complaint are such that adhering to the timelines outlined by this Policy will not allow a timely resolution to the complaint, the Discipline Panel may direct that these timelines be revised.

### **Records and Distribution of Decisions**

31. Other individuals or organizations, including but not limited to, national sport organizations, provincial sport organizations, Sask Sport Inc., etc., may be advised of any decisions rendered in accordance with this Policy.

### **Appeals Procedure**

32. The decision of the Panel may be appealed in accordance with the Association's *Appeal Policy*.

## Appendix A

### CASE MANAGER POSITION DESCRIPTION

#### Purpose

1. In some of its policies, the Association requires the appointment of a Case Manager. This Position Description outlines the role, identity, responsibilities and tasks of the Case Manager.

#### Policies

2. The following Policies require the appointment of a Case Manager:
  - a) Discipline and Complaints
  - b) Appeal
  - c) Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy

#### Identity

3. The Case Manager, whether or not appointed by the Association at its sole discretion, should be experienced with the management of disputes in an unbiased manner. The individual should not be connected in any way to the issue being disputed (and/or the outcome of the dispute) but does not necessarily need to be an independent third-party not connected with the Association – though the guaranteed independence and neutrality of a third-party is preferred. The individual does not need to be a Member of the Association.
4. **The Case Manager's identity does not need to be approved by any of the parties involved in the dispute, excluding the Association.**

#### Discretion - Complaints

5. When a complaint is filed, the Case Manager is required to:
  - a) Determine whether the complaint is frivolous and within the jurisdiction of the Discipline and Complaints Policy
  - b) Propose the use of the Association's Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy
  - c) Appoint the Panel, if necessary
  - d) Coordinate all administrative aspects and set timelines
  - e) Provide administrative assistance and logistical support to the Panel as required
  - f) Provide any other service or support that may be necessary to ensure a fair and timely proceeding

#### Discretion - Appeals

6. When an appeal is filed, the Case Manager is required to:
  - a) Propose the use of the Association's Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy
  - b) Determine if the appeal falls under the scope of the Appeal Policy
  - c) Determine if the appeal was submitted in a timely manner
  - d) Decide whether there are sufficient grounds for the appeal
  - e) Appoint the Panel, if necessary
  - f) Coordinate all administrative aspects and set timelines
  - g) Provide administrative assistance and logistical support to the Panel as required
  - h) Provide any other service or support that may be necessary to ensure a fair and timely proceeding
7. When determining if there are sufficient grounds for appeal, the Case Manager is not acting as the Panel and determining the merits of the appeal, but instead determining whether the Appellant has properly shown that an error, as described in the Appeal Policy, has been properly argued. The Case Manager will need to carefully consult the Association's policies and procedures, and analyze the process that contributed to the decision, to determine whether there are appropriate grounds.

### **Discretion – Alternate Dispute Resolution**

8. When the parties agree to the jurisdiction of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy, the Case Manager maybe required to:
  - a) Appoint the mediator or facilitator
  - b) Coordinate all administrative aspects and set timelines
  - c) Provide administrative assistance and logistical support to the mediator or facilitator as required

### **Hearing Format - Discretion**

9. If necessary, the Case Manager is required to exercise their discretion to determine the format of the hearing. Hearings typically take the following forms, but are not limited to:
  - a) In person
  - b) Conference call
  - c) Written submissions
  - d) Conference call plus written submissions
10. In determining the format of the hearing the Case Manager should consider:
  - a) The distance between the parties
  - b) The animosity between the parties
  - c) The time commitment and location of the Panel
  - d) The timelines for a decision
  - e) The language barriers between the parties
  - f) The gravity of the complaint/appeal

### **Panel Appointment**

11. The Case Manager is required to appoint a Panel of one person, or three in extraordinary circumstances, to decide the issue. The individual(s) should have the following characteristics:
  - a) Experience in dispute resolution
  - b) Experience with sport disputes
  - c) No connection to either party
  - d) Preferably no connection with the Parties
  - e) Decisive
12. The Case Manager should remind the Panel to adhere to the powers given to the Panel by the applicable policy. For example, if the policy does not permit the Panel to suspend the respondent indefinitely, then the Panel cannot sanction the respondent in this manner.

