



Club Information Package

General Information

The Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association (AAWA) is the provincial sanctioning body for wrestling in Alberta. Clubs are the backbone of wrestling in Alberta and AAWA is committed to supporting all those involved in developing the sport. The AAWA Club Affiliation extends to any organization providing recreation or competitive wrestling programming, events or activities. Any organization that wishes to be affiliated with AAWA is eligible to do so provided they meet all criteria.

Insurance

Registered clubs have access to the AAWA's \$5 Million General Liability Insurance program during AAWA sanctioned activities and tournaments. Members also receive Sport Accident medical benefits coverage.

Insurance coverage is for:

- Regular training programs (i.e. practices)
- Use of Facilities, proof of insurance certificate available upon request
- Participation in AAWA Sanctioned Events
- Participation in Out of Province sanctioned events

For those travelling out of the country to events, it is recommended all participants and coaches have travel insurance. If you need to purchase insurance for coverage in competitive sport events (some insurance excludes these, please check with your insurance) it can be purchased at <https://mkirsch.ca/travel-medical-insurance/>

Voting Clubs

Clubs who meet the following criteria will be eligible to have a representative vote at any AAWA Special General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting

- Have a minimum of eight (8) unique AAWA members who are athletes and at least two (2) unique AAWA members who are coaches and/or team managers over the age of 18

- Have a minimum of eight (8) athlete Registrants attend one (1) AAWA-sanctioned provincial event
- Have a minimum of one (1) AAWA registered and approved Introduction to Competition certified (or higher) coach
- An officials association must have a minimum of ten (10) Registrants who are Provincial Officials
- Club membership must be approved 60 days prior to the AGM

Minimum Standards For All Clubs

AAWA 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 AAWA they must comply with the AAWA minimum standards

- Must register via online registration as a member club
- Have stated purposes that are aligned with the purposes of AAWA;
- Require an AAWA membership for all its club members;
- Have the training facility be in AB
- Not be currently sanctioned by AAWA, WCL, or any governing body recognized by AAWA
- Comply with all AAWA policies.
- At least one registered member coach including completed background check who is NCCP Certified to Competition/Introduction or better.
- Head Coach can only be the head coach of one club.
- All Coaches working with the club are AAWA members and have completed background checks.
- All Coaches have a minimum of Community Sport NCCP and have completed Safe Sport modules as per AAWA coaching policy.
- Club can show that its training environment meets minimum safety training standards:
 - o All mats are in good repair, properly secured, disinfected minimum weekly, no dangerous objects nearby (eg. Posts).
 - o Any other training equipment used by the club is in good repair.

- At least one (1) Registrant coach and/or other functionary member with valid intermediate first aid training must be present at every practice
- Have no outstanding invoices with AAWA

Membership

The membership year for AAWA is Jan 1- Dec 31. Members may participate in wrestling activities throughout the membership year with applicable membership. All members are required to follow all AAWA policies and procedures, including the AAWA Code of Conduct. Violation of AAWA policy may result in disciplinary action including sanctions

2025-2026 AAWA Wrestling Membership Structure

Official	\$75.00
Athlete - Youth	\$65.00
Coach	\$95.00
Athlete - Adult	\$95.00
Club Board Member	\$40.00
Team Medical	\$40.00
Team Manager	\$40.00
Team Leader	\$40.00
Non-Competitive	\$40.00
Day License (2 Events Max)	\$15.00

Nationals Sanctioning Fee

As of the 2026 season, there will be no Sanction Fee invoiced to athletes and coaches who participate in a National Championships.

Sanctioned Activities

All sanctioned activities must comply with AAWA policies and procedures.

Sanctioned Events

The following are types of events where Individual AAWA membership and hence AAWA insurance covers members for participation in:

- Wrestling Canada Lutte National Championships
- AAWA Sanctioned Tournaments

- Events hosted outside Alberta which are sanctioned by the recognized Wrestling PSO in that Province/Territory (recognized PSO = recognized by Wrestling Canada Lutte).
- Events (i.e. practices, camps, special events) which require Individual AAWA Memberships to participate in the event)

Event Sanctioning

Events sanctioned by Alberta Amateur Wrestling must adhere to AAWA modified rules or Wrestling Canada Lutte rules (as per appendix A of the Wrestling Canada Lutte rule book which establishes guidelines for safe and controlled participation in wrestling. To be sanctioned by the AAWA, the event must follow these guidelines, including ensuring that all participants in these events (Coaches, athletes, officials, event organizers) are members in good standing of the Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association.

Registered/Affiliated clubs are pre-sanctioned for routine club activity such as weekly training/practices where **all minimum standards are met.**

Any non-routine activity must be first submitted to the AAWA through a Google Form link <https://forms.gle/dWQ7jGyyFEZNjiRj6>

Sanctioned events will be posted on the AAWA calendar. Only AAWA and AASA tournaments will be posted on the website.

Clubs are not sanctioned for any activities (e.g. banquets) involving alcohol.

MINIMUM standards for events

- Use a weight verification system
- Use the recognized Wrestling Canada Lutte rules with the approved AAWA modifications.
- Ensure all participants are current AAWA members. Provide proof if requested.
- If Single Event Licenses are available for purchase, a waiver must be supplied for signature.
- List of registrations must be submitted to AAWA Thursday before the event for verification of membership
- Attempt to commit to the posted start time for the event.