

VOLKSSPORTING FESTIVAL EVENT

1. **Background:** At the 1999 AGM in Humboldt, the outgoing President [Ole Olson] donated a trophy to be awarded annually to the “Best Walking Festival” now called “Best Volkssporting Festival”.
2. **Policy:** The Canadian Volkssport Federation will award annually the “Best Volkssporting Festival” trophy to the regular member club in good standing that is judged to be the best Volkssporting festival held in Canada during the previous calendar year – Annual CVF Conventions and Walking Bus Tours are excluded from this competition. An engraved plaque bearing the name of the winning club and the year to be placed on the trophy by the Federation.
3. **Definition:** A festival is a celebration, entertainment, event or series of performances of a certain kind, often held periodically. A 'Volkssporting Festival' should have a name and usually include **one or more** of the following:
 - a. be associated with some other, larger community event,
 - b. take place over two or more days
 - c. be a club's Annual Volkssport activity
 - d. be a special event [memorial walk, theme walk, etc.]
 - e. offer a medal or some sort of Certificate of participation, etc.
4. **Procedures:**
 - a. The Canadian Volkssport Federation, through its Board of Directors, is the sole authority responsible for defining the criteria for a Volkssporting festival.
 - b. Annually, ***at the latest by April 30***, member clubs will submit to the CVF President through their Regional Director, the details of their “Festival Event(s)” held during the prior year.
 - c. The President will present all nominations to the Board of Directors’ meeting held closest to the next AGM for a decision by the Board as to which club is to be awarded the trophy. Any Board member who is a regular member of a club having submitted its candidature will be disqualified from voting. A simple majority of those present and having the right to vote at the meeting is sufficient for a decision on the successful nomination. Should the vote be equal, or should no nomination meet the required criteria, the trophy will not be awarded for that particular year.
 - d. The Board of Directors’ decision is final and not subject to appeal.
 - e. Clubs submitting their Festival Event should place all material in a duo tang or three ring binder and include the following information where appropriate/available: copy of brochure, other related publications, pictures of event, details of social activities such as food and entertainment, “thank you” messages from participants, post-event write-up, copies of certificates, medals, etc. A verbal presentation at the Board’s meeting the day before the AGM by applicants, if feasible, would be very helpful but is not mandatory.

Guide for Awarding points to successful applicant – up to 10 points for each category:

- Type and quality of trail(s)
- Scenic and thematic route(s)
- Food at Start or Finish
- Entertainment at Start or Finish
- Awards
- Social Activities
- Overall Fun, Fitness and Friendship