### **Communication**

13. Especially when the hearing is to be held by written submissions, the Case Manager is required to communicate swiftly, clearly, and decisively with each party. The parties must adhere to the deadlines set by the Case Manager or by the applicable policy and the process must move forward even if a party misses a deadline.
14. When coordinating an oral hearing, the Case Manager should first consider the schedule of the Panel, then the schedule of the complainant, and then the schedule of the respondent in an attempt to find a suitable time for everyone.

### **Suggested Procedure**

15. The Case Manager may implement the following procedure to facilitate the Discipline and Complaints Policy or the Appeal Policy:

- a) Receive the written complaint or appeal
- b) Communicate with the Complainant/Appellant that you have been appointed the Cas Manager and that their complaint/appeal will be disclosed to the Respondent and Panel. Also determine if there is additional evidence or written submissions to follow, if so, provide a deadline for receipt. (After this step, the Complainant/Appellant may not have another opportunity to make additional submissions or provide evidence, unless determined otherwise by the Panel)
- c) Determine whether the complaint is within the jurisdiction of the applicable Policy.
- d) Notify the Respondent that you are the Case Manager and are in receipt of a complaint/appeal. Communicate to the Respondent that any submissions will be provided to the Complainant/Appellant and Panel. Provide the Respondent with a reasonable timeframe to submit their response document and any applicable evidence. (After this step, the Respondent may not have another opportunity to make additional submissions or provide evidence, unless determined otherwise by the Panel).
- e) The Case Manager may wish to provide the Complainant/Appellant to submit a rebuttal, but the rebuttal must be limited to issues raised by the Respondent and is not an opportunity to provide new evidence. The Panel may exclude such new evidence.
- f) Appoint the Panel
- g) Conduct a hearing either via written documentation, teleconference, in – person, or a combination of these techniques.

Ensure the Panel renders a written decision within a prescribed timeline.

# Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy

## Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
  - a) “*Association*” – Table Tennis Saskatchewan
  - b) “*In writing*”- A letter, fax or email sent directly to the Association.

## Purpose

2. The Association supports the principles of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) and is committed to the techniques of negotiation, facilitation, and mediation as effective ways to resolve disputes.
3. The Association encourages all individuals and parties to communicate openly, collaborate, and use problem-solving and negotiation techniques to resolve their differences. The Association believes that negotiated settlements are usually preferable to outcomes resolved through other dispute resolution techniques.

## Application of this Policy

4. This Policy applies to all disputes within the Association when all parties to the dispute agree that such a course of action would be mutually beneficial.

## Facilitation and Mediation

5. If all parties to a dispute agree to Alternate Dispute Resolution, a mediator or facilitator shall be appointed by the Association and/or the Case Manager to mediate or facilitate the dispute.
6. The mediator or facilitator shall decide the format under which the dispute shall be mediated or facilitated.
7. The final decision will be communicated by the mediator or facilitator to the parties and the Association.
8. Should a negotiated decision be reached, the decision shall be reported to, and approved by the Association.
9. Should a negotiated decision not be reached by the deadline specified by the mediator or facilitator, or if the parties to the dispute do not agree to Alternate Dispute Resolution, the dispute shall be considered under the appropriate section of Association’s *Discipline and Complaints Policy* or *Appeal Policy*.
10. The costs of mediation and facilitation will be shared equally by the parties or paid by the Association upon the Association’s sole discretion.

## Final and Binding

11. Any negotiated decision will be binding on the parties. Negotiated decisions may not be appealed.
12. No action or legal proceeding will be commenced against Association or its Individuals in respect of a dispute, unless the Association has refused or failed to provide or abide by its governing documents.

