

# Inline Hockey Queensland

## Events and sanctions: policy and procedures

### Sanctioned events

A sanctioned event is one where a sanction has been developed and approved by the relevant State or National body for an event to occur as a Skate Australia sanctioned event.

### Insurance

Skate Australia members who are injured while participating in a sanctioned event are afforded the level of **insurance** protection outlined in the Skate Australia held insurance - see <https://sport.ajg.com.au/skate-australia/downloads/>

Any participant in any event (including social events) who is not a registered member is not insured. In order to be covered, they must be a registered Skate Australia skater and the event must be sanctioned.

If any member participates in an event that is not sanctioned by Skate Australia, or an affiliated state association or club, they also won't be covered.

### Event procedures

Being a sanctioned event means the event is to be arranged and run in accordance with applicable Skate Australia by-laws, specifically:

- Section 4 – Sanctions and Sanction Fees of the **Skate Australia Branch Procedures Manual**  
(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Branch-Procedures-Manual-2003.pdf>)
- **Sanction and Competition By-law No 11**  
(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Bylaw-11-23-July-2015.pdf>)

The event is also to occur in accordance with other relevant by-laws, for example:

- **By-law 28 - Concussion guidelines policy**  
([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/3\\_2\\_Bylaw\\_28\\_Skate\\_Australia\\_Concussion\\_Guideline.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/3_2_Bylaw_28_Skate_Australia_Concussion_Guideline.pdf))
- **By-law 2 - Anti-doping Policy**  
(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Skate-Australia-Anti-Doping-Policy-Adopted-10-August-2020.pdf>)

Links to further resources on anti-doping are available on the Skate Australia website (<https://skateaustralia.org.au/resources/anti-doping/>)

Refer also to the Skate Australia advisory

([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Warning\\_Supplement\\_Use\\_1-07-14-1.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Warning_Supplement_Use_1-07-14-1.pdf))

- **By-law 22 - Pregnancy policy**

([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw\\_22\\_Pregnancy\\_Policy\\_June\\_2009.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw_22_Pregnancy_Policy_June_2009.pdf))

- **By-law No 13 Conditions of entry**

([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw\\_13-Conditions\\_of\\_Entry\\_Aug\\_2009.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw_13-Conditions_of_Entry_Aug_2009.pdf)).

## Membership for sanctioned events

Being a sanctioned event means participants must hold the relevant level of Skate Australia membership (see the ILHQ [Registration policy and procedures](#) document and the Skate Australia **Memberships By-law No 3**

(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Bylaw-3-Feb-2015.pdf> for further details)

Players must be registered as competitive members before participating in any competitive events eg a junior interclub games, senior competitive league, State Titles.

To enable new participants to 'try out' inline hockey, organisations requesting a sanction for an event such as a come and try / learn to play or social drop in session, may allow new participants to attend before registering with Skate Queensland in the relevant membership category WITHOUT SKATE AUSTRALIA INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Conventionally, this is for a maximum of 3 attendances. In these instances participants should sign a waiver (indemnity form) of their understanding that they are not covered by the insurance protection provided to Skate Australia registered members, and that they understand the risks involved in participating in inline hockey events. An example form is included below.

## Developing a proposed sanction

The sanction explains how the event will operate and elements of the sanction, such as the rules and procedures participants must follow, are often shared with participants as part of registering for the event.

The sanction also considers the 'internal' operational aspects in running the event.

In developing a proposal for a sanction the organiser will consider factors such as:

- **The venue:**

Once procedures are established they may only need minor revisions to accommodate differences between in activities.

Consider the requirements already in place by the venue operator and what event-specific additions are required, for example how entrants access the premises, areas spectators and players may access, how equipment is dealt with.

- **The participants:**

Their number and their age and the ratio of participants eg players to supervisors eg coaches and managers.

For example, the ILHQ SEQ Senior league applies the rule that players must be 15 years of age to participate - this is informed by a risk assessment that takes into account the physical and mental maturity and social suitability of younger members participating in a competitive environment with adults.

- **The event:**

The nature of the event eg whether a come and try, training session, drop in session or competitive event.

This will inform the processes in place, based on the familiarity of the participants and the level of risk associated with the activity.

For competitive events, organisers generally apply the **Inline Hockey Australia (ILHA) Rulebook** is available at

<https://skateaustralia.org.au/sports/inline-hockey/inline-hockey-documents/>. Variations may be made to accommodate event-specific circumstances.

