

261—216.1(15F) Definitions. When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Accredited colleges and universities” means any college, university, or institution of higher learning that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission or any other college, university, or institution of higher learning that is accredited by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

“Authority” means the economic development authority created in Iowa Code section 15.105.

“Bid fees” means fees paid as part of proposing a location for an event.

“Board” means the economic development authority board as created in Iowa Code section 15.105.

“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 under Iowa Code section 15E.321.

“Financial assistance” means assistance provided only from the funds available to the authority or the board and includes assistance in the form of grants, loans, and forgivable loans.

“Infrastructure” means land acquisition and construction; major renovations of buildings; and all appurtenant structures, utilities, and site development that are related to the operation of a sporting event.

“Infrastructure fund” means the fund established pursuant to Iowa Code section 15F.404 for purposes of financing sports tourism infrastructure projects.

“Marketing” means planning for or implementing efforts to publicize a sporting event using a range of strategies, tools, and tactics.

“Organization” means a corporation, conference, association, or other organization which has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration of extracurricular intercollegiate athletic contests or competitions, or professional sporting events.

“Professional sporting events” means any sporting events for which the competing athletes receive payment for their participation in such sporting events.

“Program” means the portion of the sports tourism marketing and infrastructure program administered pursuant to this chapter and funded by the infrastructure fund.

“Promote” or *“promotion”* means to undertake specific identifiable actions that encourage greater awareness of and attendance at a sporting event. This includes the planning, organizing, advertising, marketing, managing, hosting, and sponsoring of a sporting event.

“Public organization” means a not-for-profit economic development organization or other not-for-profit organization including one that sponsors or supports sporting events.

“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. 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.

“Sports tourism program review committee” or *“review committee”* means the committee established by Iowa Code section 15F.402(2) and shall consist of members of the board, with one member from each congressional district under Iowa Code section 15F.102(2)“a” and one member from the state at large under Iowa Code section 15F.102(2)“b.”

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