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No. 86 of 1921.

An Act respecting Athletic Associations and Clubs.

(Assented to _____, 1921.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Athletic Association Act.*"

2. The object of this Act shall be to promote, foster and stimulate the development of the games or sports of baseball, football, hockey, lacrosse, boxing, and wrestling by adequate supervision of associations and clubs through the promulgation of standard rules and regulations and the establishment of a qualified authority to interpret and enforce same.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

- (a) The expression "athletic" used in connection with the words "organization," "association," "league" or "club" shall mean and include the art, science, occupation, game or sport known as baseball, football, hockey, lacrosse, boxing and wrestling;
- (b) The expression "club" shall mean and include any athletic organization of amateurs or professionals which habitually charges spectators an admission fee;
- (c) The expression "athletic association" or "athletic league" shall mean and include any organization made up of representatives from one or more clubs as herein interpreted;
- (d) The expression "amateur" shall mean and include any person who holds or is entitled to hold a card of amateur standing under the definition of amateur as laid down by the Alberta Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada;
- (e) The expression "professional" shall mean and include any person who is not an amateur as herein defined;

- (f) The expression "board" shall mean and include the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners or any member thereof appointed under the provisions of *The Public Utilities Act*.

4. Every club belonging to an athletic association or an athletic league shall, within one month of the annual meeting thereof, file with the Registrar of Companies a statement giving the name of the club, whether amateur or professional, the object for which it is organized and the names and addresses of its chief officers, together with a fee of \$1 to cover the costs of such registration.

5. Every athletic association or athletic league shall, within one month of the formation thereof and thereafter within one month of the holding of the annual meeting thereof, file with the Registrar of Companies a statement giving the name of the association, whether amateur or professional, the names of the clubs included therein and the names and addresses of its chief officers, together with a fee of \$2 to cover costs of such registration.

6. The board shall have power—

- (a) To make rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act;
- (b) Upon the written complaint and request of any association, league or club to investigate any matter relative to any association, league, club or person, including the professional or amateur standing of any association, league, club or individual member of either and for such purposes the board may administer oaths, affirmations or declarations and shall have the like powers to summon witnesses, enforce their attendance and compel them to give evidence and produce minute books, correspondence, cards, agreements and documents which it may require them to produce as is vested in any court in civil cases.
- (2) The board may in its discretion accept and act upon evidence by affidavit or written affirmation or by the report of any person appointed by it or obtained in such other manner as it may decide.
- (3) The board in its hearing and investigation shall not be bound by the technical rules of legal evidence.
- (c) By order to suspend any association, league, or club for non-observance of rules or regulations and also to cancel the registration of any association, league or club, and during the period of such suspension or cancellation such association, league

or club, it shall not be lawful for any such association, league or club to engage in any of the athletic games or sports coming under the provisions of this Act.

7. Every order made by the board shall be served upon the association, league or club affected thereby by personally delivering or by mailing a copy thereof in a sealed package with postage prepaid to the secretary of the association, league or club or to the person to be affected thereby.

8. The board shall as respects the costs of all proceedings before it, the attendance and examination of witnesses, the inspection of books, papers and all other documents and the enforcement of its orders, the punishment of contempt of court, and all other matters necessary or proper for the due exercise of its jurisdiction or for the carrying of this Act into effect, have all such powers, rights and privileges as are vested in the Supreme Court of Alberta, or a judge thereof, including the ordering of costs to be paid by any party in its decision.

(2) When costs are ordered to be paid by any party to any other party the same shall be fixed by the board.

9. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, bailiffs, constables and other peace officers shall be *ex officio* officers of the board, and shall aid, assist and obey the board in the exercise of its jurisdiction conferred by this Act, whenever required so to do and shall upon certificate to the board be paid like fees as for similar services in the Supreme Court of Alberta.

10. Any person who neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of this Act or with any order of the board shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$50 exclusive of costs.

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