



## **CANADA BASKETBALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANT POLICY**

### **Definitions**

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
  - a. *“Members”* – As defined in Canada Basketball’s Bylaws, the Members of Canada Basketball are the Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations, which serve as the governing body for the sport of basketball within a specific provincial or territorial jurisdiction.
  - b. *“Registered Participant”* – Refers to all categories of individual members and/or Registered Participants, as defined in the Bylaws of Canada Basketball, including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, and directors and officers belonging to Canada Basketball or a Member and/or Provincial Basketball Officials Commission/Association (PBOC/PBOA) who is eligible to be a Registered Participant of Canada Basketball.
    - i. Athletes – any individual who is a player/member of any Member club, associations, teams, or league team.
    - ii. Coaches – any individual who is a head coach or assistant coach to any such team above.
    - iii. Administrators – any individual who is a manager, director, board member, administrative staff or any other staff that supports services to any such team and its athletes and coaches.
    - iv. Officials – any individual who is a referee/referee coach of any Member basketball competitions.

### **Policy Statement**

2. Canada Basketball is committed to creating a unified Basketball in Canada landscape where every person involved with basketball in Canada is connected to the sport’s national governing body.
3. Canada Basketball and its Members acknowledge and agree that all Registered Participants have a right to participate in a safe and welcoming sport environment free from all forms of maltreatment and misconduct.

### **Purpose**

4. The purpose of this Policy is to describe the parameters for Canada Basketball’s Registered Participants.

### **Scope and Application**

5. This Policy applies to all individuals engaged in activities sanctioned by or otherwise associated with a Member or Canada Basketball.

6. The President and CEO is responsible for the implementation of this Policy.
7. The President and CEO will recommend a membership fee for Registered Participants to the Board of Directors.
8. The approval of both the Board of Directors and Members is required before revising the Policy terms (*See Appendix A: Registered Participants Categories & Fee Structure*) levied by Canada Basketball.
9. The President and CEO shall work with the Members to ensure this Policy, and related documentation are understood and communicated.

## **Provisions**

10. Canada Basketball believes that the organization of competitions, the regulation and officiating of the sport of basketball, the development and accreditations of coaches, and the support and development of individual athletes and teams constitutes the core business of Canada Basketball.
11. Canada Basketball believes that the growth of organized basketball is a shared responsibility with its Members, and that Registered Participant growth requires investment in benefits and services and the ability to tailor these to changes in the market.
12. A registered participant strategy should be based on the following key principles:
  - a. Registered Participant growth is the result of retaining existing and attracting new individuals to the sport of basketball.
  - b. Growth requires investment in strategies to develop new Registered Participants and customers.
  - c. Tracking Registered Participants – who stays, who joins, demographics of Registered Participants, patterns of growth, etc. – is essential to evaluating growth and the success of growth strategies.
  - d. Canada Basketball, Members, and Registered Participants, along with subject matter experts, shall collaborate on strategies and growth to further promote benefits from Registered Participant development.
  - e. Members are fundamentally responsible for developing basketball in their jurisdiction.
  - f. Registered Participant fees are critical to ensure Canada Basketball's capacity to develop the sport nationally and its core business activities.
13. To deliver upon its programming and benefits to Registered Participants, Canada Basketball will levy a Registered Participant fee whereby each person who registers with a Member will also register, and be aware that they are registering, with Canada Basketball.
14. Every two years proposed changes to the Registered Participant Fee will be considered at the Executive Director's meeting, with any recommended changes presented to Members at the AGM or at a special meeting of Members.
15. The Canada Basketball Board of Directors and Members will approve the structure and amount of this fee.
16. All Canada Basketball participant fees will be clearly identified as Canada Basketball Registered Participant fee.
17. Canada Basketball understands that it must be able to demonstrate value to its Registered Participants.
18. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors and Members the membership year shall align with Canada Basketball's fiscal year, April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.
19. A person shall only be considered a Registered Participant for the basketball season they have registered for. A person must re-apply and be readmitted as a Registered Participant according to the applicable policies on an annual basis.

20. An individual cannot participate in activities sanctioned or otherwise associated with a Member without being a Registered Participant of Canada Basketball.
21. Canada Basketball will continue to work with the Members to communicate the benefits of alignment, including:
  - a. Harmonized categories or participants across Canada
  - b. Improved alignment of athlete, coach, and officials' development systems within basketball through affiliation with scholastic, post-secondary, adult recreation and masters basketball segments in addition to the youth development and competitive segments.
  - c. Alignment of marketing and promotional efforts by communicating and evaluating the Canada Basketball brand and those of its Members.
22. Canada Basketball will maintain a national basketball registration system which will contain the aggregate record of all Registered Participants.
23. Canada Basketball will establish a national Code of Conduct which all Registered Participants are required to follow.
24. Any information collected by Canada Basketball will be kept according to Canada Basketball's Privacy Policy, in alignment with applicable privacy laws.

#### **Communications**

25. This Policy must be effectively communicated to those who will be responsible for its implementation.

#### **Review**

26. This Policy will be reviewed at least once every two years, or as decided by the Canada Basketball Board of Directors.
27. This Policy should be reviewed in June 2025.

#### **Approval**

28. This Policy was approved by the Canada Basketball Board of Directors on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and will be effective as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

## **APPENDIX A: REGISTERED PARTICIPANT FEE STRUCTURE**

### **Annual Fee \$9.00/Registered Participant**

- i) Competitive Athletes & Coaches
  - a. Defined as all athletes and coaches participating in Member teams, local club/rep/travelling teams, in a league and/or tournament and those who participate in their respective Member club championships.
  - b. Local club/rep/travelling teams are defined as a youth basketball team in which they compete with other teams from another club, organization, school, or company.
- ii) Grassroots & House League Athletes & Coaches
  - a. Defined as all athletes and coaches participating in recreational house leagues, and other Member grassroots programs.
  - b. House League is defined as a youth basketball league in which the participants of all teams belong to the same organization, school, or company; teams play only others in the same league and do not travel outside a limited area for competitions.
- iii) Referees & Referee Coaches
  - a. Defined as all national, provincial, and local referees and referee coaches/instructors in all Member jurisdictions.
  - b. Referee membership categories have been bundled as follows:
    - i. Category #1 (rookie, novice, student, probationary, developing)
    - ii. Category #2 (regular, senior)
    - iii. Category #3 (associate, dual): typically, members that are affiliated with more than one LBOA and/or a Member that is not a game official (i.e., LBOA/PBOA executives, assignors, etc.)
    - iv. Category #4 (life): a form of recognition for service, which generally includes the LBOA or PBOA paying for the Registered Participant's annual fees.
- iv) Canada Basketball Organized Programs
  - a. Defined as all athletes and coaches participating in programs and events organized by Canada Basketball.
  - b. These may include but are not limited to: Jr NBA Youth Basketball, Jr Academy, National Championships, Coach Education workshops & events.
- v) Other
  - a. Defined as all athletes and coaches participating in other "Adult" men's league, women's league, senior league, and other programming that is captured in provincial and territorial memberships.