

NIAGARA REGIONAL ATHLETICS - MEMBERSHIP PAGE

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Before registering, please read all the information below. If you are a NEW athlete, contact Wayne Rae (our president) at 289-289-228-2077. After following all the steps, go back to the TRACKIE link to complete your registration.

NEW ATHLETES ONLY: DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE CALLING WAYNE FIRST!!!

REGISTRATION POLICY

1. New athletes can join at any time of the year (if there is space available), but they must register for a minimum of 3 months. Registration options are 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 months.
2. ALL registrations must be renewed on January 1st of each year, to align with the **Athletics Ontario (A.O.)** and **Minor Track Association (MTA)** calendar year.
3. Please note that all our coaches are volunteers. Some of them may take a winter break, as well as a summer break. Dates and duration to be determined by each individual coach. Athletes can make arrangements to train with any of our other coaches if their coach is on a break and they wish to continue training.
4. A full refund minus a \$25 administration fee will be issued within the first 4 practices if, for any reason, the athlete does not wish to continue.
5. No refunds are permitted after the first 4 practices.
6. There is **NO** mandatory fundraising required by NRA registered athletes to participate in. However, if an athlete voluntarily chooses to procure a sponsorship, he/she may use the sponsorship letter found on our website to distribute to potential sponsors. Once a sponsorship has been obtained, please provide our Club with your sponsor's company logo. To acknowledge their contribution, we will post the company's logo on our website.

REGISTRATION STEPS (returning athletes may skip steps 1 - 3 and go straight to step 4)

1. NEW ATHLETES: contact **Wayne Rae**, our president, at **289-228-2077** or **wfrae@hotmail.com** to ensure availability of the program you're looking for.
2. If program is available, come out to observe one or more of our practices. Look for our registrars, **Tammy Bush**, **Tereza Rae** or **Mary Jo Palmateer** for further information on the registration process.
3. If possible, arrange a meeting with the potential coach (or coaches) to ensure suitability of the program to the athlete's skills and interests.
4. All **high school** aged athletes must register themselves each year with Athletics Ontario (A.O.), either under the 'ATHLETE' category (Competitive) or the 'NON-COMPETITIVE ATHLETE' category (Recreational) before being allowed to continue with their registration. When on the Trackie page, just click on the link to the A.O. page. Tammy, Tereza or Mary Jo will be able to explain the difference between 'competitive' and 'recreational'. Make sure you understand the difference, as there is a substantial difference in price, and it will be up to you to try to obtain a refund from Athletics Ontario should you make a mistake.
5. Niagara Regional Athletics will register all **elementary school** aged athletes with Minor Track Association (MTA). A yearly \$15 fee will be added to the membership price.
6. **Grade 7 and 8 athletes** have the option of also registering competitively with Athletics Ontario, in addition to competing at MTA meets. Check with your coach before doing so.

7. All competitive athletes must pay for their own meet fees.
Athletes must register themselves for meets directly with the meet organizer (through the meet's website). Please inform your coach when you register for a meet.
Once you have completed all the registration steps above and you are ready to become a member of Niagara Regional Athletics, go back to the Trackie page to complete your registration.