# Social Media Policy

## Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

a) “*Association*” – **Table Tennis Saskatchewan**

b) “*Individuals*”- All categories of membership defined in the Association’s Bylaws, as well as all individuals engaged in activities with the Association including by not limited to, athletes, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members and directors and officers of the Association.

c) “*Social Media*”-is defined as computer mediated communication, such as the Associations website, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

## Purpose

2. The Social Media Policy is in place to insure that modern technology and communication methods do not provide excuses to avoid common courtesy and common sense.

## Applications of this Policy

3. This Policy applies to all Individuals.

## Social Media Defined

4. Social media is defined as using the Internet to send messages, videos, images, writing blog entries, etc. Social networks focus on building communities online with others of similar interests. The Association understands and appreciates the importance of social networking as it relates to the personal lives of its members.

5. Some common sense rules should guide Individuals when using social media. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in disciplinary action from the Association’s Discipline and Complaints Policy.

6. Individuals should not make statements that are demeaning to the Association’s volunteers, its programs, employees, officials, players, members, coaches, sponsors or any other persons associated with the Association.

7. Individuals should not communicate confidential information that may include medical history (injuries or other), family situations, game plans or strategies and any other information that is deemed confidential.

8. Individuals should not share photos, videos or comments that promote negative influences or criminal behavior, including but not limited to: physical violence, drug use, alcohol abuse, public intoxication, etc. (Example, posting a fight online would be considered inappropriate).

9. Individuals should not post inappropriate, derogatory, racist or sexist comments of any kind that contradict the policies outlined by the Association.

10. Members should be advised that the Association owns and maintains all legal rights to its email, websites, Social Media properties, and any email passing through these systems is owned by the Association. Keep in mind emails may be backed up, otherwise copied, retained, or used for legal, disciplinary, or other reasons and it may be subject to use for purposes not anticipated by the sender.

# Respect in Sport Policy

## Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
  - a) "Association" – **Table Tennis Saskatchewan**
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## Purpose:

2. The Association, is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Coaches have a responsibility to create a sporting environment that is free of harassment, abuse, bullying and neglect.
3. The Association requires that all coaches participating in table tennis have completed the online Respect in Sport certification (or equivalency), as required by Sask Sport Inc.

## Scope and Application:

4. This policy applies to all coaches registered or named on an official sport roster under the membership jurisdiction of the Association.
5. Newly trained coaches or coaches moving from another province/territory and not holding valid certification must complete the Respect in Sport certification training or training equivalency within (6) six months of completing their training or move to Saskatchewan.
6. Any coach not having Respect In Sport certification (or equivalency) by the deadline established will be removed as a coach until such time that the course is completed.
7. The Association is responsible for setting out the communication strategy specific to the certification requirements and deadline.

## Enforcement:

8. Non-compliance with this policy may result in further discipline as determined by the Board of Directors or in accordance with the following Association Policy:
  - a) Coaches not holding valid certification will not be allowed to coach athletes at any STTA sanctioned competitions or training.
  - b) Clubs must monitor and ensure that all coaches have the RiS certification (or equivalency).
  - c) Failure to comply with the RiS Policy, the club and/or coach will be deemed "NOT IN GOOD STANDING" with the Association and a loss of funding from the Association as a result

## RiS Administration:

**The Association's Office Administrator** will have administrative access to the RiS database to oversee functions such as report generation and monitoring.

# Awards Policy

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## Purpose:

2. The Association's Awards is an annual recognition event designed to identify and reward those individuals who have contributed to the sport of table tennis in Saskatchewan over the past and/or previous years. The awards will be based on performance and commitment to the sport.

## Categories of Awards

3. Awards may be given in the following categories:

1. Athlete of the Year (M & F)
2. Volunteer of the year
3. Official of the year
4. Club of the year
5. Most Improved Player (M & F)

These awards are selected annually through a nomination process as noted below. At the Selection Committee's discretion, there may be no winners or more than one winner of any of the above awards.

