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**Sport Manitoba**

**Board Members**

Chairperson

David Patsack, Portage la Prairie

Vice-Chair

Peter Debenham, East St. Paul

Director

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**Mandate:**

Sport Manitoba is a non-statutory body incorporated in 1996 as the result of a merger between the Province's Sport Directorate and the former member-based Manitoba Sport Federation. The corporation operates under a five-year Funding Agreement with the Province. The Agreement provides that Sport Manitoba is to implement the Government of Manitoba's sport policy and to develop and carry out an annual business plan, approved by the Province.

**Responsibilities:**

Sport Manitoba's mission is to be an athlete-centered organization that leads and supports participation and achievement in sport by all Manitobans. Sport Manitoba partners with over 100 provincial and community organizations to deliver and develop programs that encourage participation and achievement in amateur sport to the benefit of all Manitobans. The organization leads and supports sport development programs including the Manitoba Games, Team Manitoba, athlete assistance, and coaches and officials development. Sport Manitoba also operates the Sport for Life Centre at 145 Pacific Avenue, home to over 60 provincial sport organizations.

**Membership:**

Sport Manitoba's Constitution and By-laws provide that the organization is to be governed by a Board comprising 15 directors of whom 5 directors are appointed by the Province through the Minister responsible for Sport, including the Chair and Vice-Chair. The balance of the Board is elected by sport governing bodies and associations. Some director positions are dedicated to certain areas that support the sport sector. For instance, there are director positions that represent education, sport medicine/coaching and athletes and the Manitoba Games Council.

**Length of Terms:**

The Chair may hold office for up to two three-year terms; however, the Chair's term may be extended at the discretion of the Minister. All other appointments are for three-year terms for a maximum of six consecutive years. Individuals may be re-appointed to the Board after three years have passed since last serving as a director.

**Desirable Expertise:**

While there are no defined requirements or skills, historically the Board attracts experienced individuals with active and diverse connections to Manitoba's sports community. This includes everything from people with organizational backgrounds from provincial sport associations, educators and academics, former athletes and coaches, sport medicine practitioners, and community business leaders.

**Time Commitment:**

There are four meetings per year scheduled for the full Board. One of these meetings includes an annual day-long planning session – normally held in January.

**Meetings:**

Frequency: Four meetings per year.

Location: The meetings are held both in Winnipeg and in rural locations.

**Remuneration:**

Directors receive no compensation for their time and/or service to the Board other than reimbursements for travel expenses to attend Board meetings.