



Membership Policy

Scope

This policy applies to all rowing organizations located in Ontario who wish to join pursuit the sport of rowing and become a part of Row Ontario. In addition to membership, this policy also addresses individuals who play a variety of roles in rowing and wish to become registered participants.

Definitions

Umpires: All Assistant, Associate and Licenced umpires residing in Ontario.

Coaches: Anyone working with any level of athlete on or off the water in a teaching or coaching capacity within a Member Club.

Policy

Row Ontario is a membership-based organization that brings together groups of individuals from across the province of Ontario in pursuit of rowing and rowing related activities. These activities serve all ages and skill level. Within Row Ontario's community there is a diverse group of individuals and organizations.

To maintain membership within Row Ontario, each Member Club needs to ensure their financial obligations are kept up to date, they provide the requested club information in a timely manner and ensure the club's actions and activities are in keeping with Row Ontario's mission and values.

Any organization wishing to join Row Ontario, in addition to the above, will need to be approved by the Board of Directors before their membership can become active. Additionally, any organization wishing to become part of Row Ontario will need to agree to abide by Row Ontario's relevant policies.

As the provincial sport organization responsible for rowing we work in partnership with Rowing Canada Aviron. Any Row Ontario Member Club must also be a member of Rowing Canada Aviron and individuals with each club must become registered participants with Rowing Canada Aviron.

All members of Member Clubs are considered to be Registered Participants. Registered Participants (athletes, coaches, umpires and volunteers) must register in the appropriate role(s) with Row Ontario and Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) prior to participating in any rowing program with a Member Club/Association or in any Row Ontario/RCA sanctioned regatta in that role. Participants are only registered after the applicable data has been entered into RCA's computerized registration system (currently Web Registration System – WRS) and their annual registration fees have been paid to Row Ontario and RCA (where applicable).

Board approved last: October 24th, 2022

To be reviewed by: October, 2025

Operational Procedures

The membership year for Member Organizations will be from April 1st (or the date on which the membership application is approved by Row Ontario – whichever is later) to March 31st. The year for registered participants will be April 1st to March 31st.

Fees – 2026/27 Fiscal Year

The annual Member Organization fee is \$746.75. (Plus HST).

Registered Participants

Categories & Roles	RO Annual Registration Fee + HST	RCA Annual Registration Fee
Rower and coxswain (athletes) – Regular	\$32.50 ¹	\$39.75 ³
Rower and coxswain (athletes) – 14 Day ²	\$10.00	\$39.75 ³
Umpire	\$10.00	n/a
Coaches	\$10.00	n/a
Volunteers	\$0.00	n/a

An individual registering in more than one role must pay the registration fee for each category.

¹ This fee included a \$0.50 special Safe Sport Fund levy. This fee is governed by Row Ontario's [Safe Sport Fund Management Policy](#)

²Short Term (14 Day) Athlete category is available to anyone who participates in sanctioned club activities for not more than 14 days total during any membership year. This applies to a camp or learn to row style program that is 14 days (sessions) or less; anyone competing in a sanctioned regatta or registered in a seasonal style membership is not eligible. Individuals who chose to extend their involvement beyond an anticipated 14 day program can have the original payment credited towards their regular full Row Ontario annual registration fee.

³This fee includes an \$8.00 special investment fee.

An athlete or coach may be a member of more than one Ontario rowing club. To be registered as a member of more than one club, the athlete or coach must register through the RCA's computerized registration system for each club. The appropriate club registration fee must be submitted to each club. Registration fees to RCA and Row Ontario need only to be paid once per role, per registered participant. That fee will be collected by Row Ontario and RCA through the first club the registered participant registered with.

Requests for refunds of registered participant fees will be considered only in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer. Member Organization fees are non-refundable.

Last reviewed: April 1, 2026