## Nominations Criteria

4. With the exception of the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award and Volunteer of the Year:

- a) Nominees must be a member in good standing
- b) Awards for Honorary Lifetime Membership Award can be awarded posthumously

## Nominations Procedure

5. Nominations shall be received by the Administration until August 31 annually. With the input of TTSASK Staff, the Selection Committee as appointed by the Board of Directors shall vote on the award recipients with the winners notified after the vote.

## Awards Presentation

6. The above awards will be presented during the Saskatchewan Open Championships, which are typically held in late October of the year.

An individual recognition will be given to all award recipients.



# UNIFORM POLICY

## PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this policy is to identify the expectations of its Athletes, staff and volunteers when acting on behalf of the Association.

## APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2. Two (2) SHIRTS will be provided per part time coach. These shirts must be worn when coaching for the Association. This includes camps, clinics, SPED, Novice/Advanced training and competitions.

3. Volunteers will be provided a shirt that identifies them as "Volunteer" for functions selected by the Association.

4. Athletes who are selected for the Provincial Team will be provided with uniforms/jerseys. This uniform shall be worn at all National events. Athletes may be required by the Association to wear issued uniforms at camps and other events.

5. Athletes are required to wear the uniform identifiable as Team Sask the entire time they are attending the aforementioned. Failure or refusal to do so may result in discipline or removal from the team.

5.1 All participants are required to wear indoor non-marking footwear when on the game surface of a venue at any TTSASK sanctioned event or location.

5.2 All athlete participants will adhere to governing rules of Table Tennis enforced by the referee or umpire responsible for that event. Exceptions are at the sole discretion of the referee or umpire.

5.3 All athlete participants will not be permitted to compete in any TTSASK sanctioned event if they are wearing clothing that the main color is similar to the ball in use.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

6. It is the expectation of the Association that the issued uniform will be maintained and kept in a presentable manner, free of damage. The uniform shall be clean when worn in public. When wearing this uniform, the Association expects all participants to act in a manner consistent with its Policies as you are ambassadors of TTSASK.

7. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure they comply with all uniform rules and regulations that govern play in Canada.

# CHAPERONE POLICY

## PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this policy is to identify the expectations and purpose of a chaperone.

## APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2. The Association has adopted this policy to ensure the safety of its participants, chaperones and staff.

3. The Association will make every effort to follow the Coaching Association of Canada's 'Rule of Two'. <https://coach.ca/promoting-safety-sport-through-cacs-understanding-rule-two-elearning-module>.

4. The Association shall follow the Rule of Two approaches to coaching/athlete interactions.

5. TTSASK expects our coaches and chaperones to abide by and understand this policy.

6. No coach/chaperone (adult) should be alone with a participant who is a minor (under 18 years of age). This shall be inclusive of but not limited to hotel rooms, training facilities or other TTSASK sanctioned events. Electronic messaging should be to parents or groups of players. When possible, coaches shall gear interactions to be audible to others around.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

7. The Association has adopted this policy to protect all parties. Accordingly, the Association requires its participants to follow this policy.

8. The Association will take appropriate action to prevent breaches of this policy.

9. A suitable list of Chaperones shall be maintained by the Provincial Technical Director and can be reviewed by the Board. Chaperones services should rotate through the approved list.

10. The Chaperone shall assist the Coach with, but not limited to, the following: enforcing curfews, hotel and airport logistics, jury meetings, awareness of match schedules, ensuring athletes follow the Code of Conduct, meal coordination and other situations as they arise.

11. All chaperones on the approved list shall provide TTSASK with a vulnerable sector and police records check. This should be submitted to the Association annually.

12. Chaperones will be required to complete the CAC Rule of Two online course and any other training deemed necessary by the Association to maintain their Chaperone status.

