



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION (ACA)

POLICY TYPE: Memberships
POLICY TITLE: *Membership Classifications*
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Purpose:

The Board, pursuant to authority granted to it under Article V of the ACA Bylaws, hereby adopts this policy to set forth the membership classifications of the Association.

Membership Classifications:

The following membership options and benefits are available as approved by the ACA Board of Directors. Membership types are numbered below, with corresponding sub-designations described for each membership type.

1) Individual

After choosing Individual as your ACA membership type, you will then be prompted to choose what style of membership. There is a tiered structure with corresponding [benefits](#). There is also an annual, auto-renewal option for an Individual membership.

- Individual* - \$40
- Bronze Paddle - \$125
- Silver Paddle - \$250
- Gold Paddle - \$500
- Green Paddle - \$1,000
- Introductory^ - \$15

*If you are over 62, a senior discount (\$15) will be applied on the final registration page

*If you are a student under 23, a discount (\$15) will be applied on the final registration page

*Individual members may choose a sub-designation of athlete, coach, or official.

^Introductory Membership notes: no voting privileges; one-time, 6 month membership; valid for Assessment Courses; not valid for Instructor Certification Workshops

2) Family - \$60

This membership type is for a family unit, consisting of two adults and their children under the age of 18. Each family member will have their own ACA number and membership, but they will

be linked together under the Family membership type. The head of household should submit this registration process. You will be able to add another adult and children at the final step in the registration process via a link on the confirmation / thank you page. There is also an annual auto-renewal option for a Family membership.

3) PAC Individuals and Families

The following membership options are available if you belong to a paddling club who is currently registered as an ACA Paddle America Club (PAC).

Paddle America Club: Individual

If you are a member of a PAC, you can join the ACA at a discount under this membership type. During the registration process, you will be prompted to select the name of your club from a drop down menu.

- PAC Individual - \$30

Paddle America Club: Family

If you are a member of a PAC, your family can join the ACA at a discount under this membership type. This is for a family unit, consisting of two adults and their children under the age of 18. Each family member will have their own ACA number and membership, but they will be linked together under the PAC Family membership type. During the registration process, you will be prompted to select the name of your club from a drop down menu.

- PAC Family - \$40

4) Racing Athletes, Racing Families, Coaches & Officials

The following membership options are available if you choose this membership type. By selecting this membership type, you will be able to choose to be affiliated with one of the following competitive ICF or IVF disciplines. An individual may only be affiliated with one competitive discipline.

- Whitewater Slalom
- Flatwater Sprint
- Paracanoe
- Canoe Polo
- Marathon
- Surfski / Ocean Racing
- Dragon Boat
- Wildwater
- Freestyle
- Outrigger

After choosing Racing Athletes, Racing Families, Coaches & Officials as your ACA membership type, you will then be prompted to choose what style of membership. There is a tiered structure

with corresponding [benefits](#). There is also an annual, auto-renewal option for these membership options.

- Racing Individual* - \$55
- Racing Family - \$75
- Racing Junior - \$25

*If you are over 62, a senior discount (\$15) will be applied on the final registration page

*If you are a student under 23, a discount (\$15) will be applied on the final registration page

Racing Individual

If you are a member of a Paddle America Club (PAC), you can join the ACA at a discount under this membership type. During the registration process, you will be prompted to select the name of your club from a drop down menu. The discount will be applied on the final payment screen during the registration process.

If you are not part of a PAC, you should choose Independent from the drop down menu during the registration process.

During the registration process, you will also be able to select: athlete, coach, official or volunteer

Racing Family

If you are a member of a Paddle America Club(PAC), your family can join the ACA at a discount under this membership type. This is for a family unit, consisting of two adults and their children under the age of 18. Each family member will have their own ACA number and membership, but they will be linked together under the Racing Family membership type. The head of household should submit this registration process. You will be able to add another adult and children at the final step in the registration process via a link on the confirmation / thank you page. During the registration process, you will be prompted to select the name of your club from a drop down menu.

If you are not part of a PAC, you should choose Independent from the drop down menu during the registration process.

Racing Junior

This individual membership type is for Junior athletes under 18 years of age. During the registration process, you will be prompted to select the name of your club from a drop down menu. If you are not part of a PAC, you should choose Independent from the drop down menu during the registration process.

5) Clubs and Organizations

The following membership options are available if you choose this membership type.

Affiliate

This membership type is for all organizations, including retailers and manufacturers, who wish to affiliate with the ACA. There is a tiered structure with corresponding [benefits](#):

- Affiliate Member - \$125

- Green Affiliate - \$500
- Paddlesports Partner - \$1,000
- Waterways Partner - \$2,500
- Supporting Partner - \$5,000
- Sustaining Partner - \$10,000
- Paddlesports Premier Partner - \$25,000

Paddle America Club

This is the nation's premier status for paddling clubs. This membership type is for the club. The club President or their designee (the primary club contact person) should fill out the registration form to join as a new PAC or renew their club's dues. There is a tiered dues structure based on club membership numbers. PAC status allows individual club members and families to receive reduced ACA membership dues. PAC status also allows the club to use ACA insurance for a range of events. PAC benefits.

- 0 - 49 Club Members - \$100
- 50 - 99 Club Members - \$150
- 100+ Club Members - \$225

Outfitter, Livery & Guide

This membership type is designed exclusively for outfitters, liveries and guides (OLG). One of the many benefits of this membership type is that by meeting certain criteria, OLG members will be eligible for discounted pricing on various insurance policies. From basic protection to complex and unique risks, the ACA endorsed insurance program is proud to offer the protection outfitters, liveries and guides need.

- OLG Member - \$125

Pro School

This membership type is for organizations centered around education and instruction. They must have continually operated as a paddlesports school for a minimum of 4 consecutive years, comply with paddlesports best practices, have the appropriate ACA Instructor certifications for lead staff, and offer a discount to ACA members on certain programs. There is a tiered structure with corresponding benefits.

- Pro School - \$500
- Pro School - \$750
- Pro School - \$1,000

6) Instructor

If you are interested in becoming a certified ACA Instructor, please choose one of the various individual or family membership types (except the Introductory membership). Upon successful

completion of your Instructor Certification Workshop (ICW), the National Office will then transition your currently selected membership type to the Instructor membership type. Upon becoming certified as an ACA Instructor, there is an additional Safety Education & Instruction Council (SEIC) dues payment of \$25.

Revisions:

Revisions to this policy shall be executed and be approved by the Board of Directors. All revisions must be consistent with the prevailing ACA Bylaws. The ACA Secretary shall maintain historical versions of this document.

Revision History		
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0	Original document - waiting USOC and ACA approval	8/23/2017