

2020 INVITATIONALS AND BEYOND

We are pleased to provide you with interim information on requests for sanctions for Club Invitational Meets starting in 2020. With 2020 being an Alberta Winter Games Year, there is already an even greater demand for our officials and a couple more events in the calendar.

Effective January 1st, 2020 clubs wishing to request an Invitational must submit a sanction request a minimum of 10 weeks in advance of the requested date(s) or is subject to a \$50.00 LATE FEE. Any Invitational Meet with a sanction that does not reflect the event sanction detail approved is subject to a \$500.00 FINE.

CAS strategy, LTAD adoption, coordination with aquatic partners and a renewed focus on periodization all play a significant role in the development of the AAS competition schedule and it is important that we are consistent in the process we use to approve Invitational Meets. For this reason, AAS will take into consideration the following in the review and approval of requests for sanctions for Invitational Meets:

- AAS meets and events take precedence over all club invitational events;
- Dates of the invitational meet in relation to AAS meets or other sanctioned events including AGM, athlete camps, Provincial Team events, etc.;
- The availability of resources such as AAS registered officials;
- Alignment with CAS Rulebook and AAS Technical Regulations
- Location, participants and the club's history of hosting similar meets.

AAS will not approve an Invitational Meet that falls within two (2) weeks prior to or after a scheduled AAS competition or another Invitational.

These guidelines will serve in the interim for Invitational event sanctioning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 season as the Sanctioning and Hosting Policies are amended.

Moving forward clubs that have intentions of hosting an invitational during the 2020-2021 season must express so by October 15, 2020. This will assist in evaluating the overall calendar however does not guarantee the event being sanctioned. AAS will then work with requesting clubs.