

Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association

Membership Policy

PURPOSE

Membership is available to any individual, club or organization who wishes to participate in, and promote the growth and goals of Martial Arts defined by the Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association (SMAA) as outlined in their constitution.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Guidelines for membership application:

- Applying club must be recommended by a current SMAA member.
- Applying clubs must have a Black Belt Instructor (Black Belt or equivalent certification must be supplied at time of application)
- Applying clubs must have been operation in one location in Saskatchewan for a minimum of one year prior to application.
- Applications must include a 'non-refundable' application fee of \$100. (Successful applicants will have the application fee applied to their first annual membership fees.)
- Applying clubs must provide the following:
 1. Written statement of why they want to become a SMAA member
 2. Background of Club and Instructors
 3. Current Membership (Numbers only – male/female and age groups – no personal information)
 4. A declaration from the applicant that they will abide by all SMAA regulations and rules.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

Membership applications shall be reviewed by the SMAA Executive and a recommendation for acceptance/rejection of membership will be made to the SMAA Board of Directors for approval.

Applicants will be advised in writing, by the SMAA Board of Directors, of any decisions made regarding membership applications, in a timely manner.

New members shall be placed on a one year probation period, beginning the date of receipt of initial membership fees, in which the club must adhere to all SMAA rules and regulations. Failure to comply may result in termination of membership.

All new members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of a full SMAA member including;

- voting rights at the SMAA annual and general meetings
- right to compete at SMAA sanctioned events and qualify to compete at the SMAA provincial competition and become a part of the SMAA SaskFirst Team
- eligibility to make application for funding as outlined in the Membership Assistance Program Policy Guidelines (probationary members withstanding)

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FEES AND REGISTER

Membership fees are due at the start of each fiscal year, on April 1, and must be submitted along with the Annual Membership Renewal Form that forms part of this policy.

APPLICATION FEE:	\$100 (non-refundable)	
MEMBERSHIP FEES:	under 50 students	\$150
	51 - 100 students	\$250
	over 100 students	\$350

Unpaid Membership Fees will result in suspension of rights and privileges and membership will lapse after April 1 in each renewal year, after which time, a new application for membership (including a non-transferrable \$100 application fee) will be required for re-instatement.