For the Queensland version of the Rulebook applicable to ILHQ hosted events see

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/skateqld/inline-hockey/inline-links/>

Specific procedures may apply to different events, these are discussed below.

## Local events

The ILHQ SEC committee or an incorporated association club committee may apply for a sanction to host a local event. Contact to [skatequeensland@gmail.com](mailto:skatequeensland@gmail.com) to request a sanction.

Local events may comprise, for example:

- weekend tournaments
- competitive leagues eg SEQ junior league and senior league
- drop in sessions
- training sessions
- in-house leagues
- come and try and learn to play sessions.

## State championships

The Skate Queensland constitution states that State Championships e.g 'State Titles' require a sanction from the executive committee of Skate Australia. ILHQ prepares the draft Sanction for Skate Australia approval. The **Sanction and Competition By-law No 11** (<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Bylaw-11-23-July-2015.pdf>) provides details of information to inform the drafting of the proposed sanction.

## National championships

National championships are overseen by ILHA in accordance with the Skate Australia National Championships Tender Document that is provided to the state association and national body candidates. The Tender Document also refers to the event being run in accordance with the **By-law No 11: Sanction and Competition** (<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Bylaw-11-23-July-2015.pdf>) and other relevant by-laws and policies of Skate Australia and ILHA including:

- **Skate Australia Inc. Anti-doping Policy**  
(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Skate-Australia-Anti-Doping-Policy-Adopted-10-August-2020.pdf>)
- **Skate Australia Branch Procedures Manual**  
(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Branch-Procedures-Manual-2003.pdf>)
- **By-law No 21: Sponsorship**  
([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw\\_21-Sponsorship\\_Policy\\_Feb\\_2009.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw_21-Sponsorship_Policy_Feb_2009.pdf))
- **By-law No 1: Member protection policy**  
(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Bylaw-1-Member-Protection-Policy-v8-Nov-2016-2.pdf>).

## International events

Policies associated with Skate Australia members participating in international events form part of the Skate Australia policies and procedures available at <https://skateaustralia.org.au/resources/bylaws/> including:

- **By-law No 6: Nomination and appointment of team managers and national coaches of national teams**  
([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw\\_6\\_Appointment\\_of\\_Team\\_Manager\\_Coaches\\_Jan\\_2010.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw_6_Appointment_of_Team_Manager_Coaches_Jan_2010.pdf))

- **By-law No 7: Nomination and appointment of team officials for international competitions**  
([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/7-appointment-of-team-managers-and-coaches\\_oct2003.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/7-appointment-of-team-managers-and-coaches_oct2003.pdf))
- **By-law No 10: Australian team clothing**  
([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw\\_10\\_-\\_Team\\_Clothing\\_Aug\\_2008.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw_10_-_Team_Clothing_Aug_2008.pdf))
- **By-law No 17: International competition nomination, travel and accommodation policy**  
([https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/17-International-competition-nominations\\_Sept2008.pdf](https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/17-International-competition-nominations_Sept2008.pdf))
- **By-law No 18: Disciplinary procedures international team members**  
(<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bylaw-18-Disciplinary-Procedures-International-Team-Members-August-2008.pdf>).

Statutes associated with Oceania Confederation of Roller Sports events can be found here  
<https://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/OCRS-STATUTES-Revised-April-08.pdf>

## Example waiver (indemnity form) for new participants

**Name of event:** <sanction organiser to complete, eg “West Logan Learn to Play”>

**Indemnity agreement:**

I am aware that inline hockey is a ‘high risk’ sport.

<Sanction organiser, eg “West Logan Hockey Club”> has informed me of the risks involved and the terms and conditions of playing inline hockey.

I acknowledge that I fully understand the risks involved and I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as explained to me.

I acknowledge that the organisers and their agents have taken reasonable steps to ensure the safety of all participants.

I understand that the organisers and their agents cannot accept responsibility for incidents.

I understand that as I have not yet registered as a member with Skate Australia, I am not covered by / eligible to receive the insurance protection afforded to members participating in this Skate Australia sanctioned event.

**Accordingly I hereby indemnify the organisers against any claim for injury/illness to myself and/or loss/damage to my property which may arise as the result of an incident occurring during this event.**

In the event of injury or illness, I authorise whoever is in charge to seek medical for myself or my children including emergency transport should it be considered necessary.

**I have read, acknowledged and agreed to these statements.**

Name:

Signature (of participant or parent /guardian if under 18):

Contact details:

Date or birth: