



Board of Director Requirements 2026

Our Vision & Mission

Vision: Empowered, inclusive, healthy communities

Mission: We engage, inspire, and strengthen communities through our work.

About the Board

The Board of Directors helps guide the organization so it can serve the community well, stay true to its mission, and use its resources responsibly.

Board members work together to:

- Set direction and priorities
- Make important decisions
- Ensure the organization is accountable and transparent
- Support long-term sustainability

Board members do not manage day-to-day operations. Instead, they provide guidance, oversight, and support.

What Does a Board Member Do?

As a Board Director, you will:

- Have a commitment to community development through sport, culture and recreation.
- Attend and participate in board meetings
- Share your ideas and listen to others
- Help make decisions in the best interest of the organization
- Serve on a committee
- Follow board policies and a Code of Conduct
- Act respectfully, ethically, and responsibly

No previous board experience is required!

Who can Join the Board?

You may be a good fit if you:

- Care about rural communities and the organization's mission
- Enjoy working with others and learning new things
- Are willing to speak up, listen actively, and work as part of a team
- Respect different backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints
- Can commit the time needed to participate

Eligibility Requirements

To be a Board Director, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Live within the District boundaries
- Not be currently bankrupt
- Understand the importance of sport, culture and recreation in communities

Term of Service

- Board members serve a *three-year term*
- Members may seek re-election after their first term

Time Commitment

Board members contribute about *60 hours per year*, including:

- Attend Board Meeting – *June, September, November, February, April and May*
- Committee meetings – each Board Member is on at least one committee
- Meeting preparation
- Orientation and planning sessions

Meetings are held either in-person or online - regular attendance and participation are important.

Orientation & Support

New Board members are supported through:

- A welcoming orientation session to explain roles, policies, and expectations
- Access to staff support and Board materials
- Reimbursement for mileage to attend meetings
- Meals provided at in-person meetings
- Funding for a personal device (computer or tablet)

All Board members sign a Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest form.

Commitment to Inclusion

We welcome and encourage people from **all backgrounds and lived experiences** to consider joining the Board. A strong Board reflects the community it serves.