

Ontario Adventure Rowing Accessibility Policy



The Ontario Adventure Rowing Association is an inclusive organization welcoming experienced scullers of all genders, sexual preferences, and race.

Policy

As a member of Rowing Canada Aviron and Row Ontario, Ontario Adventure Rowing (OAR) has established policy and procedures, within the scope of its activities, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and Regulation 429/07, "Accessibility Standards for Customer Service".

Procedures

The Ontario Adventure Rowing Association (OAR) welcomes on its tours and marathons all experienced scullers who can row 30 km in a quad in one day and who can enter and exit a rowing shell on beaches, rocky shores and docks - both rowing and high sailing docks.

OAR has no facilities of its own. OAR participants row on waterways and lakes, sometimes in extreme conditions and often perform wet launches on beaches and rock ledges. OAR has welcomed experienced scullers with disabilities that do not affect their ability to participate in launching, landing and rowing, and will continue to do so.

OAR is not able to offer row-touring programming to people who cannot:

- Drive with their legs to propel the sliding seats in time with the other rowers in the boat
- Hold and pull through the water both oars, one on each side of the boat, in time with the other rowers in the boat.
- Enter and exit a boat, in shallow water, on a beach, or from a dock without assistance.
- Be without an assistive device that is large enough to impair their or other crew members movement

OAR is committed to excellence in serving all members and participants including people with disabilities and we will carry out our functions and responsibilities in the following areas:

- Communication – When communicating with a person with a disability, OAR will communicate in a manner that takes into account the person's disability.
- Communication Method – We will offer to communicate with participants by telephone, if email communication is not suitable to their communication needs or is not available.
- Assistive devices – OAR recognizes that some individuals with disabilities use assistive devices in order to access information. We will permit these individuals to use their assistive devices to obtain, use or benefit from our services.