

	<p align="center">NSAWA Membership Policy</p>	<p align="center">Approved: December 29, 2025</p>	<p align="center">To be in effect for the 2026 calendar year</p>
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to clubs and their members regarding membership requirements and eligibility. NSAWA aims to support member clubs and partners by providing policies that promote fairness, development, and sustainability. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and presented at a general meeting of the membership each year for approval ahead of the start of the new season on January 1st.

Registration and Benefits

To be a member of NSAWA, individuals must register through the online registration platform; 2MEV. Clubs/groups must register for NSAWA membership by completing and submitting the club registration form along with the club registration fee.

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

NSAWA 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 NSAWA sanctioned activities.

Membership period

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

Member Requirements and Approval

Volunteers from outside of NS need to be approved by the board to gain membership. An existing board member can finish their term, and can run for a second term, pending board approval.

Members that are not in good standing, as determined by the Board, 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.

All members are mandated to comply with all policies adopted by NSAWA. Violations of these policies may result in disciplinary action.

Termination of Membership

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.

Members in 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, or had other restrictions or sanctions imposed;
- C. Has completed and submitted all required documents and certifications;
- D. Has complied with the bylaws, policies, rules, and regulations of the Society;
- E. Is not subject to a current disciplinary investigation or, if previously disciplined, has fulfilled all terms of action to the Board’s satisfaction.
- F. Has paid all required membership dues
- G. Is not a current member of another amateur wrestling PSO or TSO.

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 the appropriate fees.
- 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 policies adopted by NSAWA..
- H. Recruiting or poaching athletes from other clubs is discouraged.
- I. Undergo a one-year probationary period during which they will not have voting rights. This probationary period applies to new clubs upon joining, and to existing clubs that lose their voting rights for failing to meet NSAWA requirements.
- J. Participate in at least two-thirds of WNS-sanctioned club tournaments (when eligible) to obtain and maintain voting rights, ensuring that voting privileges reflect active and committed membership.

Club Registration

Club registration must be made yearly by completing the club registration form located on the website and paying the club dues to the Treasurer. Dues can be paid by sending an e-transfer to wns.treasurer@gmail.com or sending a cheque to the Sport NS Office (5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th floor. Halifax, NS. B3J 1G6). Clubs are not registered until both of these items are completed.

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 clubs-at any time by sending a written request to the secretary. Clubs are not required to refund or transfer fees already paid.

Membership Fees

All membership fees are due at the time of registration. Memberships will be issued when payments have been received, providing the requirements in the “*Volunteer Requirements Policy*” are met. Anyone requesting membership through registration will not be covered by insurance until the fee is paid, and the membership is issued. *Please refer to Appendix A for details on Annual Registration fees.*

Members who have been part of Wrestling in Nova Scotia for 20 or more years shall be exempt from membership fees. These members will be given a code to have their fees paid at the time of registration.

Additional Fees for Athletes

All athletes who attend U15/U17/U19 National Championships will be required to pay an affiliation fee of \$125 when requesting to participate. All athletes who attend WCL Trials will be required to pay an affiliation fee of \$100 when requesting to participate. The athlete will not be in good standing until the fee is paid.

Appendix A- Annual Registration Fees for 2026

Annual Registration Fees for 2026		
Membership Role	Full Year Fee (Jan. 1 - Aug 31)	Half Year Fee (Sept. 1 - Dec 31)
Clubs	Based on previous year's group membership numbers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-9 athletes = \$125 ● 10-25 athletes = \$175 ● 26+ athletes = \$225 	N/A
Competitive Athletes (allows athletes to compete in competitions in and out of NS)	\$100	\$50
Recreational Athletes (allows athletes to participate in practice & training events ONLY)	\$60	\$30
One-Day Competitive Athletes (allows athletes to compete in a single, one-day competition)	\$20	\$20
One-Day Beach Wrestling (allows athletes to compete in a single, one-day beach wrestling event)	\$0	\$0
Two-Week Trial (allows athletes to participate in practice & training events for a two-week period)	\$0	\$0
Coach	\$50	\$25
Official	\$50	\$25
Volunteer/Board Member/Volunteer and Honorary Member	\$0	\$0

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 one-day event fee shall be deducted.