

MEMBERSHIP POLICY ONTARIO TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (OTTA)

Categories of Membership

1. Categories – The Corporation (OTTA) has two (2) categories of membership:
 - a) Member Club
 - b) Individual Member

Qualifications for Membership

2. Member Club – A table tennis club that has a minimum of four (4) Individual Members, that has bylaws or policies that are consistent with those of the OTTA and that has paid its membership dues.
3. Individual Member
 - a. Recreational member - Individual athlete, coach or volunteer engaged in Corporation or Members Club programs following the Fit for Life Long Term Athlete Development Model
 - b. Provincial Competitive Athlete - Individual Member athlete who are competing in the Corporation-sanctioned events.
 - c. High Performance Athlete - Individual Member athletes who are registered with a Member Club and recognized by the Corporation as: Elite, International, Continental, National, Provincial ON1, Provincial ON2 and Club ON3. Only High-Performance Athletes are eligible to represent the province of Ontario at the Canadian Championships and any other events organized by Table Tennis Canada. High Performance Athlete implements the Corporation approved and recommended program (competition and training plan) in pursuit of excellence
 - d. High Performance Coach - Individual Member who are 18 years old or older, who have been recognized by the Corporation as an active coach of High Performance Athlete
 - e. Official or Competition Manager – Individual Member who is umpire, referee or competition manager who have been recognized by the Corporation as an active organizer of the Corporation sanctioned events.
4. At the time of registration Member Club will define one or more scopes of activities:
 - a. Recreational - offering table tennis courts to its members for recreational use and organizing recreational programs.
 - b. High Performance Centre – providing OTTA approved high performance programs.
 - c. Tournament organization - organizing OTTA sanctioned competitions.
 - d. Special programs - providing programs targeting certain groups like para athletes, seniors only, women, low income or other.Following information are to be published at the OTTA webpage dedicated to club:
 - i. Recognized Scope of Activities (approved by Board of Directors)
 - ii. Address of the venue
 - iii. Contact email, phone and name of the person in charge
 - iv. Days and time of service
 - v. Number of available table tennis courts
 - vi. List of club's certified coaches (only for High Performance Centers)
 - vii. List of athletes attending High Performance group lessons including weekly training time commitment



viii. List of tournaments organized in last year where all tournaments will be classified as

1. International
2. National
3. Provincial
4. Regional level or
5. House Leagues

Note: Club will be recognized as Tournament Organizer after organizing its first sanctioned events with a minimum of 16 players attending or running one House League with minimum six teams.

ix. Type of Special programs (if any and approved by the Board.

5. At the time of registration Individual Member can select following roles:

a. Recreational registrant

- i. An individual who is involved in OTTA or Member Club recreational activities
- ii. Member Club is responsible for registration and report to the OTTA of all recreational individual members.

b. Provincial Competitive registrant - An athlete who takes part in sanctioned events organized by the OTTA.

c. High Performance Athlete

- i. An individual who is registered as an athlete
 1. with a Member Club recognized by the Board to deliver High Performance Program (High Performance Centers) and maintain active presence at sanctioned events, or
 2. as an individual that has yearly annual plan approved by the OTTA.

ii. High Performance Athletes must have an annual periodization plan authorized by the OTTA.

iii. High Performance Athletes will be given priority in selection processes

iv. Each High Performance Athlete will be assigned one of the following levels based on the criteria outlined in Appendix B:

1. Elite,
2. International,
3. Continental,
4. National,
5. Provincial ON1
6. Provincial ON2
7. Club ON3

for each of his/her age eligible categories.

v. To retain active status, an HP Athlete must attend a minimum of the following events in the last 12 months:

Youth athletes (U19, U17, U15, U13, U11, and U9)—20

Other athletes – 10.

vi. The OTTA Board may provide exceptions for athletes who are OTTA members but live outside of Ontario. Exceptions are subject to permission based on the submitted athlete's training and competing plans.

vii. The OTTA reserves the right to change HP memberships to Provincial Competitive for athletes participating in OTTA non-sanctioned events that are not part of their yearly plan.

d. High Performance Coach

- i. An individual who is registered as a coach with a Member Club recognized by the OTTA to deliver High Performance Program and maintain active presence at sanctioned events.



- ii. Each High Performance Coach will be required to upload a valid Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check during registration.
 - iii. Each High Performance Coach will be assigned by the Board one of the following levels based on the criteria outlined in Appendix C:
 - 1. International,
 - 2. Continental,
 - 3. National,
 - 4. Provincial or
 - 5. Club
 - iv. The OTTA reserves the right to terminate HP memberships to for coaches participating in OTTA non-sanctioned events that are not part of their yearly periodization plan.
- e. Official
 - i. An individual who is registered as an Umpire, Referee or Competition Manager recognized by the OTTA to officiate at sanctioned events and maintain active presence at sanctioned events.
 - ii. Each Umpire and Referee will be assigned by the Board one of the following levels based on the certification recognized by the TTCAN (International and National) and the OTTA (Provincial and Club):
 - 1. International,
 - 2. National,
 - 3. Provincial or
 - 4. Club.
 - iii. Criteria for reaching umpires or referee's level are determined by the certification status and participation at sanctioned events. The OTTA's will publish requirements for required activities for each official's level on the OTTA official website.
 - iv. The OTTA reserves the right to terminate official memberships for officials participating in OTTA non-sanctioned events.