# PROVINCIAL TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION POLICY

## PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this policy is to provide a transparent framework that establishes the eligibility criteria for athletes to be selected for and remain on the Provincial Team.

1.1 The policy shall ensure that players “earn” their position equitably on the team based on approved key performance indicators (KPI).

## APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2. It is the requirement and expectation of TTSASK that players in the advanced high performance program who wish to be considered for the Provincial Team compete in the Sask Closed Championship tournament. Players must compete in the Sask Open tournament. If unable to attend the Open, the SITCO tournament is required in lieu.

3. Athletes must also attend training camps/clinics as hosted by TTSASK (reasonable notice for non-attendance will be considered on a case by case basis).

4. A minimum of 4 out of Province tournament events must be participated in annually.

5. Athletes are encouraged to attend 1 club tournament per year.

6. Athletes will be required to attend a monthly online session hosted by SASK SPORT consultant practitioners focusing on mental training.

7. The Association will implement a sport specific strength and flexibility training program that is the athlete's responsibility to participate in at home. Athletes' participation will be gauged by progress throughout the season. Satisfactory improvement is an expectation and requirement of the Association.

7.1 Athletes are responsible to ensure they have the appropriate equipment approved by the ITTF for use in tournaments.

7.2 Athletes are responsible to ensure that their equipment is in a good state of repair and free from damage.

7.3 The Association is not responsible for maintenance of a player's equipment. Furthermore, the Association is not responsible if a player is not permitted to use their equipment subsequent to umpire inspection.

7.4 The Association encourages athletes to have a backup racket available.

## RESPONSIBILITY

8. The Association will enter into a shared expense agreement as described in the “Subsidy and Travel Policy”.

9. The Association will produce clear expectations and ensure these are provided to athletes at the commencement of the season. The athlete is responsible for ensuring their own success. The association provides the framework for success. The commitment to meet the Association's expectations respecting this policy is the sole responsibility of the athlete.

10. Athletes and parents will ensure valid suitable ID is on file with the Association office upon acceptance onto this team. The Association will not be held liable for late fees, reservation change fees, cancellation of flights and tournament entry if expired or unsuitable identification isn't complete and accurate in our records.

11. Athletes participating at National Events are subject to Table Tennis Canada's Walk-off Policy. A Player who leaves the playing court before the games ends (quits without TTCAN/Medical clearance) will be fined

\$500. TTCAN's policy reads: That the penalty for a default, resulting in a walkover or not, is an immediate \$500 fine for each defaulted match at a national tournament under the auspices of TTCAN, such as, but not limited to, Canadian Championships, selection tournaments, trials, and any other national event. In justified cases of injury or illness, the fine may be reimbursed upon the production of a doctor's certificate, within 5 working days after the end of the competition, certifying and confirming the injury or the illness. TTCAN reserves the right to obtain a second opinion from a physician at a National Sport Institute or elsewhere if necessary.

12. It is the responsibility of all coaches participating in the advanced and high performance provincial team initiatives to complete the "High Performance Monthly Player Evaluation" form based on their assessment of athletes they have coached. The coach shall submit the evaluation to the Association.

13. It is the responsibility of the Association to maintain the evaluations.

14. It is the responsibility of the Provincial Technical Coach (PTC) to complete the "High Performance Provincial Team Annual Evaluation". The PTC shall complete a final evaluation by the first (1st) day of June in preparation for the National Junior Training Camp.

14.1 The Canadian National Junior Championship team will be selected by the PTC based on cumulative evaluations and KPI's from all coaches provided to the PTC. The PTC will complete the final evaluation from all coaches with PTC final assessment and the Junior training camp participation results.

15. The Association will ensure the PTC maintains athletes' designation within the flow chart contained within appendix "A" to this policy.

16. The Association will offer "Novice" training as a fee for service program. Participants in the Novice Program are not eligible for the High Performance Provincial Team Program (HP).

