



ALBERTA WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

New Club Application

Policy Statement

It is the policy of Alberta Whitewater Association, that every club is required to adhere to and adopt the Provincial governing policies that define our sport.

Alberta Whitewater Association is committed to the achievement of equal opportunity including the establishment of a sport environment in which all members and employees have the opportunity to contribute to the sport to their maximum potential.

Your club through its application for admittance and continued involvement with the Alberta Whitewater Association agrees to adopt the following policies. Please refer to the AWA website <http://www.albertawhitewater.ca/policies-procedures> for the full content of each policy.

1. CanoeKayak Canada Code of Safety Policy
2. CanoeKayak Canada Concussion Management Policy
3. AWA Harassment Policy
4. AWA Dispute Resolution Policy
5. AWA Conflict of Interest Policy
6. AWA Volunteer Management Policy
7. AWA Code of Conduct
8. AWA Athlete Code of Conduct
9. AWA Employee Management Handbook

National Affiliation

Your club will be affiliated through the Alberta Whitewater Association to the national and international canoeing federations, CanoeKayak Canada (CKC) and the International Canoe Federation. This allows registered members to participate in National and International events and competitions.

It also provides the opportunity for your members to become certified in the national canoe/kayak leadership training and certification programs through the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and CKC. Certification with CKC and NCCP is linked to Paddle Canada's whitewater kayak certification.

Your application to the AWA recognizes the authority of CanoeKayak Canada and the acceptance of the NCCP/CKC Whitewater Certification program as the sole authority for sanctioning leadership training in your club.

Risk, Liability and Insurance

Whitewater sport is a sport which has inherent risks and there is a liability associated with the sport that may affect leaders, instructors, club officials and Directors of Clubs and the AWA. To protect our volunteers and leaders, the AWA maintains a comprehensive insurance policy that includes Directors and Officers Liability and General Liability.

The AWA requires all participants and club members that are in an AWA program or activity to sign a waiver (if 18 and over) or an Acknowledgement of Risk (if a minor). The only exception to this is for people attending pool sessions. The Waivers and AofR help to transfer the liability back to the participant and while not completely fool-proof it does help reduce the exposure of the AWA to lawsuits and keep the cost of insurance down.

As a club in the AWA you are automatically included in the AWA's D&O Liability policy. You do have a choice on the protection of your members if they are already insured through another insurance policy or they are not going to be participating in any AWA activities. However it is essential for your personal protection to insure that every member in your programs is insured.

Application to be a Member Club in the Alberta Whitewater Association

Our club has agreed to the following principles and policies of the Alberta Whitewater Association and request permission from the AWA to become a member in the Association. We have read the policies noted in this list and agree to be bound by these policies.

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Our club agrees to be affiliated with CanoeKayak Canada and to support the NCCP program for the training and certification of our club members.

Our club has registered as a Non-Profit Society in Alberta and attached are copies of the following.

- A. Objects of the Society
- B. Bylaws of the Society
- C. Incorporation Documents from Alberta Corporate Registries
- D. Membership Form

Our club agrees to participate in the AWA Insurance Policy and to collect and safeguard Waivers and Acknowledgement of Risk forms for all participants in canoeing and kayaking activities associated with our club.

Name of Club _____

President

Secretary

Date