



# Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association

<b>MEMBERSHIP POLICY</b>	
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## **POLICY STATEMENT**

This policy has been prepared for general informational purposes only. It is not intended to and should not constitute any medical or legal advice and does not contain any medical diagnoses, symptom assessments or medical opinions.

Any resident of Ontario, who is not legally prohibited from being in the vicinity of firearms and is a member in good standing of the ATA, can become a member of the Association.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any individual entry in the Association for cause.

A membership in the Corporation is not transferable and automatically terminates if the Member resigns or such membership is otherwise terminated in accordance with the Act. Becoming a Member of the Association is deemed confirmation that the individual will observe the By-laws and Rules of the Association and will be subject the Disciplinary proceedings for failing to fulfill this commitment.

Membership dues are payable annually with the amount being fixed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The OPTA submits an annual flat rate to the OCS. The fee is reviewed periodically and adjusted by the OCS's Board of Directors.

### **Affiliated Club Membership**

Any organized gun club in the Province of Ontario which has ten (10) or more members shall be eligible to become an Affiliated Member of the Association. Affiliated membership will allow the Club to hold Registered Shoots in the province on dates approved by the OPTA. To qualify for affiliated membership, the Club must:

- a. submit an application;
- b. be approved by:

- a. The Provincial Delegate to the ATA; and
- b. The President or Vice President and the Board of Directors of the OPTA; and,
- c. pay a fee consisting of an initiation fee of \$10.00 in the first year and dues of \$20.00 per year thereafter.

If an affiliated member fails to pay dues for a year, its affiliated membership will lapse and it must repeat the approval process. In that case, it will be re-assessed the initiation fee as well as the dues.

The initiation fee and dues can be changed at any time by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The duties of Affiliated Members are specified in Schedule D. Said duties may be periodically modified by majority vote of the Board of Directors to improve the efficiency, quality and safety of the Registered Shoot to competitors, trap staff, and spectators.

Affiliated Members have no voting privileges in the affairs of the Association.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any Club from becoming an Affiliated Member for cause.

The Board of Directors has the authority to conduct investigations or hearings relative to any complaints against any Club for failing to maintain a safe shooting environment, tolerating unsportsman like conduct, failure to pay fees, or violating the OPTA By-laws and discipline said Club in accordance with its findings.

The Secretary shall receive for each entrant (amateur, professional, resident, or non-resident) participating in a Registered Shoot in Ontario, the daily sum as approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors from time to time. It shall be this person's duty to collect and receive the daily fees and other assessments from the Club holding the Registered Shoot. All monies due to the Association are due at the close of the competition and the revenue becomes the property of the Association. Remittance shall be made to the Treasurer by Member Clubs immediately upon the close of each Registered Shoot.