

MUAYTHAI ONTARIO

Muaythai Ontario

Membership Policy

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INTRODUCTION

This document details the process for becoming a Muaythai Ontario member, the benefits of that membership, and maintaining their membership over time. This document expands on the information found in MTO's approved Bylaws.

CLASS OF MEMBERS

Class A – Voting

- **Voting Members**

- a. Conditions: Membership through election.
- b. Duration: Indefinite, but subject to termination in accordance with the Corporate Policy.
- c. Termination: By Director or Voting Member resolution; may be summarily terminated for violation of MTO's Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct for Members, or any other Corporate Policy.
- d. Privileges: May cast one vote on any member's resolution. May call a special members' meeting. May attend the annual general meeting.

Class B – Non Voting

- **Lifetime Members**

- a. Description: An honorary membership provided in recognition contributions and accomplishments that contribute to the success of Muaythai Ontario's mission.
- b. Conditions: Membership through election.
- c. Duration: Indefinite, but subject to termination in accordance with the Corporate Policy.
- d. Termination: Same as Voting Member.
- e. Privileges: May participate as an Athlete, Coach, Corner, or Official provided role-specific requirements are met in accordance with the Corporate Policy.

- **Competitive Members**

- a. Description: Membership for individuals actively involved in Muaythai competition, be they athletes, coaches, corners, or officials.
- b. Conditions: Complete annual membership form and pay membership fee.
- c. Duration: Annual; subject to renewal and termination in accordance with the Corporate Policy.
- d. Termination: Upon membership expiry; same as Voting Member.
- e. Privileges: Same as Lifetime Member, above.

- **Recreational Members**

- a. Description: Membership for individuals not actively involved in competition (e.g. club members).
- b. Conditions: Complete annual membership form and pay membership fee.
- c. Duration: Annual; subject to renewal and termination in accordance with the Corporate Policy.
- d. Termination: Upon membership expiry; same as Voting Member.

- **Club Members**

- a. Description: Membership for clubs, schools, and gyms.
- b. Conditions: Complete annual membership form and pay membership fee.
- c. Duration: Annual; subject to renewal and termination in accordance with the Corporate Policy.
- d. Termination: Upon membership expiry; same as Voting Member.
- e. Privileges: Host Muaythai Ontario sanctioned events, affiliated Active Members may compete or Coach in MTO sanctioned events.



- **Promoter Members**
 - a. Description: Memberships for corporations whose primary purpose is to host competitive events.
 - b. Conditions: Complete annual membership form and pay membership fee.
 - c. Duration: Annual; subject to renewal and termination in accordance with the Corporate Policy.
 - d. Termination: Upon membership expiry; same as Voting Member.
 - e. Privileges: Host Muaythai Ontario sanctioned events.

A membership is not transferable and automatically terminates if the Member resigns or such Membership is otherwise terminated in accordance with the Act and the Corporate Policy.

COMPETITIVE MEMBERS

Once an individual member's respective club is registered, member themselves must register with MTO to gain access to competitions, programs, seminars and support tools that are made available throughout the year. There are multiple components to the individual membership, but only one fee for the fiscal year. With this membership, the athlete can participate within MTO as an athlete, corner, coach and/or official. Membership with MTO is annual and lasts until December 31st of the current year of registration.

Example 1: An athlete registers with MTO on November 1st, 2019. Their membership expires on December 31st, 2019.

Example 2: An athlete registers with MTO on February 1st, 2019. Their membership expires on December 31st, 2019.

To register under MTO, the individual must attest to their understanding of the MTO Rules and Regulations, Medical Handbook, and Code of Conduct. In addition, the individual must provide their contact information, current photograph and annual membership payment through the online registration form on MTO's website.

ATHLETES

As an athlete, the individual can be selected for competition by clubs and promoters, participate in Provincial and National Tournaments, and participate in seminars offered by the MTO community. As an athlete, it is required that an annual medical declaration form be filled out, in addition to a listing of competitive history.

COACHES

As a coach, the individual must complete the Level I Coach Course. Each athlete must have at least 1 MTO registered coach in their corner during the duration of a competition. The course is required to ensure that the coach has a basic level of understanding of how MTO operates and how to care for their athletes. Please refer to the "MTO Screening Policy" for further requirements associated with coaches.

CORNERS

As a corner, the individual is not required to partake in the Coach Course, however, corners are required to assist the coach in preparing and tending to the athlete throughout the competition.

OFFICIALS

As an official, which includes the roles of a judge and/or referee, the individual must complete the Level I Official's Seminar. MTO officials are compensated for their time and required to attend a training course to familiarize themselves with the rules, regulations and techniques used. As an official, the individual is entrusted with the safety of the athletes and ensure that all rules and regulations are abided by.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE

FEE DECISIONING

Muaythai Ontario's membership fee is set to be competitive and reasonable compared to other combative sport organizations and sufficient to support the forecasted cost of service delivery for the coming year.

Muaythai Ontario will perform an annual review of all fees levied for membership to ensure that they are in line with

- The benefits provided to the membership;
- The costs of providing the services; and
- The industry standard for the type of services provided.

Muaythai Ontario's goal is to keep the barrier to entry to participation as low as possible, and will explore other sources of funding before implementing an increase to membership fees.

NOTICE ON FEE CHANGES

Notice of any proposed fee changes will be provided alongside notice of the AGM. Changes to fees will occur only if approved by the Board at the Annual General Meeting and the new fee structure will be effective the next renewal date, March 1.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES

COMPETITIVE MEMBERS: \$40 per annum

CLUB MEMBERS: \$200 per annum

PROMOTER MEMBERS: \$100 per annum

MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP

To maintain the benefits of membership, each calendar year a member must attest to their understanding of the MTO Rules and Regulations, Medical Handbook, and Code of Conduct. In addition, the member must complete their online annual registration form and payment.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Upon 15 days' written notice to a Member, the Board may pass a resolution authorizing disciplinary action or the termination of Membership for violating any provision of the articles or By-laws in accordance with the Disciplinary Policy.

- The notice shall set out the reasons for the disciplinary action or termination of Membership;
- The Member receiving the notice shall be entitled to give the Board a written submission opposing the disciplinary action or termination not less than 5 days before the end of the 15-day period; and
- The Board shall consider the written submission of the Member before making a final decision regarding disciplinary action or termination of Membership.