

Re: BJJ Consultation

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To Director, Strategic Priorities and MB Combat Sport Commission

From: Manitoba Jiu-Jitsu Academies and Organizers

RE: Jiu-Jitsu Competitor Fees

Thank you for meeting with us last week.

As a community we embrace promoting a safe sport for our athletes and formalizing a structure to help grow our sport, following the safest and best practices found around the world for our sport.

However, as a community, we still have concerns about the MCSC imposing a high annual licensing fee (\$40) on all of our athletes who compete, which as-is would be detrimental to our sports competition development.

No other province follows a licensing model for athletes in this manner, but some provide a membership that includes many tangible benefits for the athletes. I've outlined many of them at the bottom of this email for reference. This is similar to other PSOs in Manitoba and what we've done with the Manitoba Grappling Association in the past.

I believe from an organizer perspective, there are alternatives to covering the slight MCSC overhead without charging the athletes who want to take the leap into competition. Such as a **per-event sanctioning** fee system instead.

John M has been a fantastic ally for representing the work we've done to you and the MCSC, and we look forward to working with him further with the MCSC. But we do want to understand how this licensing aspect can be negotiated and finalized as we move forward.

Alternatively,

If this is not something the MCSC is open to, I would like to understand what steps would be required from us for the Minister to grant our sport an exemption to our active non-profit Manitoba Grappling Association Inc. (established in 2013)

This is what Quebec did for jiu-jitsu last year (2023). They report directly to the minister. SaskBJJ operates similarly.

Another potential option is assistance in helping us to form a formal PSO with SportMB.

-This is what New Brunswick did a couple of years ago. SportNB granted them an exception to become an official PSO (because there is no NSO, we don't qualify)

When the legislation last year was brought to our initial attention, we were told it was focussed on amateur kickboxing and amateur mma and we could not be affected in such a manner.

We look forward to having more conversations and the pursuit of promoting a safe sport for everyone in Manitoba.

Signed..

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Provincial Comparison

Prov	Name	Org Type	Fee	Benefits
SK	SaskBJJ	Non-profit (direct to Minister)	25/athlete 300/event	• Sport Insurance for all members in Academies • Sport Insurance for all members in all tournaments/events • Referee and Rule Training sessions • Annual seminars for members
ON	OJA	PSO/ Non-Profit	33/athlete 300/event	• Sport Insurance for all members in Academies • Sport Insurance for all members in all tournaments/events • Referee and Rule Training sessions • Athlete Funding • Affordable Mat rentals available
ON	OGA	PSO/ Non-Profit	30/athlete 100/event	• Sport Insurance for all members in Academies • Sport Insurance for all members in al tournaments/events • Referee and Rule Training sessions
QC	JJBQC	Non-profit (direct to Minister)	30/athlete	• Sport Insurance for all members in Academies • Sport Insurance for all members in tournaments/events
NB	SportNB	PSO/Non- Profit	30/athlete	• Sport Insurance for all members in Academies • Sport Insurance for all members in tournaments/events • Athlete Funding
NS	na	na	0	na
AB	na	na	0	na
BC	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd

PEI	na	na	0	na
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MB Examples

MB	MCSC	Non-Profit	40	• TBD • No insurance
MB	MAWA	PSO	40	• Liability and Sport Insurance for all members in and for Academies • Liability and Sport Insurance for all members in and for tournaments/events organizers • Athlete Funding and sponsorship • SportMB benefits