



**SASKATCHEWAN
RACQUETBALL
ASSOCIATION**

Membership Handbook

2020-2021

1.0 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership benefits include:

- Comprehensive sport liability and accident insurance
- The right to participate in sanctioned tournaments, competitions, league play and training camps
- Membership in a respected national organization – Racquetball Canada (RC)
- Access to NCCP coaching and Racquetball Canada officials certification programs
- Coach Development financial assistance
- Coaching Association of Saskatchewan workshops and other professional development opportunities
- Coach and volunteer screening policies
- Respect in Sport and Making Ethical Decisions programs for harassment and abuse education for coaches, parents and athletes
- Subsidized travel and financial support for provincial team athletes, coaches and officials
- Athlete Assistance Grants
- Access to services provided through the Sport Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan
- Tournament Hosting Grants
- School Learn-to-Play instructors and visitation program
- Professional and dedicated sport administration staff
- Membership Assistance Program for club funding
- Annual General Meeting voting privileges and attendance
- Target Group Initiative funding
- Program Assistance grants
- Access to equipment kits for Learn-to-Play programming
- Annual membership incentives such as clothing, equipment and gear

2.0 BYLAWS RELATED TO MEMBERSHIP

As taken from the Bylaws dated SRA Bylaws 2018

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Qualification

Any non-profit, club or association or individual may become a member of the SRA upon application for membership provided they:

- a) uphold the rules of the SRA

- b) pay the prescribed fees by the established dates
- c) be approved by a member of the Board of Directors or their designate

2.2 Types of Memberships

The SRA shall be composed of four (4) classes of members:

- a) Club Membership: Club Membership is open to any club, facility or community in Saskatchewan which offers organized racquetball programs at a recreational and/or competitive level. Club Members are not entitled to a vote at a meeting of members including the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Associate Club Membership: Associate Club Membership is open to any school, recreation centre, non-profit, club or association which takes part in non-competitive racquetball programming. Associate Club Members are not entitled to register Individual Members of any type and are not entitled to a vote at a meeting of members including the Annual General Meeting.
- c) Individual Membership: An Individual Membership is open to those who intend to participate in the sport of racquetball through the Saskatchewan Racquetball Association or one of its Member Clubs as a player, coach or volunteer and who have access to programs, services and membership privileges. Individual Members are entitled to one (1) vote at a meeting of members including the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Associate Membership: Associate Memberships are open to those who wish to support the sport of racquetball through a financial contribution. Associate Members are not entitled to a vote at a meeting of members including the Annual General Meeting.

2.3 Fees

The fees payable by members shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board.

2.4 Membership Year

The membership year shall be the same as the fiscal year of the Corporation

2.5 Responsibilities of Members

All members shall:

- a) abide by the SRA's articles and bylaws, rules, policies and procedures; and
- b) pay any and all prescribed fees, dues or indebtedness as established by the Board.
- c) remain in good standing provided they have paid the membership dues as prescribed by the establish deadlines, and are not restricted by disciplinary action by the Saskatchewan Racquetball Association

3.0 PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

- a) Each fall the SRA will electronically distribute membership information to clubs and facilities in the province. The registration year is September 1 - August 31.
- b) Fees must accompany Member Club registrations and must be received as soon as sanctioned activities take place or by December 10th to be eligible for certain grants and program assistance.
- c) All individual members will be completed online using Trackie. Individual members will be encouraged to affiliate with a member club.
- d) Individual membership fees must be remitted within 2 weeks of submission if they haven't been paid online. The SRA will forward all RC fees as required to the national office.
- e) New members can be accepted at any time.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP FEES

4.1 Saskatchewan Racquetball Association Annual Membership Fees

The SRA charges membership fees to help offset the costs of the funding programs and services we offer to our clubs, athletes, coaches, officials and the facilities where they participate. Membership support is critical to the development of racquetball in Saskatchewan.

Club Membership Fee:	\$50
Associate Club Membership Fee:	\$25
Individual Competitive Membership Fees:	
Gold/National	\$22
Silver/Regional	\$2
Individual Associate Membership Fee:	\$2

4.2 Individual Racquetball Canada Annual Membership Fees:

RC charges individual fees to help offset the cost of supporting the sport in Canada, coaches and officials programming, elite athlete support, maintaining the national team activities and tournaments, administration of the partnerships, promotion and support of the sport across the country.

"Participants" refers to players, coaches and officials unless otherwise stated.

RC Gold: \$13

This is for participants who are involved in sanctioned national and international events (junior nationals, senior nationals and selection events).

RC Silver: \$3

This is for participants who are involved in tournaments in their own province or in other provinces, but who do not participate in national or international events.

RC Bronze: \$3

This is for people who play racquetball for fun with friends, try-it participants, administrators, volunteers, parents and players who do not play games outside of their club's house league.

5.0 REGISTRATION SYSTEM

5.1 General

- a) ALL participants (players, coaches, instructors, officials, board members, associates) must register with the SRA and RC as soon as they register and pay a fee to participate in a sanctioned racquetball activity
- b) The SRA will not provide access to club services, including insurance and sanctioning, unless the fee & form is submitted.
- c) The SRA will not provide players, officials or coaches access to individual members services, including insurance and sanctioning unless their individual fee & registration information is confirmed through Trackie.
- d) As members of the SRA and RC, clubs and individual members agree to comply with all policies, bylaws and other program and/or administrative rules and regulations including coaching certification requirements, officials regulations and tournament sanctioning rules.

5.2 Trackie

- a) All individual registrations must be entered through the national registration database tool called Trackie.
- b) Tutorials for club administrators will be provided by Trackie.
- c) There are processing fees for using Trackie's online payment option.

