



Snapshot of some NSO membership and voting structures

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Tennis – Voting members are PSOs. Other associations and individuals may be members but do not vote.

Softball – PSOs and sitting directors are voting members. There are many other categories of members (players, coaches, officials, teams, leagues) that do not vote.

Swimming – there are 9 classes of members, where voting members are PSOs, specific interest groups (Canadian Swim Coaches and Teachers Association for example), and the country's Top 6 Swim Clubs. All other categories of members do not vote.

Golf – Clubs, Directors and Governors are voting members. Other members (not voting) are individual players in clubs, junior players, program players (green fee members who do not belong to a club), associate clubs (groups of golfers but not affiliated to a course) and life governors.

Athletics – PSOs are the voting members. Clubs and individuals are also considered members but without voting rights.

Lacrosse – PSOs and a small number of other associations are voting members.

Alpine – Members are clubs and non-competing individuals. However, at meetings of members, the Divisions (generally PSOs) carry and exercise the votes of the members within their boundaries based on number of skiers, number and size of clubs, and numbers of members of the CST (Canadian Ski Team).

Table Tennis – voting members are PSOs and other members are associates and individuals.

Baseball – Voting members are PSOs and the Officers. Other members are associated organizations and individuals active in the NSO including all former national team alumni.

Synchro – members are very broadly defined as all persons who attend the annual delegate congress including officials, coaches, athletes, members of PSO executives, other supporters. However, voting members are the PSOs and the two athlete representatives on the board.

Wheelchair Basketball – voting members are PSOs and directors. Many other categories of non-voting members exist, both organizations and individuals.

Rowing – there are 4 categories of voting members (clubs, PSOs, special rowing associations and elected officers). Clubs carry a weighted vote while all others carry one vote. There are also 8 categories of non-voting members encompassing both individuals and organizations.