

# Winchester Running Club

## Membership Policy

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### 1. Introduction

This policy outlines the terms and conditions for membership of Winchester Running Club. It explains the different types of membership available, application procedures, fees, and membership requirements.

### 2. Membership Types and Eligibility

#### 2.1 Eligibility

Membership of the Club is open to all without discrimination. No person will be denied membership on the grounds of age, sex, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion, sexual orientation, pregnancy/maternity, civil partnership/marriage or wider characteristics (e.g., socioeconomic status).

#### 2.2 Membership Types

All members have the same rights regarding club governance and participation in social events. However, we offer three membership types to accommodate different levels of participation:

- **Competitive Members** - May represent the club in competition and participate in the club's training events.
- **Out of Region Members** - May represent the club in competition and participate in training events but are normally resident in another country or region and therefore only participate occasionally.
- **Social Members** - Do not represent the club in competition or participate in training events. This membership type must be applied for directly through the Membership Secretary and is not available through the online application system.

## 3. Application Process

### 3.1 New Applications

- Competitive Members must apply using the online application process.
- Social and Out of Area members must apply directly to the Membership Secretary.
- Prospective members may attend up to three training sessions before being required to join.
- Any person denied membership may appeal in accordance with the club's Complaints and Disputes Policy.

### 3.2 Conditions of Membership

- All Competitive Members must be affiliated to England Athletics, either through Winchester Running Club as a first claim athlete or through another club as a second claim athlete.
- All members must comply with the relevant England Athletics Code of Conduct.
- All members must comply with the Club's Policies and Procedures.

## 4. Membership Fees and Subscriptions

### 4.1 Annual Subscriptions

- The membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March, aligning with England Athletics.
- Subscription fees are reviewed annually and set by 31st December for the next year.
- Changes to subscription fees will be communicated to all members via email and the club's website.
- The preferred payment method is direct debit. Existing members will receive renewal notices at least 14 days in advance by email.

### 4.2 Pro-rata Payments for New Members

- New members will be charged a pro-rata subscription for each month from their application date. For example, members joining on 15 May will have their fee pro-rated to 11/12 of the appropriate fee.
- Members joining from January onwards will be charged for the next membership year, effectively receiving up to 3 months of free membership.

### 4.3 Discounts and Waivers

- Members in full-time education, apprenticeships or other recognised structured training programmes who pay their own subscription receive a 25% discount.
- Social members receive a 2/3 discount on the full subscription fee.
- Out of region members receive a 2/3 discount on the full subscription fee.
- Members may only receive one discount, which will typically be the largest applicable discount.

- The trustees may discount or waive membership fees for members experiencing financial hardship or in exceptional circumstances. Requests will be treated confidentially and should be made to the Membership Secretary who will seek anonymised approval from two other unconflicted trustees.

#### 4.4 England Athletics Affiliation Fees

- Affiliation fees for first claim athletes are charged separately in accordance with England Athletics policy and collected by the club.
- Affiliation fees are not pro-rated.
- For new members joining after January, the club will cover any additional fees required until their next renewal.
- England Athletics Affiliation fees are reviewed annually and communicated in December.

### 5. Membership Terms and Conditions

#### 5.1 Lapsed Membership

- Members who have not paid their subscription within 1 month of the membership year start will be considered lapsed.
- Lapsed members are, consistent with constitution, considered to have terminated their membership and are not entitled to represent the club in competition, attend club training or social events, or participate in club governance.
- If a lapsed member has not paid their subscription within 3 months (consistent with the England Athletics grace period for registration renewal) they will be considered to have resigned and England Athletics will be notified accordingly.
- Lapsed competitive members will not be affiliated to England Athletics, which may impact their ability to compete in events they are already registered for.
- Lapsed members wishing to remain members of the club must pay the full annual subscription fee; late payments will not be pro-rated.

#### 5.2 Contact and Health Information

- Members should promptly notify the Membership Secretary of any changes to their contact or health information.

### 6. Membership Changes and Termination

#### 6.1 Membership Transfer

- Membership is not transferable.

#### 6.2 Resignation

- Members wishing to resign must notify the Membership Secretary before any renewal payment.
- Once paid, membership fees are non-refundable.

### 6.3 Termination

- Membership termination for reasons other than late payment may only occur in accordance with the Club's Constitution and Disciplinary Procedures.