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2010 Membership Notes

As announced at the 2009 OAWA Annual General Meeting, the OAWA membership process for 2010 will be an on-line membership registration process.

Key things to note:

1. You must register your Club for the on-line process. If you have not already done so, please contact Bob Parsons, OAWA Membership Registrar (<mailto:ClubRegistration@OAWA.ca>).

2. **Club Registration Fee for 2010 is \$75.00 and includes one coach's membership fee.**

3. All Coaches are required to obtain a Background Check beginning with the 2010 Membership year. This service is provided through the OAWA and is included in your Coach's membership fee. OAWA will be using the services of mybackcheck.com. For more information on this service, visit their web-site at:

<https://www.mybackcheck.com/Secure/Products/ServicesOrganizations.aspx>

Part of this service to you includes your ability to obtain a copy of your background check once completed. You can use this for other groups (eg. school) that may require the check, at no added cost to you. Coaches will receive information on how to complete the background check once their membership application is completed. **Please note that your Coach's membership is not valid until the background check is complete.**

4. Clubs will have the option of having athletes/parents fill out their membership application on-line and then have the club complete the application for submission to OAWA, or the Club can complete the application on-line for the athlete/parent if they choose.

5. **Clubs wishing to complete registration using the old method of submitting a hardcopy of the membership form along with I.D. and payment will pay an added \$20.00 per membership for this service.** OAWA encourages all clubs to use the on-line process to avoid paying unnecessary extra fees.

6. **2010 membership fee for all others (all athletes, officials, etc.) is \$30.00 per person.**

For more information on the on-line process:

- Visit the OAWA web-site and click on the Registration Tab at the top of the page
- See the attached information
- Go to the Registration/FAQ section of the OAWA Message Board – hint: Coaches and club administrators you are encouraged to share your tips for completing the process as you work through it. Web link = <http://oawa.ca/forum>



2010 Membership Updates – Club Registration: Things to note

- OAWA Membership will feature an on-line registration process beginning with the 2010 membership year. Clubs wishing to register manually (using hardcopy membership forms) will pay an increased fee for this service.
- Clubs will be required to submit identification as proof of age for all athletes for 2010, either by land mailing hard copies or scanning and e-mailing copies. Beginning in 2011, you will only be required to submit proof of age for new registrations.
- Clubs will be required to register as a Club. To be an OAWA Registered Club, the club must:
 1. Have at least one Coach Trained to a minimum of NCCP Community Coach or Competition-Introduction A.
 2. There will be a one-year grace period to obtain this minimum NCCP requirement.
Deadline: by January 1, 2011. For the 2011 Membership year, this will be a firm requirement.
 3. Have a minimum of one athlete registered with the OAWA.
 4. Coaches who do not have any registered athletes will be considered Independent Coaches (no Club affiliation).
 5. Pay a registration fee of \$75.00 to register the club. This fee includes one coach's membership and Background check for that person.

- You must go on-line at the OAWA web-site and register your club with the OAWA membership process in order to be able to begin processing OAWA memberships for your club members.

- As part of the on-line membership process, the head coach or membership registrar for your club (as nominated by you) will be required to approve all registrations to be processed by your club. You will receive a list of those athletes and others who have registered with you on-line. You must accept or reject these members. The online system tracks the state of the member. Once you click 'Renew OAWA Membership' for the Member, you must pay for it, no exception. If the athlete skips town the next day, that is a club problem – you have accepted him or her and must pay.

- All Coaches must have a background check completed through www.mybackcheck.com for their Coach's membership to be valid. Mybackcheck.com is a National Service, endorsed by Sport 4 Ontario, the Coaches' Association of Ontario and many other groups. When the coach submits his/her membership application, the OAWA submits your information to Mybackcheck.com. Mybackcheck.com will then e-mail you direct with instructions on how to complete the background check process. Once the background check is complete (next day service) the information is provided both to you and to the OAWA. Not only is this background check available for your OAWA membership, but you can obtain copies of the check to provide to other groups you work with, or in some cases – if the group in question is also working with Mybackcheck.com, you can allow that group to access your check on-line. This service is included with your OAWA Coach's Membership fee.

- Please be aware that these background checks are mandatory for all coaches (no exceptions) and your Coach's membership is not valid until your background check is complete.

- Clubs are reminded that **only individuals who have completed the OAWA membership process, including payment are covered by OAWA Insurance and eligible for OAWA programs.** Clubs are advised to register all club participants, athletes, supporters, etc. to ensure complete coverage. Please note:

1. When training, potential accidents involving non-registered members will not be covered.
2. For Clubs where parents are volunteering with the club (as directors, driving to events, assisting at practices and other events, etc.) the OAWA recommends that Parents be registered with the OAWA.