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# WATER SKI & WAKEBOARD CANADA

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP LEVELS, TITLES & DEFINITIONS

This guide explains WSWC membership types, levels, roles, privileges, and insurance implications to help individuals, clubs, and schools choose the correct membership.

**Membership Link:** <https://wswc.ca/wsdc-membership/>

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## 1. MEMBERSHIP TYPES

This table summarizes the six membership types offered by WSWC and its PSOs, organized by age category (Youth and Adult) and level of participation (Supporter, Community, and Competitive). It outlines each membership level, from Supporter members who do not participate on-water, to Community members who participate recreationally or serve as officials or judges at sanctioned events, and Competitive members who compete in sanctioned events, including participation on provincial, development, and national teams, as well as regional, national, and international competitions.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	
*See Table 5 for membership breakdown and scenarios	
Membership Types	Description
<b>Youth – Supporter (Level 1)</b>	Individuals who support the sport but are never towed behind a boat or cable
<b>Youth – Community (Level 2)</b>	Individuals who are actively participating in the sport but not necessarily competing at higher competitive classes
<b>Youth – Competitive (Level 3)</b>	Athletes and key participants at the competitive level. This includes all - Class C, CRC, WRL & WRC Events (water ski & adaptive) - ONLY Regional and National events for barefoot, show ski and wake
<b>Adult - Supporter (Level 1)</b>	Individuals who support the sport but are never towed behind a boat or cable
<b>Adult - Community (Level 2)</b>	Individuals who are actively participating in the sport but not necessarily competing at higher competitive classes
<b>Adult - Competitive (Level 3)</b>	Athletes and key participants at the competitive level. This includes all - Class C, CRC, WRL & WRC Events (water ski & adaptive) - ONLY Regional and National events for barefoot, show ski and wake



## 2. AGE CATEGORIES

Adult and Youth membership categories are determined using a January 1 age cut-off. Individuals who are 18 years of age or older on January 1 of the membership year are classified as Adults, while those under 18 are classified as Youth (across Levels 1-3).

Individuals aged 18 and over must maintain their own accounts and sign their own waivers, as they are legally responsible for their participation. This approach ensures documents are valid and enforceable, protects individual privacy, and supports clear communication and accountability.

**Adult Membership (Levels 1-3):**

Individuals who are **18 years of age or older** on January 1 of the membership year.

**Youth Membership (Level 1-3):**

Individuals who are **under 18 years of age** on January 1 of the membership year.

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## 3. MEMBERSHIP PRICING TABLE

The membership fee table below provides a provincial breakdown of membership costs for each membership category and level

Type of Membership	AB	BC	SK	MB	ON	QC	NS/NB
<b>Level 1 Adult: Supporter</b>	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$10
<b>Level 2 Adult: Community</b>	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$80	\$75	\$75	\$50
<b>Level 3 Adult: Competitive</b>	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$85	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>Level 1 Youth: Supporter</b>	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$10
<b>Level 2 Youth: Community</b>	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$70	\$65	\$65	\$45
<b>Level 3 Youth: Competitive</b>	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$70	\$85	\$85	\$65

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON TABLE - WHAT EACH LEVEL OFFERS

This table clarifies what each membership level allows someone to do (support only vs. participate recreationally vs. compete officially) and which benefits they receive.

Category / Benefit	Supporter Level 1	Community Level 2	Competitive Level 3
Supporter of the Organization	X	X	X
Receive WSWC / PSO Communications	X	X	X
Membership Benefit: Perkopolis	X	X	X
Membership Benefit: Corporate Traveller - Melon	X	X	X
Membership Benefit: Enterprise	X	X	X
Membership Benefit: Shuswap Ski & Board Discount	X	X	X
Informal Volunteer (definition below)	X	X	X
Formal Volunteer (definition below)		X	X
Towed behind a boat		X	X
Sanctioned Camp or Clinic		X	X
Sanctioned Rec Tournament (no scores)		X	X
Membership Benefit: CAIP Travel Insurance		X	X
Memerbership Benefit: Boat Insurance		X	X
Membership Benefit: Club / School Liability Insurance		X	X
Access to Club / School Membership		X	X
Club / School Owners / Staff		X	X
Certified Officials, Boat Drivers or Judges		X	X
Certifcied Coach (not an athlete)		X	X
Access to Officials, Judges & Coaching Clinics/Courses		X	X
PSO / WSWC BOD and Committee Members		X	X
Eligible to Vote in Sport Committee Elections		X	X
Water Ski: Participation in Class C, CRC, WRL & WRC events			X
ALL Disciplines: Regional, National and International Events			X
ALL Provincial, Development & National Team Members			X

