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Alberta Bicycle Association Announces Transition to New Membership Platform for 2026

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The Alberta Bicycle Association (ABA) is pleased to announce that it will transition to a new membership and club affiliation platform in partnership with **CCN Bikes (Uplifter)** for the 2026 season.

For many years, the ABA has used **Zone 4** to process individual memberships and club affiliations. While Zone 4 has been a valued partner, the platform was originally designed for race registration and later modified to support individual license registrations by connecting through a legacy system to UCI data via CCN Bikes.

This legacy system will no longer be supported and has shown increasing instability in 2025, particularly with the photo uploader. Additionally, club fees collected through Zone 4 require batch reconciliations and manual payouts, and ABA staff must manually process every license approval — even for returning UCI license holders.

Transition to CCN (Uplifter) for 2026

As the ABA prepares for 2026, it is partnering with **CCN Bikes (Uplifter)** to deliver a more modern, integrated, and efficient registration experience.

Key benefits of the transition include:

- **Improved data collection and verification** of licenses across all membership levels.
- **Faster license processing**, reducing manual approval times.
- **Integrated verification** for community, provincial, and UCI-level memberships, ensuring full insurance and sport accident coverage.
- **Increased transparency**— currently, approximately 40% of membership data is not available to the ABA until year-end, creating significant reconciliation challenges.

This modernization will enhance visibility, streamline operations, and deliver a more reliable registration process for members and clubs across Alberta.



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What This Means for Clubs

Going forward, clubs will have two options for managing membership fees:

Option 1 – Clubs manage their own fees

- Members will register on CCN for their ABA membership only.
- Clubs collect their internal fees separately and should adjust pricing to remove ABA and Cycling Canada license components.
- Clubs should include a link to the ABA membership portal (launching late November) on their website or registration page.
- ABA membership fees will be processed online and deposited directly into the ABA's bank account.
- Clubs can opt to join CCN later in the season by contacting Uplifter.

Option 2 – Clubs use CCN to manage fees

- Members complete one online transaction for both ABA and club fees via CCN.
- Payments are processed securely by credit card, with funds automatically deposited into each organization's respective bank account.

More information about Uplifter's cycling platform can be found at:

<https://www.uplifterinc.com/top-sports/cycling>

Race and Event Registrations

The ABA will continue to use **Zone 4** for race and event registrations, as it remains fully compatible with the association's timing software and chip systems.

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