



## Copyright Board

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### ***Notice of Grounds for Proposed Tariff***

#### **SOCAN Tariff 9 – Sports Events (2024-2026)**

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#### **1. Description of Uses Covered by the Proposed Tariff**

This tariff applies to the performance of musical works in SOCAN's repertoire in connection with sports events (such as baseball, football, hockey, basketball, skating competitions, races, and track meets). The tariff applies to performances in person as well as performances of recorded music. The tariff does not authorize performances of music at opening and closing events for which an additional admission charge is made.

#### **2. Description of Users / Groups of Users Covered by the Proposed Tariff**

Users are sports teams and organizations that use music in conjunction with or during a sporting event. Importantly, it is the nature of the *use*, and not the nature of the *user*, that determines whether the tariff applies.

#### **3. Explanation of How Royalties are Determined**

The proposed royalty rate for 2024-2026 is 0.1% of gross receipts from ticket sales, with a minimum fee of \$8 per event. This includes events to which the admission is free. When calculating gross receipts from ticket sales, any complimentary tickets are valued at half the lowest price paid for a sold ticket from the same category.

The percentage of revenue royalty is the same as the previously-certified tariff, which was certified in 2021 for the years 2018-2023 (2021 CB 9). Both the percentage of revenue rate and the rate base are the same as the certified tariff.

The proposed minimum fee per event is an inflationary increase.

#### **4. Submissions on the Collection of Information**

The proposed tariff requires each licensee to report quarterly on the number events and royalty owing for that quarter. This information allows SOCAN to calculate the royalty payable.

#### **5. Explanation of Changes from Previously Approved Tariff**

The only change from the previously approved tariff is an inflationary adjustment to the per-event minimum fee.

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