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Athletics Manitoba Fee Increase

Effective for the 2014/2015 season there will be a change in Athletics Manitoba membership fees, the changes are reflected in the table below.

Membership fees are due December 1, 2014 and memberships are valid through December 31, 2015.

Membership Type	2013/2014 Fees	Athletics Canada Increase	Athletics Manitoba Increase	2014/2015 Fees
Athlete (all categories)	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$70
Coach	\$15	\$10	\$0	\$25
Official	\$15	\$10	\$0	\$25
Road Runner	\$40	\$10	\$0	\$50

The Athletics Canada increase was unanimously passed by all member branches at the May 2014 Athletics Canada AGM. The increased revenue created will be used to eliminate self-funded national teams for athletes and coaches as well as provide enhanced services to road runners and race directors.

The Athletics Manitoba increase was unanimously approved at the June 2014 board meeting and the decision was made at that time to have the incoming Executive Director communicate this message to the membership. Donna Harris started on Monday, September 15, 2014. Section 2.3 of the Athletics Manitoba Bylaws allows for the board to make this decision.

Athletics Manitoba membership fees are among the cheapest within Sport Manitoba organizations and are the lowest among all provincial Athletics branches. Athletics Manitoba fees have not increased in 5 years.

The expectations laid out in the current Athletics Manitoba strategic plan require increased operating costs. Athletics Manitoba now has two full time office staff plus a full time provincial coach. In addition, there will be increased programming costs as there is a need for a well-developed high performance plan as well as outreach programming to rural areas, improved communication tools and improved partnerships with the road running community. Current programming will be maintained while new initiatives are being undertaken. The increased revenue collected from the increase in fees will be used to offset the increased costs of programming and operations.

Any questions regarding the fee increase can be directed to Donna Harris, Athletics Manitoba Executive Director at 204 925 5744 or by email at execdirector@athleticsmanitoba.com.