



WC Race Series Society – 2021 Operational Policies

***All participants must submit their WC Race Series Membership Forms and Fees before they will be registered for an event.**

Other Memberships included with WCRSS Membership:

BC Athletics Memberships are included for provincial level or higher competitive athletes and for all track & field athletes

WC Road Series and WC Track & Field Series:

Prior to each event/race an email notice will be distributed to Series members outlining event information. Individual athletes reply to this notice specifying whether they will register themselves or whether they wish the Series representative/coordinator to submit event registration information and fees.

If the athlete requests that the WCRS coordinator submit event registration fees and info on his/her behalf then the athlete, after reading the event waiver will specify whether the Series coordinator may tick the box to agree to the waiver.

The WCRSS will submit Road, Track & Field Series event registration information and fees as requested for all first year athletes and those returning athletes who have purchased the \$75 Registration Package. Returning athletes who do not choose the Registration Package are responsible for submitting their own event registration information and fees.

Athletes are responsible for the cost of any race shirts/souvenirs they choose to order that are not included in the event registration fees.

If an athlete withdraws from an event once registration monies have been submitted, he or she will be billed for any / all of non-refundable race registration fees incurred by the WCRSS. This includes all first year athletes and those returning athletes with the registration package.

For certain events the WCRS representative/coordinator will block off rooms at a hotel near the event. Athletes are free to book at other hotels without affecting their subsidy. Athletes are responsible for arranging their own flights/transportation.

Subsidies:

To claim subsidies, the athlete must submit an Athlete Subsidy Claim Form with all original receipts no later than 30 days after the applicable event. Individuals should keep a photocopy for their records.

The purpose of our subsidies is to offset expenses not otherwise funded by another organization or club. It is not intended to provide funding over and above expenses in the area of transportation, accommodation and event registration, should available funding from the organizations or clubs be in excess of eligible expenses.

There will be a subsidy cap of \$400 per annum for out of province athletes.

In order to receive subsidies, Series members are required to participate in Series Fundraising events and raise a minimum of \$100 per year. If a member does not raise this amount it will be deducted from Subsidy reimbursements.

It is the intention of the Series to offer 100% of these stated subsidies. These are by no means guaranteed. Subsidies are contingent on obtaining budgeted revenue.

Subsidies to be paid out to athletes in December of each year. Event Registration Fees are covered by WCRS for: First year athlete members of WC Road, Track & Field Series Returning athlete members of WC Road, Track & Field Series who choose the \$75 Registration Package Travel Subsidies: **Up to \$100** per Series event is offered to athletes toward: Mileage \$0.10/km for round trip travel greater than 60km to an event Two-way ferry costs when applicable OR **Up to \$150** per Series Event toward Air travel.

Accommodation Subsidies: (based on double athlete accommodation) **Up to \$75** per Series event is offered to athletes toward one night's accommodation OR **Up to \$150** per Series event is offered to athletes toward two night's accommodation for the following situations:

If the athlete's one way ground travel is greater than 400km OR 300km + ferry
For any 2 day Series events

Classification:

Athletes have the opportunity to be classified upon request within the sport of Wheelchair Athletics (a requirement for national and international level competition). This may initially be done by our provincial classifiers (as available) at the Spring Clinic or at a later date. Classification by a panel of International Classifiers will have to be done prior to National and International Events

- •First year athletes will be assigned a temporary class and category for participation in the WC Race Series.
- •For a description of Wheelchair Athletics Classification see www.wcraceseries.com

Points:

Each Series has a different points system. The point system and standard times are set at the beginning of the season. Points systems will be described fully on the WC Race Series website.

Road: Colour coded standard times are set for athletes based on classification and extent of experience Points are accumulated through the season based on athletes' race **finishing times / colour coded standard times**. The best 5 events are used in calculating the final points score. The overall top 3 finishers will be recognized at the end of the season.

Track: Awards per athlete classification are presented at each event by race organizers. End of season awards are offered to the top 3 athletes.

Field: a) The top three finishers of the combined seated field events (shot put, discus, javelin) will be awarded based on athlete's best 5 performances over all events. **b)** **Club Throw:** Top finisher for seated club throw will be awarded based on athlete's best three performances.

Results:

Results and Series standings will be available on the WC Race Series website www.wcraceseries.com

Code of Conduct:

All members of the WC Race Series will abide by the WC Race Series Society Codes of Conduct. A copy of the Codes of Conduct may be found at www.wcraceseries.com

Athletes should respect each other, officials, and organizers and in so doing set a standard of behavior that is a credit to all wheelchair athletes. ➤ Any athlete in violation of the Code of Conduct will be subject to BCWSA policies and procedures.

Equipment:

For new athletes, racing wheelchairs are available from the BC Wheelchair Sports Association loan program. Please call Matt McDonell, Operations and Fund Development Coordinator, at 604-333-3520 ext. 204 or email: coordinator@bcwheelchairsports.com for more information.

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