## 5. MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN & SCENARIOS

	Level 1 - Supporter	Level 2- Community	Level 3 - Competitive
<b>Who is it for?</b>	<p>Individuals who support the sport but are never towed behind a boat or cable, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family members or friends of recreational or competitive athletes</li> <li>- Supporters who may be in the boat or on the dock</li> <li>- Volunteers in non-official roles (e.g., food service, event prep, site prep, hospitality)</li> </ul>	<p>Individuals who are actively participating in the sport but not necessarily competing at higher competitive classes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone towed behind a boat or cable</li> <li>- Participants in camps, clinics, or recreational tournaments</li> <li>- Individuals who want WSWC boat insurance</li> <li>- Officials and judges, including drivers who are not competing</li> <li>- Coaches who are not registered as athletes</li> <li>- Club / school owners and staff</li> <li>- PSO board members and staff</li> <li>- Any member who is a WSWC Safe Sport participant (must be at this level or higher if required for their role)</li> </ul>	<p>Athletes and key participants at the competitive level, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individuals towed behind a boat or cable who compete at regional, national, and/or international events</li> <li>- Water ski athletes who compete at Class C, RC, RL, or WRL events</li> <li>- Athletes requiring sanctioned results to qualify for Nationals or higher-level events</li> <li>- Members of National Teams</li> <li>- Members of Provincial Teams</li> <li>- Members of Development Teams</li> </ul>
<b>Role &amp; Voting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May volunteer at events in supportive positions only (Informal volunteer)</li> <li>- Non-voting for Council Elections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can vote in Council Elections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can vote in Council Elections</li> </ul>
<b>Membership Benefits</b>	Please see Membership Comparison Table above	Please see Membership Comparison Table above	Please see Membership Comparison Table above

## **5.1 VOLUNTEER TYPES:**

### **Simple Version**

**Informal:** helping hands (no training, no athlete responsibility, low risk).

**Formal:** part of the program delivery team (supports athletes, safety, or the technical side of events).

	<b>Volunteer - Informal (Level 1)</b>	<b>Volunteer - Formal (Level 2 &amp; 3)</b>
<b>Definition</b>	A person who helps out in low-risk, non-technical, non-sport-delivery roles without taking on responsibility that affects participant safety or event operations.	A person who plays an active, structured, or safety-relevant role in delivering programs, camps, clinics, or events. They contribute directly to athlete experience, safety, or technical execution.
<b>Characteristics:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No training or certification required</li> <li>- No direct responsibility for athletes or on-water operations</li> <li>- Tasks can be done by anyone with minimal instruction</li> <li>- Usually short-term or one-time involvement</li> <li>- Does not require insurance coverage beyond basic organizational liability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>May</b> require screening (e.g., Safe Sport requirements)</li> <li>- Takes on responsibility for participants or equipment</li> <li>- Performs roles that influence safety, fairness, or program delivery</li> <li>- Typically recurring or scheduled involvement</li> <li>- Requires access to liability coverage (Level 2 or higher)</li> </ul>
<b>Examples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Serving food at an event</li> <li>- Helping with registration/check-in</li> <li>- Event or site setup and teardown</li> <li>- Handing out bibs, water, swag</li> <li>- One-time helpers / parents / community supporters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working in the water or on the boat during a camp/clinic</li> <li>- Assisting coaches with athlete instruction</li> <li>- Pulling ropes, handling equipment, or managing the start dock</li> <li>- Safety spotter in the boat</li> <li>- Trained event volunteers (e.g., scoring assistant, rope handler, dock marshal)</li> <li>- Volunteers supporting formal programs or sanctioned events</li> </ul>
<b>Why it matters:</b>	Informal volunteers are not delivering sport, and therefore do not require additional membership level, formal onboarding, or specialized insurance.	Formal volunteers are part of the operational delivery of sanctioned activities. They need appropriate membership level, insurance, and Safe Sport compliance.

