

**261—38.1(15E) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Actively promote*” or “*active promotion*” means to regularly undertake specific identifiable actions that encourage greater participation in an activity or that make an activity more visible and accessible. Active promotion includes the planning, organizing, advertising, marketing, managing, hosting, and sponsoring of a nonprofessional sporting event.

“*Applicant*” means a CVB that has submitted an application to the authority for certification of a proposed district. For purposes of this chapter, “applicant” may include more than one CVB and one or more area communities located within the proposed district.

“*Authority*” means the economic development authority.

“*Board*” means a regional sports authority district governing board consisting of members of the local communities served by an applicant.

“*Convention and visitors bureau*” or “*CVB*” means an organization engaged primarily in the marketing and promotion of a local community or communities to businesses and to leisure travelers interested in the area’s facilities. Such organizations are typically engaged in a wide range of activities including but not limited to assisting businesses and leisure travelers in identifying meeting locations and convention sites; providing maps and other travel information; providing information on local attractions, lodging, and restaurants; and organizing tours of local historical, recreational, and cultural attractions.

“*District*” means a regional sports authority district certified by the authority pursuant to this chapter.

“*Nonprofessional*” means an activity typically engaged in by amateurs and primarily for pleasure rather than for pecuniary benefit or other reasons indicating a professional interest in the activity.

“*Program*” means the regional sports authority district program authorized under Iowa Code section 15E.321 and the rules in this chapter.

“*Sporting event*” means an athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess, usually competitive in nature and governed by a set of rules provided by a nationally recognized sanctioning body or by a local organization engaged in the development and active promotion of the athletic activity. A sporting event typically includes the placing of competitors into a fixed order of finish, depending upon their respective athletic performance within the rules provided for that activity. For purposes of this chapter, “sporting event” includes but is not limited to youth sports, high school athletic activities, the Special Olympics, and other nonprofessional athletic activities.

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