6.0 INSURANCE

6.1 Who is covered?

The Saskatchewan Racquetball Association's insurance policy covers clubs in good standing, and their members who have paid the individual membership fee. The insurance provided via Sask Sport, (AON Reed Stenhouse) includes general and participant liability and sport accident coverage.

Please note that insurance coverage only applies when requirements for registration and membership with the SRA are fulfilled.

Any organized training or tournament must be done under the direct supervision of a registered member of the SRA and RC.

It is recommended to keep a copy of the SRA Insurance Certificate on hand in case a facility requires you to produce it as Proof of Insurance prior to renting space or using their facility for racquetball activities.

6.2 What is covered?

The SRA will consider your regular participation in core activities of racquetball as sanctioned activities, provided that SRA rules and regulations for coaching certification, safety and conduct are followed.

These core activities can be classified as: classes, training, demonstration and competition.

6.2.1. Classes & Training

Classes & Training are defined as any organized and structured regimen of exercise and physical activity geared to enhancing a registered participant's skill level and overall abilities towards an end (improvement, enjoyment, competition, new skills acquisition, physical literacy).

6.2.2 Demonstration

Demonstration is defined as an organized, structured exhibition of racquetball skills intended to promote and showcase the positive attributes of racquetball.

Activities such as "Try-It Day" are covered under the policy if the safety standards are met (coaching and safe sport requirements). This coverage is for one-time visits by any one individual, and not for participation in any form of regularly scheduled program. A list of all names of participants must be kept on file for insurance purposes.

6.2.3 Competition

A player is considered to be a competitive athlete and/or engaging in competitive activities if one or more of the following characteristics exist:

- i. Formalized competitive requirement, format and protocol similar to the one in place for the sport provincially, nationally and internationally (a tournament)
- ii. The player's performance is monitored according to a set of pre-determined rules
- iii. The players are ranked, and recognition is based on some ranking.
- iv. Training activities that are developmental in nature, aimed at enhancing a player's skill level in advance of a tournament or selection event.
- v. The players are taking part in a benchmarking or selection event in which some or all players can advance or be selected for specialized participation or recognition.

6.3 The Liability Policy

This insurance provides coverage for sums, including legal, adjusting and settlement costs, arising from claims brought against the Saskatchewan Racquetball Association and its Member Clubs for sanctioned activities and events. This would include executives, employees, directors, officers, coaches, managers, officials and volunteers while acting on behalf of the organization and any member of the Saskatchewan Racquetball Association. The Sport Liability Insurance Policy includes Commercial General Liability, Tenants Legal Liability and Directors and Officers Liability.

- a) all SRA registered members while acting on behalf of the SRA (Board of Directors and staff activities & Provincial Team events)
- b) all SRA registered members while engaged in SRA sanctioned activities.

6.4 The Accident Policy coverage applies to:

- a) SRA registered members taking part in sanctioned activities.

** Accident coverage is secondary coverage only, meaning that all other personal policies must be paid out first. Accident Insurance Claim forms must be submitted as soon as possible after the injury occurred.

6.5 What else is covered?

School Groups

Racquetball programs scheduled specifically for schools will be covered under the policy. The School must be a registered Associate Club with the SRA and participant reports will be required to be entered on Trackie.

6.6 What is NOT covered?

a) Non-Racquetball Activities

Some activities lend well to association with racquetball clubs, leagues and facilities that have courts. The format and operation of unrelated activities follow no known federation technical rules or guidelines and may present unacceptable levels of risk or exposure. These activities are considered non-racquetball related and are excluded from the SRA's insurance policies.

These activities include but are not limited to:

- Arts and crafts
- Daycares
- Field trips
- Sleep-overs
- The sport of Handball
- The sport of Squash
- The activity of Wallyball
- Bingos
- Raffles
- Garage sales
- Bake sales
- Meetings

Some of these activities are often involved in social or fundraising activities run by volunteers within member clubs – these are NOT covered, and additional insurance should therefore be purchased by clubs.

If an accident or incident occurs during an unsanctioned and uninsured activity, the SRA policy will not provide or may deny coverage.

b) Contagion Exclusions

This Insurance Policy provides no coverage for any Claim in any way caused by, arising out of or resulting from any disease or contagion, including that designated as such by any of the following:

- i. a Federal, Provincial, Territorial or Municipal authority or agency;
- ii. a Minister of the Federal, Provincial or Territorial Crown;
- iii. a person occupying the position of Chief Medical Officer of Health (or similar position) of a Province, Territory or Municipality;
- iv. the World Health Organisation;
- v. the Center for Disease Control/Centre for Disease Control of Canada or any Canadian Province or Territory;
- vi. the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; or of the United States of America and any American State or Territory.

For purposes of this Endorsement, disease or contagion so designated shall include:

- i. any derivative, mutation or variation of the disease or contagion;
- ii. any fear or threat of the spread of the disease or contagion;
- iii. any failure to prevent, contain or eradicate the disease or contagion.

For purposes of greater clarity the following are diseases or contagion that are excluded pursuant to this endorsement:

- i. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19);
- ii. Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2);
- iii. Ebola;
- iv. Avian Influenza (Avian Bird Flu); and,
- v. Legionella (Legionnaire's Disease).

6.7 Other

Insurance coverage and subsequent payments are not always easily determined in advance as all incidents are reviewed by the insurance company's adjusters and underwriters, NOT by the SRA.

Coaches and tournament directors in particular should be familiar with their role in risk management, including safety, certification, and possible negligence.