

Meeting with SaskSport Friday, May 24, 2019

Attending

SBJJF: AJ Scales, Alan Bigelow, Feyawz Rojan, Ramona Furkert

Sask Sport: Alison Brown, Sport Funding Coordinator; Kara Fidelack, Trust Sport Coordinator;
Warren Proctor, Manager - Sport for Life (videoconferenced in from Saskatoon)

Presentation

- AJ provided an overview of BJJ in Saskatchewan including mandate of SBJJF, membership, clubs, growth, etc.
- Stressed desire to have BJJ recognized as a sport in Saskatchewan in order to grow and develop the sport in the province.

Sask Sport Active Membership

- Reviewed criteria for Sask Sport Active Membership.
- SBJJF currently meets the majority of the 15 requirements of Active Membership. Sections that require further discussion include:
 - **Section 3:** Must be a member of a National Sport Organization, that holds the responsibility for governing the sport nationally, determining eligibility of athletes, **qualifications for coaches and officials**, sanctioning competitions at a national or international level, establishing rules of play, awarding its championships and designating winners of its championships.
 - *Action item: Follow up with CBJJF to determine if there are any policies/criteria around coaching and officiating.*
 - **Section 7: Not duplicate the representation, mandate, governance, programs or services currently provided by another Sask Sport member organization** and as such only one provincial organization will be included on the membership list when similar disciplines can feasibly amalgamate or federate.
 - Sask Sport: Any members of SBJJF still part of the Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association? Concerns regarding “double dipping” in terms of membership and funding. SBJJF: Likely not, as SMAA policies require clubs to be run by a black belt. Exception may be QCMA.
 - *Action item: Continue to work with Sask Sport to determine whether there is any overlap with the Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association.*
 - **Section 8:** Must have, among its members, an appropriate number of active **officials certified through a formalized education and training program sanctioned by the National Sports Organization (CBJJF)**, and be committed to ongoing official’s education and formal training.
 - SBJJF: coaches are required to have basic multi-sport coaching training, and some have taken the Respect in Sport training as well.
 - Sask Sport: the CBJJF needs to align with this policy, as it would be the national body that sets these policies, not provincial organizations.
 - *Action item: Continue to work with Sask Sport to determine if current coaching/training programs would be eligible (or if additional Sask Sports endorsed officials training would be acceptable to meet this criteria). Coaching Association of Saskatchewan will likely be included in this discussion.*
 - *Action item: Follow up with CBJJF to determine if there are any policies/criteria around coaching and officiating; identify what other CBJJF member organizations are doing.*
 - **Section 13:** Must have implemented the **mandatory Dispute Resolution Policies and Procedures**, approved by Sask Sport.
 - *Action item: Review current SBJJF policies and procedures and identify gaps; ensure Sask Sport policies are adapted.*