

	<p align="center"><b>NSAWA Membership Policy</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Approved: October, 2023</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>In effect for the 2024 calendar year</b></p>
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### **NSAWA Membership Policy**

As NSAWA’s club memberships continue to increase, this policy will provide guidance to clubs and its members relating to membership requirements and eligibility. NSAWA is seeking to support NSAWA member clubs and our partners by providing policies that encourage fairness, development, and sustainability.

### **Registration and Benefits**

To be a member of NSAWA, individuals must register for NSAWA membership through 2MEV online registration. Clubs/groups must register for NSAWA membership by completing and submitting the [club registration form](#) along with \$100.

Members registered with Nova Scotia Wrestling receive accident insurance coverage for accidents occurring during sanctioned wrestling activity, which includes classes, practices, and competitions. This includes participants, coaches, judges, facilitators, and supporters. It also covers members traveling as a group (three or more) to classes, practices, or competitions.

Nova Scotia Wrestling general liability insurance policy protects full member programs and their registered members in the event of a lawsuit. A lawsuit may result from negligence for actual bodily injury to participants, spectators, and other members of the public or to cover property damage arising out of Nova Scotia Wrestling sanctioned activities.

### **Membership period**

The membership year for NSAWA is January 1 – December 31.

### **Season**

Members may participate in wrestling activities throughout the membership year with applicable membership.

### **Athletes Requirements**

Athletes are mandated to comply with all NSAWA policies including the Nova Scotia Wrestling Code of Conduct. Violation of NSAWA policy may result in disciplinary action including sanctions.

### **Coaches/Officials/Associate Requirements**

Coaches, officials, and associate members are mandated to comply with all NSAWA policies including the Nova Scotia Wrestling Code of Conduct. Violation of NSAWA policy may result in disciplinary action including sanctions.

### **Criminal Record Check**

Coaches, officials, and associate members are mandated to provide a criminal record check as follows:

1. Vulnerable Sector Check (every three years) no older than January 01, 2021.

2. Child Abuse Registry Check (every three years) no older than January 01, 2021.

### **Club Requirements**

NSAWA recognizes the importance of clubs to support and enhance the athlete experience throughout the province. Local clubs play an integral role in the coordination and delivery of wrestling activities at the district and local levels. For clubs to be members of NSAWA they must:

- A. Register for NSAWA membership by completing and submitting the club registration form along with \$100.
- B. Have stated purposes that are aligned with the purposes of NSAWA;
- C. Require NSAWA membership for all its club members;
- D. Have the training facility be in NS;
- E. Have a mandatory minimum of three registered athletes;
- F. Not be currently sanctioned by NSAWA, WCL, or any governing body recognized by NSAWA; and
- G. Comply with all NSAWA policies.

### **Recruiting**

NSAWA prohibits the recruiting or inducement of student-athletes from existing clubs and school programs. Athletes may be recruited if the athlete is not affiliated with a club or school program. Despite compliance with the other eligibility and/or transfer rules of NSAWA, any athlete who attends a member club as a result of recruitment or undue influence is ineligible for a minimum of one-year. Violations under the policy may also result in sanctions to the club and/or coach of the club.

Undue influence for the purposes of this rule is the attempt by any club related person (including but not limited to, coaches, administrators, athletes, alumni, or parents) to induce an athlete through in-person contact, phone, text, social media, email, or the like, to attend a member club without the approval of the athlete's club or school program head coach.

If a person has knowledge of recruitment, he or she shall provide written notice of the allegation to the NSAWA Administrative Coordinator.

NSAWA recognizes that clubs may need to attract athletes. Clubs may advertise their program offerings in a generic manner. Club advertising must not be targeted in any way towards potential students who may display athletic potential.

### **Media and Social Media**

NSAWA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Content on social media should portray a positive image of the participant, club, association, and community.

Ensure consent has been provided for any individuals appearing in content intended for the public domain. Include positive images and videos when possible.

Provide shareable, relevant, value-driven content that supports the success and participation of clubs, coaches, athletes, and officials.

