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# CANOEKAYAK BC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member of CanoeKayak BC you are also a member of the CanoeKayak Canada.

CanoeKayak BC is a provincial non-profit organization.

We are committed to promoting and developing CanoeKayak by encouraging participation, growth and personal success for everyone.

We want British Columbians to enjoy CanoeKayak, as active participants and spectators.

We care about our coaches and value their leadership in developing competitive athletes.

We want our athletes to succeed at their chosen level, both in sport and in life.

We appreciate all of our CKBC volunteers with whom CanoeKayak BC would not exist.

We will do our best to ensure the viability, stability, growth and well being of all Member clubs.

Our members are our greatest resource.

## **CanoeKayak BC is responsible for:**

- Working in partnership with our member clubs on major provincial and national events
- Acting as a resource centre for canoeing in BC
- Coordinating opportunities for athletes to improve their skills through training camps and trials
- Coordinating occasions for coaches and officials to improve their skills through workshops and educational opportunities
- Facilitating volunteer committees
- Maintaining a strong relationship with the provincial governments, Sport Branch, LegaciesNow and Sport BC

## **CanoeKayak BC Services:**

**Athlete Handbook** . CanoeKayak BC publishes annually a handbook that is distributed to all registered competitive families. This handbook contains high performance selection criteria, testing protocol and funding criteria for the ensuing year.

**Athlete Assistance Program** . Funding is provided annually to qualifying high performance athletes in both Sprint and Whitewater disciplines through this program.

**Awards and Recognition** . CanoeKayak BC has a growing list of awards and honors for its athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. Additionally CanoeKayak BC nominates members for awards outside of CKBC such as Sport BC, Premiers Sport Awards and CKC Awards.

**Communication** . CKBC publishes a regular newsletter.

**Competitions and Championships** . CKBC coordinates a full calendar of sanctioned events for all registered members. CanoeKayak BC coordinates annual Provincial Championships and sanctions provincial club competitions following Long Term Athlete Development Principles.

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CanoeKayak BC provides subsidies to all eligible athletes attending the National Championships and strategic identified high performance competitive initiatives.

## **Education:**

**Coaching Certification** . CanoeKayak BC delivers NCCP technical programs at the CanoeKids and Entry Level Competitive Coach level, facilitates the delivery of the necessary Comp A and Comp B theory modules and provides evaluation opportunities for coaches to achieve certified status.

Through our partnership with PacificSport and CanoeKayak Canada many additional coaching education opportunities are available. Our coaches have the opportunities to be the best they can be!

**Officials Certification** . CanoeKayak BC delivers the National Officials certification courses. By preparing our officials to be their best we allow our athletes to compete in an environment of consistency and fair play.

**Club Management** . CanoeKayak BC aims to provide clubs with tools and information to better their operations.

**Insurance** . All registered clubs receive Directors and Officers coverage as well as coverage for all registered members. Competitive members have liability and accident coverage for their related training activities. Out of country coverage is available at a minimal cost.

Equipment insurance may be available for those clubs not having a large enough inventory to make a minimum premium on their own.

**Multisport Games** . CanoeKayak is represented in BC Games, Western Canada Games and Canada Summer Games Programs. As such eligible identified athletes have a multitude of sport science and coaching education opportunities. Athletes named to these teams have the opportunity to participate in an experience of a lifetime and receive external school credits.

**PacificSport** . CanoeKayak BC is a targeted sport in the Integrated Performance System of delivery through PacificSport. PacificSport stands for athlete services, coaching excellence and sport development. These areas of focus are reflected in the Three Waves which underscore PacificSport's commitment to creating a dynamic environment for sport excellence at all levels. PacificSport contributes significantly to the salaries of our Regional Centre Coaches and our Provincial Coach.

**Recreational Programs** . Programs such as CanoeKids, the Community Youth Racing Program and H2O Go (the School Dragonboat Program) have been developed for clubs to implement as an opportunity to increase participation within our clubs.

**Safety** . CanoeKayak BC is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants. All clubs are required to follow the Code of Safety that has been developed by the CanoeKayak Canada to insure proper risk management. Copies are available for download from [www.canoekayak.ca](http://www.canoekayak.ca).

**School** - CanoeKayak BC is involved with the Ministry of Education in the External Sport Credit Program. Registered competitive athletes in Sprint, Whitewater and Dragon Boat have the opportunity to earn Athlete credits for Grades 10, 11 and 12 when criteria have been met. Programs also exist to receive credit for Official and Coach.

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**Sport BC** . CanoeKayak BC is a full member of Sport BC. Sport BC is a voice of amateur sport, advocating for increased participation in physical activity and striving towards excellence in all levels of competition. As a member CanoeKayak BC has access to a number of services to improve the quality of our members experiences. Among these services is the ability to provide tax receipts for undirected donations to member programs.

**SportsFunder Youth Travel Grant** . Registered competitive youth under the age of 18 years of age are eligible to apply to CanoeKayak BC for within province travel assistance for identified competitions and camps.

**Website** . [www.canoekayakbc.ca](http://www.canoekayakbc.ca) is CanoeKayak BC's homepage. This site contains up-to-date information and information on upcoming events. Your club can be linked to the website.