



AOA Membership Policy

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Preamble

1. Alpine Ontario Alpin (AOA) is the recognized Provincial Sports Organization (PSO) for Alpine, Para-Alpine and Ski Cross in Ontario. AOA's voting membership consists of 36 sanctioned Clubs, held within four (4) geographical districts: Southern Ontario (SOD), Northern Ontario (NOD), Lake Superior (LSDA), and the National Capital (NCD). As a collective, AOA represents 5342 registered Participants (2026 figure).
2. The clubs principally organize alpine skiing activities and deliver alpine, para-alpine and ski cross programs. The four districts and AOA reflect Ontario clubs working together to coordinate common programs for the benefit of Participants
3. AOA has traditionally maintained an open approach to membership. Clubs are community-based or privately run organizations, with a high degree of independence. Club formation has normally been driven by interested individuals responding to community needs.
4. This document states and clarifies AOA's policy on membership, including the requirements and obligations that come with it.

Definitions

5. For the purposes of this policy:
 - **“Club” or “Member Club”** means a club duly registered with AOA through a Division. These Clubs are the voting members of AOA
 - **Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA)** is the national governing body for AOA.
 - **“Division”** – the geographic area which a Division represents being Southern Ontario Division (“SOD”), Northern Ontario Division (“NOD”), National Capital Division (“NCD”) and Lake Superior Division (Alpine) (“LSDA”).
 - **“Participant(s)”** – shall mean either of the following:

Specific Individual – Any individual who is a participant skier of any age, has paid its annual fees to AOA and is enrolled in an AOA sanctioned program at a Member Club (i.e., U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, FIS Leagues, Masters and

successor categories from time to time, collectively, the “Skiers”), a certified coach, or official, who is registered and in good standing with a Member Club or directly with the AOA.

General Individual – any individual, except for a Specific Individual, who is registered, has paid any applicable annual fees to AOA and is in good standing with a Member Club and AOA

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Member Club Benefits

6. AOA Member Clubs receive significant benefits, including:
 - Coverage under AOA’s Liability Insurance policy for sanctioned events;
 - Access to AOA programming delivered provincially;
 - Access to competitive programs and the opportunity and framework for competitively oriented skiers to participate in local, provincial, and national-level competition and training programs, and the opportunity for such athletes to strive for excellence through membership on provincial or national teams;
 - Access, where appropriate, to funding support obtained by AOA for provincial programming; and
 - The value of being publicly associated with AOA and the sport of alpine, para-alpine and ski cross.

Member Club Requirements and Obligations

7. Member Clubs, registered through their Divisions, have the following requirements and obligations:
 - Timely submission of the annual membership sanctioning application and payment of membership fees;
 - That the programs delivered by a club should conform to the standards developed by ACA and AOA; and
 - That Club officials and coaches adhere to applicable policies and guidelines issued by ACA, AOA and the Division, necessary to provide a framework for the sport, as well as standards for its conduct, including:
 - The ACA Liability Insurance Manual;
 - The ACA Competition Registration and Sanctioning Policy;
 - ACA Canadian Ski Coaches’s Coaching Code of Ethics;
 - AOA’s Code of Conduct;
 - AOA’s Safe Sport Screening Policies; and
 - AOA’s Team Selection Criteria.
 - Rowan’s Law legislation enacted by the Government of Ontario
8. Divisions and AOA accept a Club’s registration for membership on the understanding that the club will be run based on established policies and

guidelines, and generally accepted standards of conduct as summarized above. Where there is reason to believe that a Club may not meet those criteria, AOA may, in its sole discretion, decline to accept the registration of that Club as a Member Club of AOA and ACA. Such a decision should be well-documented, and the subject of agreement by AOA's Board of Directors.

General Procedures Regarding Membership

9. Clubs determine membership policies with respect to individual club members, including membership fees and other obligations and privileges of membership.
10. AOA establishes an annual membership fee to be charged to each registrant based on their Participant category and age group.
11. The annual registrant fee is approved and can be amended at AOA's Annual General Meeting. This registrant fee is payable for every Participant who is involved in an inter-club race program.
12. To further clarify who should be considered a Participant - Participants include all those who:
 - are enrolled in children's skill development programs, racing, or Masters' racing programs;
 - volunteer in support of race programs, including race crew and officials; and,
 - volunteer or paid coaches.