



**LIFESAVING SOCIETY**

*The Lifeguarding Experts*

## **Affiliate Member Agreement**

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This agreement outlines the Lifesaving Society's expectations of its Affiliate Members and the services available to them.

### **The Lifesaving Society**

The Lifesaving Society is a full-service provider of programs, products and services designed to prevent drowning. We save lives and prevent water-related injury through our training programs, Water Smart<sup>®</sup> public education, drowning research, aquatic safety management and lifesaving sport.

We are a national volunteer organization and registered charity composed of ten provincial / territorial branches, tens of thousands of individual members, and over 4,000 affiliated swimming pools, waterfronts, schools and clubs.

The Lifesaving Society is a leader and partner in the delivery of water safety education throughout Canada and around the world. (The Society operates globally in over 25 countries.) We represent Canada in the Commonwealth Royal Life Saving Society and we are Canada's only Full Member in the International Life Saving Federation. The World Health Organization recognizes ILS as the world authority in the global effort to prevent drowning. The Lifesaving Society takes lead responsibility for drowning prevention in Canada.

The Lifesaving Society is the Canadian governing body for lifesaving sport – a sport recognized by the International Olympic Committee and the Commonwealth Games Federation.

### **Affiliate Members**

Lifesaving Society membership includes affiliate members who pay annual affiliation fees. Affiliate members include municipalities, YMCAs, camps, boards of education, individual schools, colleges and universities and private organizations.

Affiliates of the Society play an essential part in lifesaving training by offering the Society's training programs to the public or to their members or clients. Affiliates provide direction to the Society concerning community needs and program revisions.

Affiliate membership is based on a 12 month calendar year. Affiliate Members that operate more than one facility sign a single Affiliate Member Agreement, listing each facility on the registration form.

## Lifesaving Society Affiliate Members agree to:

### Quality and safety management

1. Maintain a safe environment suitable for delivering Lifesaving Society programs and services.
2. Confirm that candidates for Lifesaving Society awards hold the required prerequisites prior to the start of the course.
3. Use currently certified Lifesaving Society Instructors, Coaches, Examiners and Instructor Trainers to teach Lifesaving Society programs.
4. Use all required Lifesaving Society resources and manuals for all Lifesaving Society programs.
5. Respect that the content of Lifesaving Society resources and manuals are valuable intellectual property for the Society. Reproduction, by any means, of content is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Society.
6. Abide by all applicable privacy legislation.\*

### Administration and financial management

1. Abide by Lifesaving Society policies and procedures respecting program delivery.
2. Ensure that the administrative functions related to program delivery are completed in a timely manner.
3. Adhere to Lifesaving Society visual identity guidelines and refrain from altering Lifesaving Society licensed images.
4. Use correct Lifesaving Society program names when advertising (e.g., “Lifesaving Society Bronze Cross”).
5. Maintain financial account in good standing.

\* In accordance with government regulations and its own Privacy Policy, the Lifesaving Society maintains security safeguards for personal and confidential information related to Affiliate personnel, clients and customers.

## Services available to affiliate members

We invite affiliate members to make full use of the programs and services offered by the Society. The many benefits enjoyed by affiliate members include:

- Affiliate membership entitles your organization **to offer the training programs** of the Lifesaving Society and to present candidates for certification.
- Affiliate members (only) are **eligible for a license** to offer the Society's Swim for Life<sup>®</sup> program.
- Affiliate members (only) are **eligible for a license** to offer the Society's Lifesaving Sport Fundamentals<sup>™</sup> program.
- Affiliate members are **eligible to register** competitors in lifeguard and lifesaving competitions.
- Affiliate members receive the *Program Guide* - The Society's repository of the "rules" within which Instructors, Examiners, Trainers and Affiliate Members offer Lifesaving Society programs.
- The Lifesaving Society mails **all office-processed awards directly to each candidate's home address**. This service enhancement means affiliates do not have to contact candidates to distribute awards after the course.
- Affiliate members enjoy **credit privileges**, which allows for the ordering of materials and award processing with payment at a later date.
- Affiliate Members receive **preferred affiliate member rates** for aquatic safety management services. These services are provided by the Lifesaving Society to maximize the safety of participants in aquatic recreational facilities.
- Each affiliate member in good standing is entitled to one **voting delegate** at the Annual Meeting of the Society.
- The Lifesaving Society provides **consulting and advice** to affiliate members for aquatic supplies and equipment purchases.
- Affiliate members receive **advance notice of new programs** being developed by the Society.