

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines with respect to admission into, termination of and governance during the period of membership

Application

This Policy applies to all Prospective Members who wish to apply for and/or are approved for Membership under the direction of AthletesCAN

Definitions

The following terms shall have the following meanings in the policy:

a) *Prospective Member* shall refer to athletes who are currently competing with, or have retired from, a Canadian Senior National team within the past eight years in the following sport categories:

- i) Sports included within the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Para Pan American or Commonwealth Games
- ii) Sports currently funded by Sport Canada competing at World Championships

The following exceptions to the definition of *Prospective Member* shall be considered on a case-by-case basis:

- iii) Sports admitted through (i) or (ii) whose Development and/or Next Generation Team athletes are considered competing within the Senior National Team, as defined by the National Sport Organization in question
- iv) Sports previously admitted under (i), (ii) or (iii) or prior AthletesCAN membership policies that no longer meet the above current criteria

b) *Member* shall refer to a Prospective Member who has been approved for membership by AthletesCAN, according to the criteria above.

c) *Meeting of Members* shall refer to an Annual General Meeting held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual meeting of members but not later than 6 months after the end of the Corporation's preceding financial year.

Membership Admission

Membership in the Corporation shall be restricted to persons who meet the criteria of a Prospective Member, as well as [Bylaws 2.1 and 2.2](#)

Membership Termination

A person shall immediately cease to be a member of the Corporation, if they meet the criteria of [Bylaw 2.3](#), or one of the following scenarios:

- (i) A Prospective Member under category (iv) above, whose membership expires following eight years of retirement



(ii) Upon representing another Senior National Team outside of Canada in domestic or international competition, without completing the required eligibility waiting period, as defined by the athlete's National Sport Organization and/or International Federation.

[Bylaws 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6](#) shall also apply to any potential Membership Termination process.

Application for Membership

Prospective members may apply for membership on AthletesCAN's [official website](#). AthletesCAN will make every effort to confirm validity of membership eligibility through the application of this policy, as well as online research, and consultation with the Prospective Member and their respective National Sport Organization and/or International Federation where applicable.

Once a Prospective Member has been approved for Membership, [Bylaw 2.7](#) shall apply with respect to membership dues.

Meetings of Members

[Bylaws Part 3](#) and [Part 4](#) shall govern the Meetings of Members and its Proceedings