## **5.2 LEVEL 1 - SUPPORTER**

### **Scenario 1: Parent of Family Supporter**

A parent regularly attends practices and competitions, helps with setup, serves food at events.

**Correct Membership:** Level 1

**Why:**

- Supporter of the organization
- Informal volunteer only
- Not towed behind a boat
- No formal role or competition involvement

### **Scenario 2: Community Helper**

A community member helps once or twice a year with registration, dock setup, or handing out bibs at a sanctioned event.

**Correct Membership:** Level 1

**Why:**

- Informal volunteer
- Low-risk, non-technical role
- No athlete or safety responsibility

## **5.3 LEVEL 2 - COMMUNITY/ RECREATIONAL**

### **Scenario 3: Recreational Skier or Wakeboarder**

An adult or youth skis recreationally at a club, attends a sanctioned camp or clinic, and may ski in a fun or recreational tournament with **no scores recorded**.

**Correct Membership:** Level 2

**Why:**

- Actively towed behind a boat
- Participates in sanctioned camps/clinics
- Covered under general liability insurance

### **Scenario 4: Certified Coach (Not Competing)**

A certified NCCP coach runs practices or clinics but does not compete as an athlete.

**Correct Membership:** Level 2

**Why:**

- Certified coach
- Formal volunteer / program delivery role
- Needs insurance coverage

### **Scenario 5: Official, Driver, or Judge**

An individual acts as a trained boat driver, judge, or official at sanctioned events.

**Correct Membership:** Level 2

**Why:**

- Certified official
- Formal role impacting safety and fairness
- Access to officials' clinics and IWWF credentials

**Scenario 6: Club or School Owner / Staff**

A club manager or school staff member oversees daily operations and programming.

**Correct Membership:** Level 2

**Why:**

- Formal operational role
- Covered under general liability
- Required Safe Sport participation

**5.4 LEVEL 3 - COMPETITIVE**

**Scenario 7: Competitive Athlete**

An athlete competes in **Class C, CRC, WRL, or WRC events**, or any **1-star and above competition**.

**Correct Membership:** Level 3

**Why:**

- Competitive participation
- Results are recorded
- Required for higher-level events

**Scenario 8: Provincial, Development, or National Team Member**

An athlete is selected for a provincial team, development squad, or national team.

**Correct Membership:** Level 3

**Why:**

- Team participation requires highest membership level
- Eligibility for CAIP and competitive pathways

**Scenario 9: Athlete Who Votes in Committee Elections**

A competitive athlete wants to vote in **WSWC committee (Council) elections**.

**Correct Membership:** Level 3

**Why:**

- Voting rights apply at the community & competitive level

**Scenario 10: Official / Judge Who Competes**

An Official / Judge who also competes in **Class C, CRC, WRL, or WRC events**, or any **1-star and above competition**.

**Correct Membership:** Level 3

**Why:**

- Competitive participation in addition to Official / Judge

- Results are recorded
- Required for higher-level events

## **5.5 QUICK SUMMARY**

**Level 1:** Supporters and informal helpers (no on-water towing or formal responsibilities)

**Level 2:** Recreational participants, coaches, officials, volunteers in formal roles

**Level 3:** Competitive athletes, team members, and individuals competing in sanctioned / recognized events

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## **DESCRIPTION/LEGEND**

**Sanctioned Event:** A sanctioned event is a towed water sports activity that has been formally approved by the governing body, meets all required safety and technical standards, is insured under the organization's event coverage, and whose results or participation are officially recognized.

**Club:** A club is a non-profit organization focused on towed watersports where everyone involved (members, volunteers, staff, and participants) must be a member of their provincial water ski and wakeboard association. Clubs provide community, training, recreational activities, events, and may also host competitions under the WSWC umbrella. ALL members are covered under WSWC's general liability insurance.

