

## Membership Fees Policy

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### Policy Statement

The Fraser Valley Paddling Club (FVPC) is a Not for Profit Society that promotes health and fitness through recreational water sports at Harrison Lake, BC. The Society was incorporated November 26, 2001. The FVPC recognizes that its members are of the greatest value to the Society and make a significant contribution toward its governance and overall operations. It is important that a strong membership is encouraged and maintained in accordance with the Societies Act of British Columbia.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. All existing club members are required to complete a paper or online membership form and waiver form prior to entering any boat for paddling.
2. The membership year is the period of the current financial year commencing December 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. The cost of membership fees are determined annually by the Board of Directors of the Society.
4. All members will be notified 30 days prior to the commencement of the new fiscal year of the amount and due date for payment of the membership fee and any alteration to the cost of the membership.
5. OC Fees are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
6. Dragon boat fees are due by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
7. Team Captains and Managers are responsible for giving team lists to the FVPC Treasurer at the beginning of their season and updating if new additions come throughout the season.
8. Team Captains and Managers are responsible for assisting with ensuring that all members on their boat have registered and paid their club fees.

### PARTIAL SEASON & TEMPORARY MEMBERS (this does not apply to returning members)

1. Potential new members who have paddled 3 times shall either a) pay membership fees or b) resign their membership. The intention is to allow people new to the sport the opportunity to try paddling before registering. The “try 3 practices for free” does not apply to previous FVPC members.
2. New members who join the FVPC part-way through a season will be responsible for half of the membership fee.
  - a. OC half season date is June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Dragon Boat half season date is July 1<sup>st</sup>

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## JUNIOR MEMBERS

Junior members, being members between 10-18 years of age, will have a reduced rate of \$40 per year, to a maximum of \$80 per family (this maximum applies to Junior membership fees only). If this fee is a hardship for a junior member, please bring it to the attention of the Youth Program Director ([juniors@fvpc.ca](mailto:juniors@fvpc.ca)) for discussion with the Executive Board.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate members are full members at another paddling club, but wish to paddle with our club as well.

Associate members:

- May not hold a board position
- Are not eligible to vote
- Are not on FVPC's mailing list
- Must hold a full membership at another paddling club, to be confirmed by the treasurer
- Get a reduced rate at FVPC, to be determined when the budget and rates are set for the year
- Do not have access to club small boats

## STUDENTS

Upon the submission of a copy of registration, full time students will have a reduced rate of 50% of the regular paddling rate.

## REFUNDS

1. Refunds will not be permitted after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Refunds will not be permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances.
3. Refund requests shall be submitted to the FVPC Board of Directors for decision.