



Authorization to Use a Recreation Site, Recreation Trail, or Interpretive Forest Site

RST16.1: COMPETITIVE SPORTING EVENT

A **competitive sporting event** is a sporting event that takes place wholly or partly on a recreation site, recreation trail, or interpretive forest site. Competitive sporting events are events where participants compete against others towards a common objective (e.g. the fastest time, longest distance, largest catch, etc.). Participants may be required to pay an entrance fee and may be awarded a prize as a result of participation.

Examples may include: cross-country ski races, running races, mountain bike competitions, white water kayak competitions, fishing derbies, etc.

HOW TO USE THIS FORM:

This Application Form is used for the authorization of **competitive sporting events** that propose to take place wholly, or partly, on a recreation site, recreation trail, or interpretive forest site in British Columbia (BC), pursuant to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and Section 16 of the Forest Recreation Regulation. It is intended to be used together with the [Applicant Information Guide](#), available on the FrontCounter BC and Recreation Sites and Trails BC websites.

This is a **fillable form**. The application form is best viewed and edited in [Adobe Acrobat Reader DC](#) or Pro.

- 1) **Download and Save** the form to your computer.
- 2) **Fill out** the form by **typing** your information.
- 3) **Select** the Recreation District that your event is taking place in. This will ensure your application is forwarded to the designated District Recreation Officer, for review.
- 4) **Save** the form and press '**Submit**'. This will prompt an email submission to RSTBC.Authorizations@gov.bc.ca. More details on submitting the form can be found below in *Part IV: Submitting the Form*.

All questions below must be completed. If you require additional information to answer any of the questions you may be required to contact a Recreation Officer. Recreation Officers are responsible for Recreation Districts and the recreation sites, recreation trails, and interpretive forest sites therein. Contact information can be found on the [BC Government Directory](#).

Please ensure the following documentation is included in your submission email prior to sending:

- Application Form.
- Proof of Insurance (if available at the time of application).
- Map(s).
- Letters of support (if applicable).
- Schedule of Operations (if applicable).

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Contact Information

Date of Application:

Applicant Full Name:

Name of Organization / Agency applying on behalf of (if applicable):

On-site Contact (if different from primary Applicant):

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

B. Summary of Activity or Use

Name of Recreation Site(s), Trail(s), Interpretive Forest Site:

Select the Recreation District (find your Recreation District [here](#)):

***If your event spans across two or more
Recreation Districts, **press "Ctrl"** and then select
your subsequent district option.***

Duration (Start Date; End Date):

Is this a recurring event? Will it occur on multiple, non-consecutive days throughout the year?

Yes

No

If yes, please include a **schedule of operations** with your application that includes a complete list of all dates and times where authorization is required.

Party size, and/or number of participants/attendees (if applicable):

C. Description of event requiring authorization:

D. Description of activity area / area of interest.

Include names of recreation sites, recreation trails, interpretive forest sites, and other recreation infrastructure proposed to be used during the event (parking lots, campgrounds, staging areas, backcountry campsites, day use/picnic shelters, boat launches, etc.):

PART II: DETAILED INFORMATION

A description of any facilities and/or structures that will be brought in or constructed (e.g. food trucks, gazebos, outhouses, etc.).

Food trucks and other business ventures (e.g. equipment rental booths) that are proposed to be brought in as a secondary use of the recreation site or trail during a competitive sporting event are considered a business use. Refer to application form 16.2 *"Business Use"* for additional application requirements.

What impacts, if any, are expected from the proposed competitive sporting event?

(Noise, interruption of public access, impacts to public safety, use or enjoyment of the area, need for built infrastructure, large crowds, etc.)

Describe what actions will be taken to mitigate identified impacts on the recreation site, recreation trail or interpretive forest site.

(List proposed mitigation strategies such as crowd control, parking, sanitation, plan for pre/post-event inspections, etc.)

Entry fee amount and description of intended use of funds raised (if applicable).

Description of safety considerations to address first aid, wildfire, and human-wildlife conflict prevention. Include any additional safety certifications, as applicable.

A description of any marketing or advertising that will be undertaken.

PART III: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Letter of Support

Where a recreation site, trail, or interpretive forest site is operated under a partnership agreement with the Province, a **letter of support from the partnership agreement holder** is required. Additional letters of support may be required depending on circumstances. To determine the name and contact information of the partnership agreement holder, and other requirements, contact the Recreation Officer.

Insurance

As a condition of authorization, Applicants must provide proof of **Commercial General Liability Insurance** in an amount no less than \$2,000,000.00, prior to the start date of an activity. If available at the time of application, proof of insurance should be included in the application package.

Proof of insurance can be provided using the Province of British Columbia Certificate of Insurance. RSTBC staff will complete Part 1 of the Certificate of Insurance form prior to forwarding to the Applicant for their insurance broker to complete.

Mapping

You are required to submit the following maps as part of your application to visually identify the parts of the recreation site(s), trail(s), or interpretive forest site you are proposing to use.

- **General Location Map:** A map of the recreation site or trail within the application, drawn to 1:50 000 to 1:250 000 scale (or larger if required to encompass boundaries of activity area), that illustrates at a landscape level scale the general location of the area under application, including boundaries of the proposed activity area, major landmarks, travel/access routes, etc.
- **Detailed Map:** If there is a specific area of the recreation site or trail that will be used more intensively, a more detailed map(s) will be required in addition to a general location map. The detailed map must clearly identify the location of travel/access routes and specific activity site(s). If applicable, the location and construction description of any structures or facilities (permanent or temporary) within the activity area must also be included.

All maps must clearly include: a north arrow, a scale bar (as described below) and a legend. Digital maps (e.g. PDF and/or Google Earth KML/KMZ files) are preferred.

Maps may be prepared using [iMapBC](#) and/or [Google Earth](#). The [Recreation Sites and Trails BC Interactive Tool](#) provides general location information for recreation sites and trails.

PART IV: SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Submitting from a Computer:

Review the following prior to submitting your application:

1. Your form has been downloaded, filled out, and saved on your computer.
 2. All fields are completed.
 3. All additional supportive documents are completed and are ready to upload as attachments.
 4. Click the 'Submit' button below, and an email will populate to the RSTBC.Authorizations@gov.bc.ca mailbox.
 5. Upload this document and all relevant attachments to designated email. Please ensure the following documentation is included in your submission email prior to sending:
 - Application Form.
 - Proof of Insurance (if available at time of application).
 - Map(s).
 - Letter of Support (if applicable).
 - Schedule of Operations (if applicable).
 6. You will receive an email confirmation once your RST16.1 Authorization Application package has been received.
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Submitting from a Mobile Device:

Review the following prior to submitting your application:

1. Your form has been filled out, and saved on your device.
2. All fields are completed.
3. All additional supportive documents are completed and are ready to upload as attachments.
4. Click the "SUBMIT (Mobile Device)" button below, and an email will populate to the RSTBC.Authorizations@gov.bc.ca mailbox.
5. In the subject line of the email indicate which Recreation District your application is for. Subject line example "RST16.1 Application Form for South Island Sunshine Coast"
6. Upload this document and all relevant attachments to designated email. Please ensure the following documentation is included in your submission email prior to sending:
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NOTE: The information you provide will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions regarding the treatment of your personal information, please contact the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia. Visit www.oipc.bc.ca/ for more information.

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