



Athletics Alberta Club Membership Policy (2003)

PURPOSE: To become a member in good standing with Athletics Alberta, and to receive all benefits of membership in the Association basic criteria have to be met prior to the Association granting membership to the group requesting membership. This policy will outline the standard criteria which will provide both agencies guidance in determining membership privileges.

Each year (before December 31) the club must send a completed club registration form along with the payment of the appropriate fee to Athletics Alberta. Affiliated clubs are given the right to enter athletes in competitions under the club name, are covered by Association insurance and receive voting privileges at the Athletics Alberta Annual General Meeting in April of each year. Four types of club membership are offered:

'A' Club

- has unlimited access (according to disbursement guidelines) to National Championship funding, High Performance Camp funding, AADP grants
- receives all information mailed out from the Athletics Alberta office
- may register a maximum of 5 club members to receive mailouts and the semi-monthly Bulletin
- may register an unlimited number of officials to receive select official mailings
- has access to all other Association programs for athletes

'B' Club

- may qualify a maximum of one club athlete for AADP funding, National Championship funding, High Performance Camp funding - receives information mailed out from the Athletics Alberta office relevant to clubs level of competition
- may register a maximum of 5 club members to receive mailouts and the Bulletin
- may register an unlimited number of officials to receive select official mailings

'C' Club

- this category is for clubs in their first year of registration or schools/universities
- receives regular mailouts pertinent to level of competition
- school clubs would be eligible to compete only in Alberta & would be ineligible to compete between July 1 - August 31

'D' Club

- applies to Road Race clubs
- receives regular monthly Road Race Bulletins (& track info if requested) for two club members
- receives regular mailouts of all entry forms and results
- receives the Road Race Calendar
- has access to road race programs and funding

Any of these memberships with Athletics Alberta automatically registers the club with the National Association (Athletics Canada).

Criteria for Membership Privileges

The following criteria must be met before membership privileges will be granted to Athletics Alberta.

A. Track and Field Club:

1. Every athlete, coach, and administrator within the club must be registered
2. For every 10 athletes registered, one official must be registered in the officials pool.
3. One club coordinator must be identified within the club.
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5. Must pay the annual club registration fee.
6. Must remain in good standing with the Association regarding financial privileges.
7. If the club has more than 25 members then that club must coordinate &/or assist with one sanctioned event within the year of registration. If less than 25 members then the club, in conjunction with another club, must coordinate one sanctioned event per year.
8. The club must participate in Association projects designed to raise funds.
9. Incorporation as a Society is optional but should be considered.
10. Clubs receiving funds from the Association must be willing to provide a financial statement at year end.

B. Roadrunning Clubs:

- Must meet track and field club criteria: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,

C. School Club:

- Must meet track and field club criteria 1,3,4,6,7,9,10.

D. Other:

- Must meet track and field club criteria 1,4,6,7.

Individual Affiliation

Athletes joining a track and field club are required to register individually with Athletics Alberta Membership fees are based on age category according to the current Athletics Alberta registration form.

Registration categories are:

- **Pee Wee**-11 years or under as of Dec.31st in the year of competition
- **Bantam** -13 years or under as of Dec.31st at in the year of competition
- **Midget** -15 years a under as of Dec. 31st in the year of competition
- **Juvenile** -17 years or under as of Dec.31 at in the year of competition
- **Junior** -19 years or under as of Dec.31st in the year of competition
- **Senior** -20 years or over as of Dec.31st at in the year of competition
- **Masters** -35 years or over as of Dec.31st in the year of competition
- **Unattached Athlete** - any age, is not affiliated with a club
- **Road Runner** -any age, does not require affiliation with a club, does not allow competition in track and field meets

There are three types of track & field membership:

- 1) Full membership - allows athletes to compete at all meets throughout the year including championships.
- 2) Day of the Meet - allows an athlete to compete in one meet only and this **does not include championships.**
- 3) School Membership - a special rate is given to athletes of registered schools/Universities to allow them to compete during the Indoor season only.

Note: Athletes wishing to compete nationally, be part of team and receive any Association funding, must be registered as full members.

Transferring Clubs:

Athletes wishing to change clubs, must complete a Transfer form. An example is listed in Appendix #2

Late Registration Fee:

Returning athletes, who wish to compete and/or train during the Indoor season must re-register with Athletics Alberta or face a late fee penalty (\$25) in addition to their normal registration fee.

Competition Policies

Athletes competing at a Provincial Championships must compete in their age category , if an athlete moves up in an age category FOR EVEN ONE EVENT, they must compete in the age category for the rest of that day events. EXAMPLE Peewee aged athlete competes in bantam hurdles , they must finish the day in the bantam age group and all results for Peewee will be void for results scoring..Bantam aged athlete competing in Midget events must finish competing in midget events and drop out of bantam mult-events and results will no be counted for overall results.

Athletes who have registered with Athletics Alberta under a trial membership will not be eligible to compete in Alberta's Provincial Championships.

Athletes residing in Alberta but representing a Club from outside the Province must be registered for the current year with their Provincial or State Association. Athletes residing outside of Alberta must be registered for the current year with their Provincial or State Association.