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Individuals, regardless of their primary **member type** (athlete, coach, referee, volunteer, alumni) must pick the proper **classification** (competitive, Recreational, Associate, Introduction). This allows Ontario Water Polo to better track, analyze and report on the numbers of member types and the activities on each member type.

Athletes

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| Competitive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competes at Provincial championships, provincial teams, domestic and international events • Competes at National Championships or on a national team. |
| Recreational | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in training, lessons, scrimmages or any other water polo activity within a member club. • Participates in OWP sanctioned Recreational events, leagues or inter club friendly matches |
| Associate
<small>(only for members of an Affiliate club)</small> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An athlete who registers as an Associate can ONLY be a member of an affiliate club or organization. • No OWP/WPC insurance coverage provided. • Can only participate in an OWP sanctioned event only when playing for their affiliate club/team. • When participating at an OWP sanctioned event the athlete must follow the rules and abide by the OWP code of conduct and Behaviour Standards at all Ontario Water Polo Events and Activities |

Coaches

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| Competitive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches at National Championships or on a national team. • Coaches at Provincial championships, provincial teams, sanctioned domestic and international events |
| Recreational | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is active coaching during club workouts, house leagues, OWP recreational events or inter-club friendly matches |
| Associate
<small>(only for members of an Affiliate club)</small> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An coach who registers as an Associate can only be a member of an affiliate club or organization. • No OWP/WPC insurance coverage provided. • Can only participate in an OWP sanctioned event only when active with their affiliate club/team. • When participating at an OWP sanctioned event the athlete must follow the rules and abide by the OWP code of conduct and Behaviour Standards at all Ontario Water Polo Events and Activities |

Referees

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| Competitive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Referee is active at or with National Championships or on a national team • A Referee is active at or with Provincial championships, provincial teams, sanctioned domestic and international events |
| Recreational | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Referee that is active with in house scrimmages, club house leagues or casual club friendly games must be registered with the OWP as a Recreational or competitive member. |
| Associate
<small>(only for members of an Affiliate club)</small> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No OWP/WPC insurance coverage provided. • Can NOT participate in any OWP sanctioned events or club scrimmages. |

Associate Classification Membership Types

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| Volunteers
<small>(Includes parents, other family members, etc..)</small> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only volunteers of Full Service or Recreational clubs are protected by the OWP/WPC General liability, directors insurance and sport accident insurance policy. • Volunteers include all board and committee members, minor officials, tournament directors + helpers and anyone else who performs a role or service for the club/team. • If the volunteer is active as a coach or athlete they must be registered as a recreational or competitive member. |
| Alumni | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An alumni or friend of water polo can become a member of a OWP club or affiliate. No insurance coverage provided. • OWP full service and recreational member clubs can request insurance coverage for special events (i.e. Alumni games, socials, etc...) |
| Staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only staff of Full Service or Recreational clubs are protected by the OWP/WPC General liability, directors insurance and sport accident insurance policy. • Any staff (employee) of the club who primary role is not a coach, official or Athlete. |

ACTIVITIES WITH AN AFFILIATE CLUB

Competitive or Recreation individual membership with OWP/WPC only provides insurance coverage when you are participating in an OWP water polo activity with a full service or recreational club. Activities can include water polo training, supervised dryland training, sanctioned events, club house leagues and other approved club events with a certified coach who is an active member of OWP.

When an individual with a competitive or recreational membership with the OWP participates in activities with an OWP affiliate club OR with a non-member organization the OWP/WPC insurance coverage will NOT be in affect. (ie. When a Hamilton athlete is participating in the Hamilton High School league the OWP insurance is not in affect. The OWP/WPC insurance is only in affect when participating with OWP full service or recreational clubs, Ontario provincial teams/programs or Canadian National team/programs.