17. The Association will offer "Advanced" training as a fee for service program. Participants in the Novice Program will be eligible for selection to the "High Performance Provincial Team" program.

18. Athletes selected for the HP program will be required to attend monthly in house tournaments that will alternate on a monthly basis between Regina and Saskatoon.

19. Athletes may move from the Advanced program into the HP program based on monthly results.

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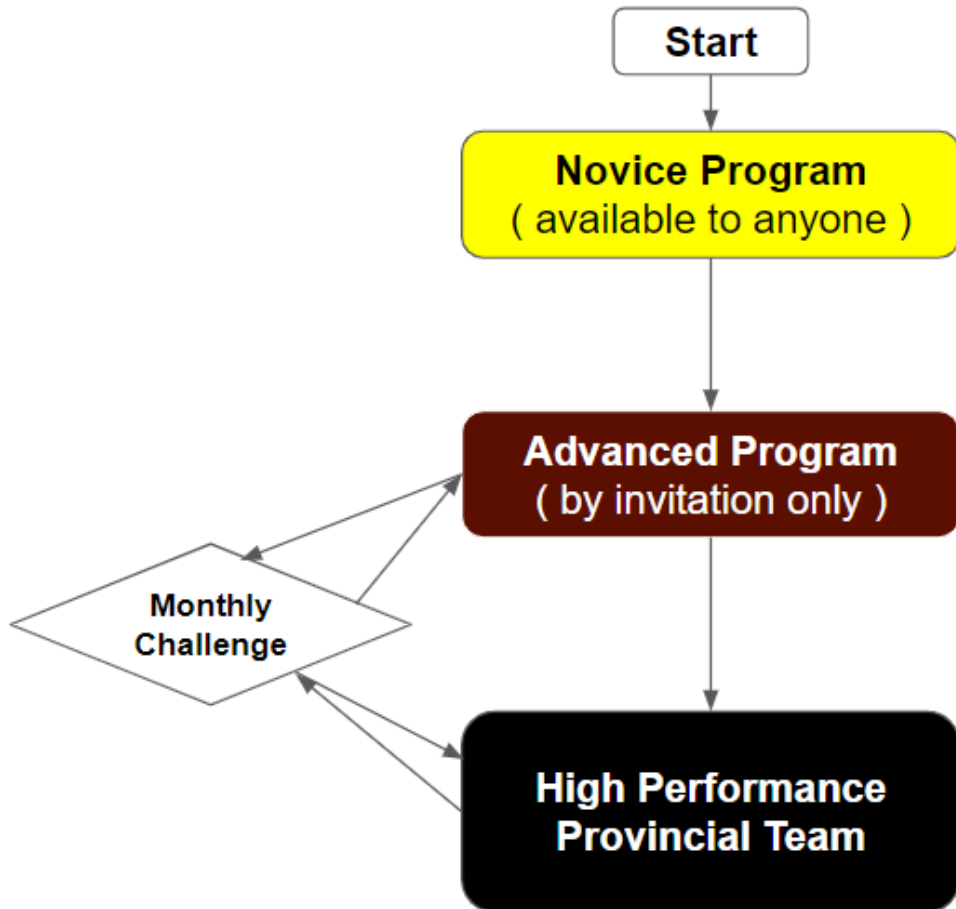
21. Athletes will receive more direct and intensive training in the HP program and be eligible for shared expenses to the Canadian Junior Championships.

22. A maximum 8 athletes will be eligible to participate in the program at the discretion of the Association.

23. Meet Canadian residency requirements listed on the prospectus of the event. Be a member in good standing with the Association and have resided within the Province of Saskatchewan for a period of at least 6 months prior to the event.

# APPENDIX 'A'

## PROVINCIAL TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION POLICY



# **REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

## **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this policy is to ensure accurate and timely accounting of Association expenses. Bookkeeping requires that receipts are submitted in a timely manner so that expenses are paid in a timely manner. This is imperative to ensure the Association maintains an accurate account of financials.

