



Alberta Whitewater Association

2021-2026 AWA Strategic Plan

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# **Exceptional Whitewater & Paddle Sports Experiences**



#### MISSION

# The Alberta Whitewater Association connects, develops and advocates for whitewater and paddle sports across Alberta.



#### STRATEGIC GOAL AREAS

- 1. AWA advocates for access and develops world class whitewater and paddle sport facilities so paddlers can develop their full potential
- 2. AWA promotes engagement and growth within the whitewater and paddle sports community
- 3. AWA connects and supports clubs and disciplines to build a wide and inclusive paddling community
- 4. AWA provides instructor, coach and safety, education pathways to promote lifelong learning.
- 5. AWA promotes the development of athletes/paddlers across the lifespan



# GOAL I - WHITEWATER & FACILITIES

- Kananaskis & Canoe Meadows stewardship
- Any key access issues around the province addressed
- Assist each club to develop a 'home' (Location, SeaCan, or Mobile Set-up)
- Harvie Passage management happening in lock-step with paddling community
- Support wave development around Alberta alongside local champions
- Provide local champions with information and support around waterparks and facility development



#### GOAL 2 - GROWTH & BROAD PARTICIPATION

- Yearly membership growth
- Additional paid staff
- People who identify as female 14-18 stay in sport campaign
- Turn-key Adapted program available to all clubs
- Ongoing New Canadians program in multiple clubs
- Indigenous connections made
- Add new clubs



### **GOAL 3 - CLUB CONNECTION & SUPPORT**

- Easy Access to Information
- Strong Membership Database
- Club & Member Newsletters and Digital Media
- Province-wide advertising with partners
- Staffing Support (ASG, Payroll)
- Develop member benefits through partnerships
- Advise Clubs around event management and Sanctioning



#### **GOAL 4 - EDUCATION**

- Gender parity for new coaches, instructors and learning facilitators
- Ensure that Evaluations are available for all Trained candidates
- Ensure certification maintenance is followed and supported (PD points/Recert)
- Yearly symposium or other opportunity for learning facilitators to learn and be reinvigorated
- Promote Educational opportunities



# GOAL 5 - ATHLETE / PADDLER DEVELOPMENT

- Promote skill development at all stages of LTPD
- More clubs at all discipline events ~4 -> 10+
- More multidiscipline club-level events each club 1x per year
- Full Zone Participation at ASG 2023
- Athlete development pathways & programs for all disciplines
- Alberta Athletes going to all discipline Nationals
- Alberta Athletes going to Junior/U21/U23 Worlds