**School:** A school is typically a for-profit or instructional operation where clients can take lessons or programs without becoming members of their provincial association. However, active schools are expected to use certified instructors, and all staff and coaches must hold current certifications and provincial memberships. Only the coaches, instructors and staff are covered under WSWC's insurance.

**Certified Coach:** A WSWC certified coach is someone who has completed an approved WSWC coaching course, has been trained in areas like ethical decision-making, safety, sport fundamentals, and skill development, and is formally recognized through the NCCP framework as qualified to coach towed watersports participants in Canada (example: *Foundations*, *Build the Skills*, or *Learn to Compete*)

**Tier 1 Membership Benefits:** Perkopolis, Corporate Traveller - Melon, Enterprise & Shuswap Ski & Board

**Tier 2 Membership Benefits:** CAIP, Boat Insurance & Club/School Liability Insurance



**Safe Sport:** Safe Sport is a framework of policies, education, and practices designed to ensure sport environments are safe, respectful, inclusive, and free from abuse, harassment, discrimination, and misconduct. The Safe Sport course is required for anyone in a position of authority, trust, or responsibility within Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada-sanctioned activities (example: Staff, BOD, coach and officials etc)

**Sport Committee:** WSWC hosts elections for five discipline committees (Councils)—Water Ski, Wake, Barefoot, Show Ski, and Adaptive—to choose member representatives who provide discipline-specific guidance and input to support programs, events, and sport development.

**IWWF Licence:** An IWWF licence is an official registration issued by the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) that allows an individual to participate in, officiate, or be recognized at IWWF-sanctioned international competitions.

**Camp/Clinic:** A WSWC towed watersport camp or clinic is a structured, scheduled instructional program (single-day or multi-day) where participants are towed behind a boat or cable in waterski, wake, barefoot, show ski, or adaptive disciplines. It is delivered by a WSWC-recognized club or WSWC-insured school, led by certified coaches/instructors, and supported by trained roles (e.g., driver/spotter/formal volunteers) who meet Safe Sport and other requirements. The program follows WSWC/PSO policies, procedures, and safety protocols, includes required waivers and records, and aligns with WSWC insurance conditions—meaning club camps/clinics require all participants to be PSO/WSWC members, while school camps/clinics may include non-member participants as long as the school is properly insured and all staff/coaches are certified and registered.

**Provincial Sport Organization (PSO):** A Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) is the recognized governing body for a specific sport within a province or territory. It is responsible for organizing, developing, and regulating the sport at the provincial level in alignment with the national governing body—in this case, Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada (WSWC).

**National Sport Organization (NSO):** A National Sport Organization (NSO) is the recognized governing body responsible for a sport across the entire country. It provides national leadership, governance, and coordination of the sport and represents Canada domestically and internationally.

#### **Water Ski Events: [RULE BOOK](#)**

Class C: This level of tournament is designed for competitive skiers. WSWC sanction is required. Results from Class C tournaments are eligible for entry qualification to the Eastern Canadian, Western Canadian, Atlantic Canadian and Canadian National Championships. The rules set forth here govern Class C tournaments with special rules exceptions outlined in Appendix 1. Sanction policies for Class C tournaments are included as Appendix 2.

Class E (Canadian Record Capable): This level of tournament is designed for advanced competitors. A special WSWC sanction is required, but not an IWWF sanction application. The rules set forth in the IWWF Rule Book, and these Additional Rules, including in Appendix 3, govern Class E tournaments. Results from Class E tournaments are eligible for Canadian Records, but not for inclusion on the World Rankings List.



**Class L (World Rankings List):** This level of tournament is designed for advanced competitors. A special WSWC sanction is required, along with an IWWF sanction application. Class L tournaments are governed by the IWWF Rule Book, and these Additional Rules. Results from Class L tournaments are eligible for Canadian Records and for inclusion on the IWWF World Rankings List.

**Class R (World Record Capability):** This level of tournament is designed for international level competitors. Special WSWC record capability sanction is required, along with an IWWF sanction application. Class R tournaments are governed by the IWWF Rule Book, and these Additional Rules. Results from Class R tournaments are eligible for Canadian Records and for inclusion on the IWWF World Rankings List, and are eligible for consideration as IWWF World and Region records.