## **APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY**

2. Receipts for expenses shall be submitted within 1 week (5 working days) to the office following the event for which it occurred. There shall be no exceptions to the requirement without prior approval of office staff or Board of Directors.

3. Honorariums and time sheets must be submitted by the seventh (7th) day of the following month for which the claim occurred.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

4. It is the responsibility of all parties engaging in Association business that incur reimbursable costs to ensure adherence to this policy. The Association is required to maintain strict financial records. Rigid adherence eliminates oversights, missing receipts and ensures accurate up to date financial tracking.

# PROGRAMMING POLICY

## PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this policy is to inform athletes and parents what the expectations and requirements of the Association are regarding “programming” in Regina and Saskatoon.

## APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2. The goal in facilitating a formal fee for service training program is to provide a consistent approach to athlete development that is transparent and achieves the mission, vision and values of the Association.

## RESPONSIBILITY

3. It is the responsibility of every athlete and/or parent to ensure that all required registration forms are complete and accurate.

3.1 It is the responsibility of every athlete and/or parent to ensure that participants clearly identify full legal names on all forms.

3.2 If a participant goes by a name other than what is on their identification (legal name) it must be clearly identified on all forms.

3.3 The applicant must complete and sign the annual TTSASK membership form. This form is valid during our fiscal year from September 1 and is until August 31.

4. It is the responsibility of every athlete and/or parent have read, understood and signed the acknowledgment that they shall abide by the policies of the Association, including but not limited to the “Reimbursement Policy”, “Uniform”, “Programming Policy”, “Travel Subsidy Policy” and the “Code of Conduct”.

5. Fees for the program are determined by the Association. These fees are not negotiable. A monthly rate shall be interpreted as a fee that covers participation in the applicable program for the calendar month. The athlete and/or parent will not be eligible for a discount due to absence. Example/ This means that a participant who is on a vacation and unable to attend for a week is not permitted to pay less for the programming (The Association is still required to pay staff and facility rental during the participants period of absence). Similarly, an athlete who chooses to pay for an annual fee is not eligible for a discount due to absence. The annual fee shall be interpreted as a fee that covers participation in the applicable program for the period of September 1st to June 30th.

6. Payment for programs is due prior to the commencement of the month being paid for. If fees are not paid by the seventh (7th) day of the month, participants will not be permitted to continue in the program.

6.1 Any payment for programming that is not the complete and full amount paid to the Association without prior approval will result in the athlete being removed from participation until the remaining funds are remitted.

7. It is the requirement of the Association that athletes attend programming on time. It is not appropriate and is disrespectful to be disruptive to others by attending late. The Association reserves the right to deny participation to those who demonstrate an ongoing failure to comply with this requirement.

8. The association will make every effort that is reasonable to ensure safety of participants. The Association is not a babysitting service. Parents picking up athletes are required to be on time. The Association reserves the right to deny participation to those who demonstrate an ongoing failure to comply with this requirement. It is disrespectful to staff and volunteer coaches to have to remain at the facility after the program concludes for late pick ups.

9. The Association reserves the right to remove any participant from the program who violates the Code of Conduct policy. The Association reserves the right to remove any participant from the program who is continuously disruptive, does not participate or is a safety concern to other participants and coaches.

10. Pre-Authorized Debit Form (PAD). The Association requires/encourages participants to attend their financial institution and complete the (PAD) form listed above. This will authorize the Association to directly withdraw the program amount from the participants bank account. If this is completed by the participants' second (2nd) month of participation in the program or by Nov 1, 2023 for those starting in September. A \$25 TTSASK gift card will be given to those participants who enroll in the PAD program.

11. The Association reserves the sole right to schedule the programming. As these programs are a monthly program, the month shall not be defined by days. This shall mean that if a night that training is to occur cannot due to weather conditions, coach illness, venue scheduling or any reasonable circumstance, the Association is not required to provide a financial refund for this.