

OAWA Registration Report 2026

Thanks to everyone for allowing me to be part of the registration process. The club appreciates your ongoing support.

This year we have 2169 members a slight increase. We are still struggling in recruiting female wrestlers to join. This is especially in the senior and youth groups. I feel The OAWA needs to address this as the sport is booming in the south. I know we are always open to suggestions.

I know some people are still struggling with the technology side of the system, but overall it seems to be working better. Most issues seem to be user error. The most common is multiple registration with different e mails. I need to discuss this with Uplift on the best way to clean them up. Note I cannot touch your personal information.

Clubs a reminder you must register each year. I also would like to recommend an actual club fee to register with the OAWA. I know this is not a welcome thought, but it could stop all the none wrestling clubs from registering with no members. This could be discussed at the agm.

This year we have done many more verifications and included other provincial verifications to keep it fair to our members. When using the uplift system to automatically verify events worked well and was a time saver on large events. In almost every event we have the same issue of people not registering until the last second or not at all. This is time consuming as we have to notify the clubs, the club notifies the athlete, then we wait for them to register. We have started a 5pm day before deadline to be registered. This will be enforced strictly next season. Note the notification is a courtesy not a must from the OAWA.

The recreational membership has not been widely used. I think it is a useful process and we should keep it part of our registration. Maybe we advertise it a bit more.

One day memberships have been up this year. To use this we need the convenors to advertise it with their registration. To be sanctioned with OAWA all members participating must be members of OAWA. The other sanctioning boards are OFSSA (High School) and OUA (University). My question to OAWA to answer moving forward, If these events are not co-sanctioned can Athletes not part of the high school or university team participate. Do these groups cover the Officials insurance for these events.

I will start a rumor as this is not official, but maybe we should have a plan in place if it happens. WCL is considering making all OAWA members have WCL license (safe sport fee). This would include all our youth wrestlers, High school and University wrestlers

that want to just do open events in Ontario, coaches that do not want to do national events and officials who just ref in Ontario.

Looking forward to working with everyone in the future.

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