Membership Dues

- 6. Membership year
 - a. Member Club membership year will be from April 1st to March 31st except for Member Clubs that are offering High Performance program.
 - b. Member Club that is offering High Performance Program membership year will be from September 1st to August 31st.
 - c. Individual Member
 - i. Provincial Competitive registrant membership year will be one year from the date of registration.
 - ii. Officials' and Recreational registrant membership year will be from April 1st to March 31st
 - iii. High Performance Athletes and Coaches membership year will be from September 1st to August 31st.
- 7. Dues – Membership dues will be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

Member Clubs with High Performance Programs – High Performance Centres

- 8. Members Clubs with High Performance Programs will be recognized by the OTTA Board as
 - a. Podium High Performance Centre
 - b. Provincial High Performance Centre or
 - c. Club High Performance Center.
- 9. Criteria for Members Club with High Performance Programs classification is specified in Annex A.
- 10. High Performance Athlete can change Member Club's affiliation only according to the OTTA Athlete's Transfer Policy.



11. High Performance Athletes who are members of recognized High Performance Centers will be given priority if the OTTA offers athlete support.

Withdrawal and Termination of Membership

12. Resignation – A Member may resign from the OTTA by giving a written notice to the Board. The Member resignation will become effective the date on which the request is approved by the Board.
13. May Not Resign – A Member may not resign from the OTTA when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action of the OTTA.
14. Arrears - A Member will be expelled from the OTTA for failing to pay membership dues by the date of registration the first day of the fiscal year.
15. Discipline – A Member may be suspended or expelled from the OTTA in accordance with the OTTA's policies and procedures relating to discipline of Members.
16. Cease to be a Member – Any Member will cease to be a Member upon failing to continue to be qualified, and in the case of a Member Club, its dissolution or winding up of affairs or bankruptcy.
17. The OTTA keeps the right to modify or terminate memberships for Members Clubs or individuals that engage in OTTA non-sanctioned activities.

Members' meetings, Voting Rights and Good Standing

18. Members' meetings, Voting Rights and Good Standing are defined in the OTTA's By-Laws.

Appendix A

High Performance Centers

MEMBER CLUBS – HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTERS

1. According to point 4. of the Membership Policy, Member Clubs must notify the OTTA at the time of registration that the High Performance Program is one of the programs available to their members.
2. The OTTA Board will recognize Member Club as High Performance Center based on following criteria:

	Number of athletes			Coaches	Planning
	National level or higher	Provincial level or higher	Aspiring level or higher		
Podium High Performance Center	6			At least one National or higher level coach	Annual plan for all HP athletes with Provincial and higher level
Provincial High Performance Center		4		At least one Provincial or higher level coach	
Club with High Performance Program			4	At least one Club or higher level coach	

3. Each Member Clubs recognized as a High Performance Centers has the following obligations:
 - a. to send their athletes and coaches to competitions and training camp organized by the OTTA according to each athlete yearly plan.
 - b. to communicate and coordinate activities with the OTTA.
 - c. to purchase and wear Ontario Team uniforms at National level events (Canadian Championships and Selection Tournaments)



Appendix B

Ontario Ranking List

1. The OTTA will publish ranking list based on the results achieved by their High Performance and Provincial Competitive Athletes at International events sanctioned by the International Table Tennis Federation, National events sanctioned by the Table Tennis Canada and Provincial events sanctioned by the OTTA.
2. List will include results from all events listed in point 1. organized in last 12 months. Exceptions are events that are traditionally organized every four, three or two years. Such events will contribute to the ranking points for maximum of four, three or two years where its weight factor changes each calendar year.
3. For each event and each achieved result, athlete will be awarded event's points and level points.
4. Total number of points will be the sum of events' points achieved at all participated events plus the highest level points achieved of all participated events.
5. Athletes eligible to play more than one category will receive ranking points that represent the sum of events' points of all eligible events plus the highest level points achieved of all participated events.
6. Points table and Ontario Ranking List will be published on the OTTA website.



Appendix C

High Performance Coaches' level recognition criteria

Coach's Level	Achieved results	Minimum activities in last 12 months	Coaching certification: (minimum)
Elite	At least one Elite level HP athlete and not less than 4 HP athletes	At least 10 events in total; at least 1 provincial event	Coaching Development
	Podium results at Olympic Games, World Championships or World Cup (any age category and representing any team, not exclusively Canadian)	At least one event as a Provincial or National Team Coach or active at Provincial training camps or activities	
International	At least one International level HP athlete and not less than 4 HP athletes	At least 10 events in total; at least 2 provincial events	
	Podium results at PanAmerican Games, Pan American Championships or Commonwealth Games (any age category; representing Canada) in last 4 years)		
Continental	At least one Continental level HP athlete and not less than 4 HP athletes	At least 20 events in total; at least 8 provincial event	
National	At least one National level HP athlete and not less than 4 HP athletes	At least 20 events in total; at least 12 provincial event	Introduction to Competition
Provincial	At least two Provincial level HP athletes and not less than 4 HP athletes	At least 20 provincial and regional events in total	
Club	At least 4 Club level HP athletes and not less than 4 HP athletes		