### **NSAWA membership approval**

Members that are not in good standing, as determined by the Board or by a disciplinary panel, will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership until such time as

the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing.

Good Standing Definition – A Member will be in good standing provided that the Member:

- A. Has not ceased to be a Member;
- B. Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed;
- C. Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Society;
- D. Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Society;
- E. Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Society, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board;
- F. Has paid all required membership dues and applicable fees;
- G. Has current Nova Scotia MSI coverage; and
- H. Is not a current member of another wrestling PTSO.

### **Registration Requirements**

Members are required to register with NSAWA prior to participating in NSAWA sanctioned events, including but not limited to training, club practices, school practices, NSAWA practices, camps, tournaments, and meets. Participants not registered with NSAWA may not participate in NSAWA sanctioned events. It is the duty of the head coach to ensure participants are appropriately registered with NSAWA prior to participating in NSAWA sanctioned events.

### **Athletes Registration**

- An athlete can only represent the member club at which they are registered.
- An athlete cannot be registered with more than one club.
- An athlete may be registered with one club and one school program.
- If an athlete participates at more than one club, the athlete may only register as an affiliate member of the club at which the athlete has the largest percentage of participation.

### **Joint clubs**

NSAWA believes there is merit in allowing athletes to participate in multiple wrestling programs due to low student enrollments and insufficient numbers. Clubs may be combined for athletes from partner clubs to participate together on the joint team in a practice environment. Clubs may not combine for the purpose of competition results. The goal of allowing joint teams is to increase the number of athletes that participate in wrestling activities.

### **Transfer clubs**

An athlete may transfer club if:

- A new season has begun,
- The previous registered club is no longer available,
- The athlete's principal residence had changed and impacts the athlete's ability to attend practice, and/or
- A written request is provided and approved by NSAWA.

### Annual Registration Fees

	Full Year Fee	Half Year Fee (Starting from September 1st)
<b>Groups</b>	\$100.00 (Waived the year of start-up)	N/A
<b>Athlete competing provincially only</b>	\$40.00	\$20.00
<b>Athlete competing nationally/internationally</b>	\$55.00	\$27.50
<b>Athlete training only</b>	\$25.00	\$12.50
<b>Coach</b>	\$20.00	\$10.00
<b>Official</b>	\$20.00	\$10.00
<b>Managers</b>	\$20.00	\$10.00
<b>Volunteers/Board members</b>	Waived	N/A
<b>Honorary</b>	Waived	N/A

**Please note:** If an athlete decides to become a registered member after participating in the one-time event, the athlete fee remains as stated above, however, the \$10.00 one-time event fee shall be deducted.

All athletes who attend U17/U19 National Championships will be assessed an affiliation fee of \$125 to be paid on or before the request to participate. All athletes who attend WCL Trials will be assessed an affiliation fee of \$100 to be paid on or before the request to participate. Sanctioning will not be granted until the affiliation fee is paid.

The membership fee shall be paid on or before February 1st in each and every year and in the case of a new member, the fee shall be paid at the time of application for membership. Honorary Members shall be exempted from all fees and assessments. No member will be covered by insurance until the membership fee is paid.

Any member may terminate their membership by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Association. Withdrawal of membership will be effective upon receipt of the written notice.

No refund of annual fees will be made to a member upon the cessation of membership. Although a member ceases to be a member, the member is liable for any debts owing to the Association at the date of ceasing to be a member.

Club registration must be made yearly by emailing the **club registration form** to the Secretary at [wns.secretary1@gmail.com](mailto:wns.secretary1@gmail.com) and the club dues to the Treasurer at [wns.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:wns.treasurer@gmail.com). Clubs are not registered until both of these items are completed.

Individual athlete registration will ONLY be made by registering online [Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Association - 2023/2024 | 2M \(2mev.com\)](https://support.interpodia.com/knowledge/wrestling-membership-registration-process). This link will be updated each year Instructions for the process can be found at: <https://support.interpodia.com/knowledge/wrestling-membership-registration-process> [Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Association - 2023/2024 | 2M \(2mev.com\)](https://support.interpodia.com/knowledge/wrestling-membership-registration-process).