



## FAQ's About Touring or Sanctioning

### 1. Once I register online through the Rugby Canada registration portal can I play with whoever I want?

Yes & No. When you registered through the Rugby Canada Registration Portal you were joining not only Rugby Canada as a member but Rugby Alberta and a specific club. If you decide to go play with a different club or Provincial or International Union you must transfer. International Clearance Approval is needed to play out of Canada, Interprovincial Transfer or Domestic Transfer is needed to play in another province and an internal Provincial Transfer is necessary should you decide to play with a different club.

### 2. Is my Rugby Canada Liability and Rugby Alberta Excess Medical Insurance good for everything Rugby?

No. Your Rugby Canada and Rugby Alberta Insurance coverage is good for "Sanctioned" Events only. All regular club league play, Rugby Alberta Representative Teams, Alberta Cup and/or Alberta Women's Premier and Division 2 & 3 are considered regular league play. All other events require sanctioning.

*Example 1.* Your club team wants to play another club team just as a friendly game. You must seek a Provincial Sanction for that game to ensure your Liability and Medical coverage are in place. In addition, RAMOA referees are only covered for Sanctioned events as well. There is no charge for this sanction.

*Example 2.* Your club wants to tour to Australia or another out of country destination. You must seek a Tour Sanction for this event which needs to include your rosters (all members of that club tour must be registered with Rugby Canada) along with tour dates, manager information, signature of your Club Representative, etc. This will first be approved by Rugby Alberta and once that approval is in place it is sent to Rugby Canada for approval. Rugby Canada seeks approval from your destination Union. Once that approval has been granted your club will receive documents stating you have approval along with information for your medical info. There is a charge for this sanction.

*Example 3.* Your club wants to play a game against another club team in another province. For this example you will be seeking an Inter Provincial Tour Sanction. Again you must provide all the same information as an International Tour but you will only need Alberta approval not Rugby Canada Approval. Once all the information has been received by Rugby Alberta we will contact

the host Union for approval to attend and when granted we will approve your Domestic Tour. There is currently no charge for this sanction.

*Example 4.* You, as an individual, want to play for another club for one or two games. Providing the club is an approved club within our province all that is needed is notification that you will be playing for that approved club in an approved sanctioned event. If you are seeking to play a couple of games out of country then you will need approval from Rugby Alberta first then Rugby Canada who will ensure you will be playing in a sanctioned event.

### **3. How do I know what to do and where I can play?**

If you do not see a club listed on our website ([www.rugbyalberta.com](http://www.rugbyalberta.com)) as an approved club or see it on the Rugby Canada Membership website it likely is not an approved club. If you want to play with that organization you should know that you will need to seek your own insurance or have that organization provide you with insurance coverage as your Rugby Canada and Rugby Alberta Insurance will not cover unsanctioned events or unapproved club's activities.

### **4. What is an Approved Club?**

An approved club is one that has been approved by Rugby Alberta, ERU or CRU. In order for a club to become approved they must first have a Board of Directors, have Directors & Officers Insurance in place and have members that are registered under the Rugby Canada Insurance/Membership Program. They must also seek approval from Edmonton Rugby Union or Calgary Rugby Union. The sub-unions will then notify Rugby Alberta of the status of a new club.

### **5. How do I know if an event or tour is "Approved"?**

On the Rugby Alberta website there is a page that lists every tour sanction received from Approved clubs. It also lists the status of the Sanction request. It can be found at:

<http://www.rugbyalberta.com/page/show/2320263-2016-sanctions>

### **6. If I see the event is approved can I just go?**

If the tour or event is approved and being offered by another approved club AND you have been asked to participate you must seek approval from your own club to participate. This is just a courtesy so that your coach or Board is aware of what their members are doing but it is an important notification. Once your own club has approved your participation you can be added to the event or tour roster. Both Rugby Canada and Rugby Alberta thoroughly check the rosters to ensure only registered members attend.

### **7. I am totally lost and am unsure if I am able to participate in a tour or event or if I would have coverage.**

Feel free to contact the Rugby Alberta office. We can always help you figure things out to ensure your own safety and to ensure you have proper insurance coverage. The office phone number is 780--415-1773 or email us [@info@rugbyalberta.com](mailto:@info@rugbyalberta.com). We will be happy to assist you with any questions you might have.