



**SPEED
SKATING
BC**

Policy: **SSBC ByLaws**

Update 1 - Section 2

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Rationnel for Proposed Change:

To formally recognize organizations that are operating in British Columbia and are part of our development pathway. This is important so that we may provide:

- Clarity to our membership as to the status of these organizations
- A pathway to ensure the standards of the organizations are in line with SSBC's
- A clear process for handling safe sport complaints or concerns
- Accident insurance for participants who are participating in these programs.

Instructions to Reader:

Additions are marked in **Red Text**

Deletions are marked by ~~Strikeout text~~

Part 2 - Membership

2.1 The members of the Association are the applicants for incorporation and those persons who subsequently become members in accordance with these Bylaws and who, in either case, have not ceased to be members.

2.2 1) There are ~~four~~ **three classes** of members: Member Clubs, Individual Members, **Affiliated Organizations** and Honourary Members.

2) A Member Club is a club that promotes Speed Skating, and that is organized in a manner that is deemed to be acceptable by the Board. A Member Club has the right to notice of and to attend general meetings, and to vote through its authorized representative, or its delegate or delegates.

3) An Individual Member must be a person and has the right to notice of and to attend general meetings. An Individual Member who is also a director has the right to vote. No other Individual Member has the right to vote.

4) **An Affiliated Organization**

- a) **is an organization that provides Speed Skating programming or services that is not a Member Club in British Columbia,**
- b) **must meet the criteria to be deemed acceptable by the Board and must be appointed by resolution of the Board, which must be confirmed by an ordinary resolution at the next following AGM,**
- c) **pays an annual membership fee,**
- d) **has the right to notice of and attend general meetings, but does not have the ability to vote.**

5) An Honourary Member:

- a) is a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association or to Speed Skating in British Columbia or both,
- b) must be appointed by resolution of the Board, which must be confirmed by an ordinary resolution at the next following AGM,
- c) pays no annual membership dues,
- d) has the right to notice of and to attend general meetings, but does not have the right to vote or to be a director, and
- e) may also be an Individual Member.

2.3 An application for membership must:

- 1) be written and made in a form approved by the Board,
- 2) include the full name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the applicant,
- 3) be made to and is subject to the approval of the Board,

4) in the case of a Member Club, include a copy of the register of members of that Club

5) include annual membership dues.

2.4 1) A person may apply for membership and becomes a member when the application is approved by the Board.

2) The Board may in its sole discretion approve, postpone, or refuse an application for membership, and determine the class of member an applicant is eligible to join. If the Board refuses an application from a prospective Member Club, it must forthwith give notice to the members of the refusal, and the reasons for it.

3) The amount of annual membership dues for Member Clubs and Individual Members must be determined by resolution of the Board, which must be confirmed by ordinary resolution at the AGM.

4) Except where determined by the Act or the bylaws, the rights, privileges and responsibilities of members of each class must be determined by resolution of the Board.

2.5 1) Membership is not transferable.

2) Membership must be renewed annually, on or before a date set by the Board.

3) The Association must send a membership renewal notice to all members not less than 30 days before the date by which membership must be renewed.

4) A member that is renewing must comply with Bylaws 2.3 (a), (b), (d), and (e).

2.6 Every member and director must comply with:

1) the Act,

2) the Constitution and Bylaws,

3) any rules, regulations and policies made by the Association, and

4) any rules of order governing the conduct of general meetings and of meetings of the Board.

2.7 A member ceases to be a member on:

1) delivering a written resignation to the Association,

2) death,


3) having been a member not in good standing for 30 days, or

4) being expelled.

2.8 A member becomes a member not in good standing on failing to pay:

1) a debt due and owing to the Association, or

2) annual membership dues by or before the date set for their payment.



2.9 1) A member may be expelled by special resolution.

2) The notice of a special resolution for expulsion must be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.

3) A member who is the subject of a proposed special resolution for expulsion must be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the resolution is put to a vote.

2.10 A member may be suspended or expelled by resolution of the Board, provided that:

a) at least 75% of the directors then in office are in favour of the resolution,

b) the suspension or expulsion is for a substantive failure to comply with the Constitution or Bylaws, or with rules, regulations and policies made by the Association, or for conduct prejudicial to the Association, reasonable notice of which has been given to the member,

c) notice of the resolution is accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed suspension or expulsion, and

d) the member is given reasonable notice of the resolution and an opportunity to be heard at the meeting before the resolution is voted on.