



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

*The Lifeguarding Experts*

## **LIFESAVING SAUVETAGE CANADA SPORT COMMISSION**

### **Purpose**

To manage lifesaving sport activity in Canada

### **Composition**

#### Voting Members:

- Athlete Representative, elected by the Athlete Representative election process.
- 5 – 9 Officers (Managers of activity centres) appointed by the Lifesaving / Sauvetage Canada Board of directors.

#### Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Members:

- Canadian members of ILS & RLSS Sport Committees
- Lifesaving / Sauvetage Canada President
- RLSSC Executive Director
- Past Commissioner

#### Commission Chair:

- The Chair or Sport Commissioner shall be appointed by the Lifesaving/Sauvetage Canada Board, and shall not be an activity centre manager. The Commissioner is non-voting. The Commissioner shall hold a deliberative vote (only in case of a tie).
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## **Reporting Requirements**

- To Lifesaving / Sauvetage Canada AGM and members, annually.
- To Lifesaving / Sauvetage board of directors, as required.
- To others as required.

## **Term**

The term of office for each officer of the Sport Commission shall be four (4) years, approximately parallel to the period between General Assemblies of the International Lifesaving Federation (2004, 2008, 2012). Mid-term vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing body. Appointed individuals shall fulfill the remainder of the term of the individual they are replacing.

The terms of office shall be staggered such that approximately half of the officers are appointed every 2 years. The maximum number of terms for an officer shall be 2 terms.

## **Meetings**

The sport commission shall meet face-to-face a minimum of once per year. A meeting of the sport commission at which a quorum is present may transact any business of the commission. A quorum of the sport commission shall consist of a simple majority of officers entitled to vote. The chair is not entitled to vote.

At meetings of the commission each officer shall cast a single vote. A simple majority of votes cast shall be sufficient to decide each matter. A tie vote shall be defeated. The chair is not entitled to vote. Abstentions shall not be included in the determination of a majority. No proxies shall be permitted at any meetings.

The sport commission may provide by resolution that a meeting be conducted by telephone conference, video conference, e-mail or other means of communication.

## **Success Measurement Areas**

These are the objects of the corporation:

- To support the drowning prevention work of the Lifesaving Society and its humanitarian mission.
  - To provide athletes, coaches, and officials, opportunities for participation in lifesaving sport at all levels from developmental to high-performance.
  - To internationally position the Lifesaving Society as a leader in lifesaving sport and provide Canadians international opportunities for the pursuit of excellence.
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## **Responsibilities**

1. To develop the policies, systems and structures to manage lifesaving sport and ensure same are consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of Lifesaving/Sauvetage Canada.
2. To undertake all responsibilities consistent with the role of a national sport organization.
3. To ensure that decisions identified as being reserved to the Lifesaving/Sauvetage board of directors are submitted for approval.
4. To approve the Terms of Reference and method of appointment of Chairs and members of Sport Commission committees.
5. To input to the development of the Lifesaving/Sauvetage Canada strategic plan with particular regard to the ends statements, key results and activities related to sport.
6. To develop, implement and monitor an annual business plan and budget.
7. To actively pursue linkages between sport and RLSSC programs and activities.
8. To represent and speak on behalf the RLSSC domestically and internationally, in regard to sport. To nominate individuals for appointment to any national and international sport-related positions.
9. To implement a funding model that will see Sport Commission activities become self-sustaining.

## **Input**

The Sport Commission shall encourage input of all lifesaving sport members and stakeholders, including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, parents, volunteers, Branches and partners.

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